

Strategy and Community Engagement Group Social and Cultural Wellbeing Year End Review 30 June 2011

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1. Executive summary / Key issues

1.1 Group overview

The Group's project highlights are outlined below.

1.2 Key results for the year

The following summary highlights progress on key activities and issues:

Corporate Planning

- The Parks Network Plan was finalised and approved by Council, following additional consultation on the proposed windfarm access road in Battle Hill Farm Forest Park
- The feasibility study for a heritage precinct at Queen Elizabeth Park was commenced.
- Consultation on a proposed management plan for Baring Head was commenced, including a forum using *Bang the Table*.
- Consultation on the proposal to create a Scenic Reserve at Baring Head was commenced.
- Research on community perceptions and willingness to pay for Regional Amenities was completed by a cross-Council working group and presented to all Councils.

Te Hunga Whiriwhiri

- The Pou Whakarae, Riki Ellison, left Greater Wellington, and was replaced by Rick Witana.
- Work progressed on internship programme, with conversation started with mana whenua iwi to identify candidates for internship positions.
- Preparations were made for the first Ara Tahī meeting under the revised relationship model in July.
- Support for the Rugby World Cup activities in the region continued.

2. Looking ahead

The following highlights the projects the group will be concentrating on in the first quarter of the new financial year:

Corporate Planning

For the Corporate Planning team, the first quarter will be dominated by:

- Publishing the completed Parks Network Plan.
- Completing the feasibility study for a heritage precinct at Queen Elizabeth Park.
- Commencing the preparation of a management plan for Baring Head.
- Gazetting the Scenic Reserve at Baring Head.
- Developing a proposal on governance and funding for Regional Amenities with a cross-Council working group for consideration by the Mayoral Forum.

Te Hunga Whiriwhiri

For Te Hunga Whiriwhiri team, the first quarter will be dominated by:

- Holding the Ara Tahi Collective Leadership Forum between Greater Wellington and mana whenua iwi of the Region.
- Identifying joint priorities for action through the individual mana whenua leadership forums with each of the mana whenua iwi and Greater Wellington.
- Reviewing the Charter of Understanding (now Memorandum of Partnership).
- Continuing to support Te Upoko Taiao in developing the Regional Plan.
- Finalising a Greater Wellington internal cultural capacity framework to ensure Greater Wellington staff and Councillors have the appropriate level of skills to engage effectively with our iwi partners where required.
- Refining the resourcing and capacity building support from Greater Wellington to our mana whenua iwi partners to support mana whenua engagement with Greater Wellington.
- Continuing to support Māori involvement in the preparations for Rugby World Cup 2011.

3. Summaries

3.1 Corporate Planning

(a) Highlights

A further consultation process was completed for the proposed wind farm access road through Battle Hill Farm Forest Park, including submissions and a hearing by independent persons. The recommendations of the subcommittee were approved by the Council and the Parks Network Plan confirmed.

Research on cultural heritage, archaeology, tourism and recreation, and biodiversity was completed to feed into a management plan for Baring Head. Initial consultation on the proposal for a management plan was commenced, including through the use of the *Bang the Table* online forum. Formal consultation on the proposal to create a Scenic Reserve at Baring Head was also commenced.

A feasibility study on the proposal for a heritage precinct in Queen Elizabeth Park was commenced, including consultation with community groups and potential facilities for the heritage park.

(b) Issues

No issues to report.

(c) Financials

**Parks Planning
Financial Performance Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2011**

	Last Year FY Actual \$000	Full Year Actual \$000	Full Year Budget \$000	Full Year Variance \$000
Regional Rates	-	170	170	-
Internal Revenue	110	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	110	170	170	-
<i>less:</i>				
Personnel Costs	-	4	-	(4)
Materials,Supplies & Services	7	22	5	(17)
Travel & Transport Costs	4	1	-	(1)
Contractor & Consultants	24	81	35	(46)
Internal Charges	66	63	63	-
Total Direct Expenditure	101	171	103	(68)
Corporate & Department Overheads	-	67	67	-
Total Indirect Expenditure	-	67	67	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	101	238	170	(68)
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	9	(68)	-	(68)

Full year direct expenditure was \$171,000 compared to the budget of \$103,000. The variance was due to the costs of additional consultation for the Parks Network Plan and planning for Baring Head.

3.2 Te Hunga Whiriwhiri

(a) Highlights

There was some disruption of the work plan of Te Hunga Whiriwhiri with the departure of te Pou Whakarae, Riki Ellison. A recruitment process resulted in the appointment of Rick Witana. Rick brings to the team outstanding leadership skills and mana.

During the change in leadership the team continued to work with Ngāti Toa Rangatira, DoC, and the Office of Treaty Settlements to progress their Treaty settlement, including the joint management arrangements for Whitireia Park.

Planning continued about the first revised Ara Tahi leadership forum.

The internship programme was finalised and discussion initiated with iwi to find suitable candidates for two intern positions.

The team also continued to work with the Rugby World Cup 2011 Regional Coordination Group to implement iwi Maori involvement in the region's activities.

(b) Issues

No issues to report.

(c) Financials

Te Hunga Whiriwhiri
Financial Performance Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2011

	Last Year FY Actual \$000	Full Year Actual \$000	Full Year Budget \$000	Full Year Variance \$000
External Revenue	-	-	-	-
Internal Revenue	579	767	767	-
TOTAL INCOME	579	767	767	-
<i>less:</i>				
Personnel Costs	195	317	330	13
Materials,Supplies & Services	41	34	64	30
Travel & Transport Costs	11	13	19	6
Contractor & Consultants	207	246	312	66
Internal Charges	88	41	40	(1)
Total Direct Expenditure	542	651	765	114
Corporate & Department Overheads	-	53	53	-
Depreciation	3	7	6	(1)
Total Indirect Expenditure	3	60	59	(1)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	545	711	824	113
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	34	56	(57)	113

Full year direct expenditure is \$711,000 compared to budget of \$824,000. The favourable variance on Iwi projects is \$73,000 plus an additional saving of \$32,000 related to Ara Tahī.

Te Hunga Whiriwhiri
Funding Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2011

	Last Year FY Actual \$000	Full Year Actual \$000	Full Year Budget \$000	Full Year Variance \$000
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	34	56	(57)	113
Add Back Depreciation	3	7	6	1
Other Non Cash	-	-	-	-
Cash Operating Surplus from Operations	37	63	(51)	114
<i>less:</i>				
Net Asset & Investment expenditure	-	3	-	(3)
NET OPERATING CASHFLOW BEFORE FUNDING REPAYMENTS	37	60	(51)	111
Repaid Debt	-	-	-	-
Net Reserves (Increase) / decrease	(50)	(15)	51	(66)
NET FUNDING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(13)	45	-	45

4. Business Plan Performance Indicators

4.1 Short term targets

Performance Indicator	Full Year Budget	Status
Corporate Planning		
A new approach to the structure of park management plans will be developed and approved by Council	\$40,000	The Parks Network Plan, which provides an integrated management plan for all regional parks and forests managed by the Council, was approved by Council in December 2010. The actual costs were \$89,000, partly reflecting the additional costs required to incorporate the Baring Head block of land into the parks network.
Te Hunga Whiriwhiri		
Contracts between iwi and Greater Wellington will be in place for agreed projects.	\$182,000	Contracts in place with all iwi. The actual costs were \$182,000