

Report of a meeting of the Operations Committee, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, on Tuesday 4 June 2019, at 5.14pm.

Present His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Cr Beale (Chairman), Crs Bolger, Davis, Gardyne, D Grant, Highsted, Phillips, Reid and Sharp.

In Attendance The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard), General Manager Infrastructure (Mr Ramesh Sharma), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Transport Manager (Mr Peter Standring), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), Communications/Marketing Manager (Sonia Gerken), Corporate Support Officer (Suzanne Lucas) and one member of the public in the gallery.

Apology Cr P Grant apologised for absence.

1. 3 WATERS OPERATIONS REPORT

A report from the 3 Waters Asset Manager had been received.

The Manager said the new bore at Coopers Wells was operational and working well. Jetting of Irk St had been completed and the blockage cleared. The Council was working with property owners to ensure this problem did not reoccur. In response to a question from the Chairman regarding the blockage, the Manager said he believed a broken pipe had caused the issue and it had been repaired without digging up the road.

In response to Cr Beale, the Manager said the cost for erosion protection work at the southern end of the Gore wastewater treatment plant was shared and the Gore District Council was responsible for 30% of that charge.

Cr Bolger asked if there was an explanation regarding the lower water consumption recorded. The Manager said leak detection was a contributing factor but long term trends were being considered. The focus on leak detection would soon shift to Mataura.

Cr Sharp said he had been made aware of some areas of Gore having high water pressure. The Manager said there had been no changes in the network to cause that, pressure was well within normal operating ranges and plumbing should cope.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Beale, THAT the report be received.

2. REPORT FROM TRANSPORT MANAGER

A report from the Transport Manager had been received.

The Manager informed the Committee that the tender for the Falconer Road seal extension had gone out. The work would be undertaken in August/September due to pipe work needing to be completed out of winter. Avon Street remediation work, was hoped to be completed in October/November. The resident on Falconer Road had been notified.

In response to Cr Gardyne, the Manager referred to Pyramid Bridge. It had been a difficult evaluation and had been extended for a period of two weeks to consider the alternatives. Scoring had been completed on four bids with two alternatives – six scenarios in total. An alternative tender was preferred but the design still had to be worked through with the contractor. The tender was within budget and would be presented to the Council for approval once the design process was completed.

Cr Dickson referred to rural roadside spraying. The Manager said a contractor undertook spraying of rural roads in the form of a general spray then pest plants were addressed.

The Chairman drew attention to network marking exceeding expected cost. The Manager explained the network was in a poor state and the cost included an element of improvement to it. The contract was for a three year period but was more stacked towards this year due to that improvement and incomplete asset reporting. Overall the work was tracking to be within budget.

The Manager said there would be extra maintenance, metalling and drainage work undertaken in the following year and the value of contracts would need to be extended, however the overall maintenance budget would not be affected.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Gardyne, seconded by Cr Reid, THAT the report be received.

His Worship left the meeting at 5.40pm.

3. PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT

A report from the General Manager Infrastructure had been received detailing progress on the infrastructure projects being undertaken by the Council.

Cr Phillips expressed his concern about the project cost to date of the water treatment plant upgrade. The General Manager said communication with designers was underway. A date for a workshop would be organised once NZTA's position on funding was clear.

In reply to Cr Phillip's query about the Matura water pump delay and concern over the deterioration of the building, the Parks and Recreation Manager confirmed an asbestos report had been undertaken and a report to the Council would be forthcoming.

His Worship returned to the meeting at 5.46pm.

The Chief Executive advised that future reports on capital works would be reported to the full Council.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Philips, THAT the report be received.

The meeting concluded at 5.49pm.