

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA

OCTOBER 2006

1. OPERATIONS BULLETIN

The Operations Bulletin, containing reports from the District Promotions Manager, District Arts and Heritage Curator, Deputy Librarian, Aquatic Services Manager, Parks and Recreation Manager, Roading Manager, Asset Manager, Utilities and the Animal Control Contractor.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Operations Bulletin be received.

2. ROAD POLICING END OF YEAR REPORT 2005/2006

(Memo from Roading Manager – 02.10.06)

Enclosed is a copy of the NZ Police end of year report – Southland and Invercargill recently received from Inspector Carey Griffiths, Road Policing Manager, Southern District.

The report provides a further breakdown of the figures contained in the Regional Land Transport Strategy Annual Report. The breakdown is more meaningful for those interested in what took place in the Gore District as opposed to the region as a whole.

Generally the figures are reasonably positive. It is pleasing to note the excellent delivery of service by the Police into the various road policing areas within our District. The delivery of school road safety education to schools within our District deserves special commendation.

It is hoped a representative from the New Zealand Police will be in attendance to speak to the report.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

3. CONSULTATION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY RECYCLING

(Memo from General Manager, District Assets – 21.09.06)

The Operations Committee considered the recycling options report at its meeting on 13 June and recommended to the Council:

“THAT subject to the preparation and approval of a consultation plan the Council undertake the consultative process with the community on recycling options.”

The Council meeting held on 27 June then ratified the recommendation.

The Consultation Plan has now been prepared and is attached to this memo for the Councils consideration and subsequent approval.

This plan is the next step in determining community views and assisting the Council determine its future direction with recycling. It should be noted that the plan may not be the final step and further consultation may be required depending on the outcome of the process.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the consultation plan be approved.

GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL
RECYCLING OPTIONS CONSULTATION PLAN

Why is the Council consulting?

The Council has yet to test the community's appetite for recycling. Therefore, consultation will provide direction on whether or not the community wishes the Council to investigate recycling options further. It will also give an indication of what type of recycling option is preferred by the community.

Who is the Council going to consult with?

The main thrust of consultation will be held within the urban areas. This is because the urban areas have a kerbside collection and will be significantly affected by any recycling proposal.

Although some rural people will be interested and will take part in the consultation process, we do not believe there is a need to target rural areas specifically. This is because any change in service is likely to be funded by a mandatory targeted rate in the urban areas only. Further consultation could be undertaken in the rural areas once the outcome of this consultation is known to see if there is any demand from the rural areas to "piggyback" off the urban solution.

How is the Council going to consult?

We propose to put together an information sheet similar to that used in the transfer station consultation process. This would be a succinct summary of the original report showing the economic, environmental, social and cultural effects of each option. A survey with key questions relating to recycling will be included along with a freepost return envelope so that the completed survey and any other comments can be sent back to the Council for analysis.

This information package would be sent out with the February posting of the quarterly rates notice demand. Newspaper and radio advertising would be included to try and reach others, for example residents who are renting their home.

There is also new technology being developed which could be used to try and reach the silent majority of the community who are normally reluctant to take part. We are planning to research these emerging methods to see if there is anything appropriate for this project.

What does the Council need to do?

It is anticipated that the Council will be able to approve the summary and survey at its December meeting along with any amendments necessary. The Council would also need to appoint a hearing panel at the December meeting.

Once the submissions close and are heard by the hearing panel it is proposed that a workshop be held to discuss submissions and to discuss different options to assist the development of the final recommendation for the Council to consider.

The Council would then consider the final recommendation and determine the way forward at its May 2007 meeting.

So what does a timeline for this process look like?

The proposed timetable is:

Item	Date	Approval Date
Complete Summary and Survey for Council approval	1 December	12 December Council Meeting
Select Hearing Panel (or whole Council)		12 December Council Meeting
Consultation Period Begins	12 February	
Public Meeting in Mataura	5 March	
Public Meeting in Gore	7 March	
Consultation Period Ends	23 March	
Hearing of Submissions	12 April	
Council Workshop	19 April	
Final report and recommendation of way forward to Council for consideration	27 April	8 May Committee 22 May Council

What is the anticipated outcome?

At the conclusion of this process Council will have a clear understanding of whether or not the Community wants a recycling service and if so, what type of service the Community prefers.

How will this process relate to next year's Annual Plan?

If a clearly defined way forward is established, then the outcome could be incorporated into the 2006/07 Annual Plan. If the Council determines that more research and/or consultation is needed before a decision could be made, then this would feed into the following year's Annual Plan.

4. GORE TRANSFER STATION - SUMMER HOURS

(Memo from Asset Manager, Utilities – 02.10.06)

Summer opening hours (defined as the period that daylight saving lasts for) at the Gore transfer station commenced on 1 October, as follows:

Monday - Saturday	10:30 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday	10:30 am to 6:00 pm
Sunday	12:00 noon to 5:00 pm

User numbers were recorded over the past summer which highlighted the low usage during the extra hour on Thursday evening. Usage equated to an average of 1.2 arrivals generating an average fee of \$13.65.

The last hour on Saturday and Sundays was much better supported with an average of 4.6 arrivals generating \$54.20 income.

There appears to be minimal benefit by staying open until 6 pm on Thursday evenings.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Gore transfer station close at 5 pm on Thursday evenings during summer hours,

AND THAT the other summer hours remain unchanged.

5. 2005/2006 SOUTHLAND REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT
STRATEGY ANNUAL REPORT

(Memo from Roothing Manager – 27.09.06)

The enclosed 2005/2006 Southland Regional Land Transport Strategy Annual Report provides an update on progress made towards achieving various outcomes listed in the RLTS.

The Southland Regional Land Transport Strategy was adopted in 2003. A comprehensive review of it is currently underway and a new strategy document is likely to be ready for adoption later this year.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

6. LAND TRANSPORT NZ - 2005 ROAD SAFETY ISSUES REPORT

(Memo from Roading Manager – 27.09.06)

I refer to the Gore District Road Safety Issues Report for 2005/2006, a copy of which was recently sent to all Councillors by Land Transport NZ.

Although there is plenty of positive news in the report, some road safety problems occurring within the Gore District were highlighted. Additional information is being sought from Land Transport NZ to enable appropriate measures to be taken to address the problems highlighted.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

7. MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

(Memo from Chief Executive – 02.10.06)

At a recent meeting of the Council, a query was raised by Cr McIntyre regarding the patronage of the mobile library service provided by Southland District Council. The query related to usage of the mobile library service in the rural areas of the Gore District.

Enclosed please find a table provided by the Southland District librarian, Lynda Hodge. This table provides the number of issues – presumably to local residents – at the four local rural locations of Te Tipua, Pukerau, Willowbank and Waikaka. I am informed by Lynda Hodge that the number of issues at each location fits within the LIANZA standards of 60 issues per operator per hour.

Clearly the mobile library service is filling a need in our local rural area.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report and the attached statistics for the Gore mobile library service be received.

**BOOK ISSUES FROM THE MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE
PROVIDED IN THE GORE DISTRICT**

	May	June	July (2006)
Te Tipua	93	77	121
Pukerau	195	195	153
Willowbank	27	25	44
Waikaka	111	89	95
Total	401	386	413