



REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE REGULATORY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2009, AT 6.16 pm.

PRESENT His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP), Cr McLennan (Chairperson), Crs Bolger, Davis, Dixey, Dixon, Gardyne, Grant, Harvey, Heller, Highsted and Sharp.

IN ATTENDANCE The Chief Executive (Mr Steve Parry), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Roading Manager (Mr Murray Hasler), Planning Consultant (Keith Hovell), Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Tracey Millan)

1. BUILDING CONTROL INCOME (2.14.3)

A memo had been received from the Building Control Manager regarding a question raised at the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 10 February about the projected income levels indicated in this year's budget analysis.

In response to Cr McLennan, the Chief Executive confirmed the review would be completed in April. To date the costs associated with accreditation had been quite significant. The Council had managed to absorb those costs with the higher income it had been receiving through the building boom. The costs of accreditation compliance had been reflected having to employ another building inspector. A lot more inspections were now required for each consent. These were the types of costs that were coming through the new regime.

The Chief Executive said since the report had been written nothing had changed at all in terms of the flow of consent applications, if anything they had increased, and despite newspaper reports, the confidence in the building industry was quite startling.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Harvey, seconded by Cr Dixey, THAT the information be received.

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2. REGULATORY BULLETIN (2.14.3/11.5.2)

A memo had been received from the Chief Executive along with a schedule of building consents issued for February 2009, together with comparisons of the previous two years.

A schedule of resource consents issued to 2 March had also been received.

The Chief Executive said the building department was still predicting a busy year based on the first two months of this year. It had seen no evidence of a firth in confidence in community terms of the construction of new premises.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT the information be received.

The meeting concluded at 6.23pm.