



**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE, ON TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2009, AT 7:22 pm**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** The Chief Executive (Mr Steve Parry), General Manager, Corporate Services (Mr Russell Duthie), General Manager, District Assets (Mr Paul Withers), Roading Manager, (Mr Murray Hasler), Asset Manager, Utilities (Mr Ross Haslemore) and HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones).

**APOLOGIES** Crs Dixey, Harvey and McLennan apologised for absence.

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**1. COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN NEW ZEALAND MUTUAL LIABILITY RISKPOOL (52.10.2)**

A detailed report from the General Manager, Corporate Services had been received following advice from RiskPool that it was seeking additional funding from the Gore District of \$20,282 as part of a total funding shortfall of \$4 million. A copy of the letter from RiskPool together with email correspondence between the Council and RiskPool had been circulated.

The shortfall was predominantly caused by claim settlements from leaky home issues and whilst the Council had not had any claims of that nature, it was bound to contribute to the shortfall in terms of RiskPool's Trust Deed. The Council currently had \$17,738 held in an Insurance Reserve Fund that could be used to help fund the call.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Highsted, seconded by Cr Gardyne, THAT the report be received,**

**THAT the Insurance Reserve Fund of \$17,738 be approved for utilisation against the expected call by RiskPool in 2010,**

**AND THAT allowance be provided in the 2010-11 budgets for an additional call by RiskPool, subject to confirmation by the fund managers of the amount of the call.**

2. ENVIROSCHOOLS – 2008 SUMMARY REPORT (18.85)

The Chief Executive had advised that the Council made an annual grant of \$5,000 in favour of the Enviroschools programme conducted by Environment Southland. A copy of the 2008 summary report of the programme was circulated with the agenda, together with excerpts of the Southland contributions to the work performed by schools throughout the country.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the report and excerpts provided from the national scrapbook be received.**

The meeting concluded at 7:36 pm