

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE, ON TUESDAY 13 APRIL 2010, AT 7.30 pm

- **A private briefing from the Chief Executive for elected members will commence at 6.45 pm.**

**Stephen Parry
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

7 April 2010

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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 2 March 2010.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Monday 15 March 2010.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Gore District Council, held on Tuesday 23 March 2010.

Confirmation of the report of the meeting of the Community Services Committee, held on Tuesday 23 March 2010.

Confirmation of the report of the meeting of the Operations Committee, held on Tuesday 23 March 2010.

Confirmation of the report of the meeting of the Regulatory and Planning Committee, held on Tuesday 23 March 2010.

Confirmation of the report of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee, held on Tuesday 23 March 2010.

2. URGENT LATE BUSINESS – as tabled at the meeting, pursuant to Section 46 (a)(7) of the Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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- (i) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
 - Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Gore District Council, held in Committee, on Tuesday 2 March 2010.
 - (ii) OTHER BUSINESS
 - MLT Event Centre – Proposed Transfer Of Ownership
 - Proposed Restaurant – Car Parking Requirements

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

13 APRIL 2010

3. GRANT DISTRIBUTION – CREATIVE COMMUNITIES

(Memo from Chief Executive – 31.03.10)

Attached are the minutes from the meeting of the Council's Creative Communities Assessment Committee, held on 16 March 2010, detailing the funding allocated for 2010.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

4. SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND

(Memo from Parks and Recreation Manager – 31.03.10)

- ↳ Attached for the information of Councillors are the minutes of the SPARC rural travel fund meeting held on 22 March 2010.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE

(Memo from Chief Executive 31.03.10)

The annual conference of Local Government New Zealand will this year be held in Auckland during the period 25-28 July. The theme of this year's conference is "Building Prosperous Places". A copy of the conference programme is attached.

In the past the Council delegates have been His Worship the Mayor, Chief Executive and one Councillor to the annual conference.

The Council also needs to nominate both a presiding and alternate delegate to exercise voting on behalf of the Council at the annual general meeting. It is normal for His Worship the Mayor to be nominated as the Council's presiding delegate with the Councillor representative being nominated as the alternate delegate.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council's representation at the 2010 Local Government New Zealand Conference comprise His Worship the Mayor, the Chief Executive and Cr,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be nominated as the Council's presiding delegate,

AND THAT Cr be nominated as the alternate delegate.

6. MATAURA COMMUNITY BOARD REPORT

(Memo from Chief Executive – 31.03.10)

↳ A copy of the report of the ordinary meeting of the Maitaura Community Board held on 15 March 2010 is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report of the meeting held on 15 March be received,

AND THAT the recommendations contained within the report be ratified.

7. PAKEKE RECYCLING

(Memo from General Manager District Assets – 25.03.10)

Purpose of Report

At its meeting on 26 February 2009, the Council resolved to increase the capped sum payable to the Gore Pakeke Lions Club from \$18,200 to \$25,300 plus GST for one year with effect from 1 January 2009. The Council noted that the revised capped sum was calculated on the basis of 725 tonnes @ \$35 per tonne. It should be noted that in the last five years of operation the price has remained at \$35 per tonne and only the capped tonnage has increased.

The resolution was due to the global economic climate and volatility of commodity markets for recyclables which reached the Pakeke Lions Club recycling operation. Pakeke Lions had been advised at the time that the price for cardboard had dropped by 91%. Mixed paper was deemed to have no value but would still be collected. Additionally, newspaper, sorted office paper and plastic film were no longer required by the market.

In a meeting with Pakeke Lions representatives on 17 March the returns from selling recyclable cardboard and paper was discussed. The returns have improved but still trail the levels of pre 2009 by 27%. In addition, operating costs have increased due to strapping materials now having to be purchased, increases in fuel and electricity, together with the purchase of a 1995 Mazda flat deck truck. The purchase of the additional truck is to complement the present compactor truck and to eliminate the need for members to use their private vehicles for collection. A key factor in the purchase of the truck is that it only requires a car license to operate.

- ↳ Please find attached a letter received from Pakeke Lions requesting financial assistance from the Gore District Council, similar to that given for the compactor truck. A search of Council files revealed an agreement between Pakeke Lions and the Council for the removal of cardboard from the transfer station, with the Council paying for registration, warrant of fitness and road user charges for the compactor truck. The same arrangement has been requested for the new truck.

Background

The Gore Pakeke Lions removed 725 tonnes of cardboard and paper from the waste stream for the last year. This recycling operation complies with a number of targets in the Council's Waste Management Plan, as well as in the New Zealand Waste Strategy.

Social Wellbeing Impact

The Pakeke Lions recycling operation provides an excellent environment for 38 senior citizens to interact together whilst making a significant contribution to the community. In recent visits to the operation the camaraderie and sense of pride the Pakeke members have was clearly evident. Without this operation many members would be left at home without an outlet to participate in the community.

Economic Wellbeing Impact

If 725 tonnes were disposed of by the consumer at \$130 per tonne, then it would cost the consumer \$94,250. Taking into consideration the discounts given to the contracted high volume collection operators in the District (Souness and Paddy's Bins) this amount would be \$75,400 based on an 80/20 split.

The Pakeke Lions is a non-profit organisation. Pakeke Lions donated \$20,000 towards the new digital x-ray machine at Gore Hospital. This money was raised through its annual book sale which could not be run without the recycling operation. It is the recycling operation that provides the collection point for the books and the means, through the use of forklifts, to move the large volume of books and magazines to a suitable sale location. The books that do not sell have their backs removed in order to separate the cardboard from the paper and then sent for recycling.

The Pakeke Lions has also granted \$7,000 in scholarship grants and made \$27,000 in donations to various community causes as well as supplied a free collection service to the schools in our District.

Environmental Wellbeing Impact

If the recycling operation was to stop, all the recyclable material would have to go to the landfill. This is in direct contradiction with the Waste Minimisation Act, Gore District Council's Waste Management Plan and the 2008 Resident Satisfaction Survey

which placed recycling as the second highest priority for the Council.

Impact on Promotion of Community Outcomes

The Pakeke recycling operation makes a significant contribution to the Council's levels of service for solid waste by providing a disposal system which encourages waste minimisation and separation of waste.

Impact on LTCCP

There is little impact on the LTCCP due to the revenue collected at the transfer station offsetting the costs to send the additional material to the landfill. There will however, be a continuing \$7,100 to fund from the solid waste account.

Community Views

A total of 55% of the 2008 Resident Satisfaction Survey respondents indicated that they wanted a kerbside recycling service, while the other 23% provided qualified support. The qualification cited was mainly on the grounds of cost.

In addition, the recent two bin recycling consultation received a number of submissions expressing concern for the Pakeke operation if a recycling bin is introduced.

Through the survey results and two bin recycling consultation there appears to be a preference for recycling.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received,

THAT the Council continue with a capped sum of 725 tonnes and pay \$35 per tonne + GST per year from 1 January 2010,

AND THAT the costs of registration, warrant of fitness and the road user charges for both Pakeke trucks be met by the Council.

8. MATAURA POOL BOILER UPDATE

(Memo from General Manager District Assets – 29.03.10)

Purpose of Report

- ✦ Since the installation of the new boiler at the Mataura Pool, questions have been raised about the failure of the old boiler, from a warranty perspective, and whether the decision to use coal as the heating source was the best decision when all the operating costs were considered. This report will cover both the failure of the boiler and the options profiled in a staff memorandum (attached), which was considered at the Extraordinary meeting held on 8 September 2009. Please find attached the memo and minutes from the meeting.

Action Taken

After the Council approved the purchase of a coal fired boiler, quotes were obtained and technically assessed by Simon Taylor of Connell Wagner Limited. Mr Taylor was familiar with the Mataura pool from previous involvement in an upgrade. It should be noted that given the urgency of this work a tendering process was not entered into. Quotes were asked for and the best option was selected based on technical design and price.

Boiler Failure

At the time of the failure it was determined that excessive corrosion attacking the inside of the boiler was caused by the boiler operating at a temperature of less than 65 degrees. This causes condensation which forms on the fire side of the boiler. This condensation, combined with the sulphur from lignite coal, corrodes the surfaces in the boiler.

A search of information on file for the old boiler and original commissioning details, revealed a note from the contractor advising that there were additional enhancements required to improve the operation of the boiler and to better protect it. This was turned down by a Council Officer at the time due to the budget having been spent. The enhancements were based on better controls being installed which would have maintained the boiler at 65 degrees or above, thus reducing the risk of corrosion.

During the summers when the pool temperatures were becoming elevated, the boiler would be switched off by pool staff for a period.

When the temperature dropped the boiler would be restarted. When this type of boiler is switched off, corrosion begins to occur. It is vitally important that the boiler gets opened up and that a good airflow is maintained through a cooling boiler to ensure that condensation does not form on metal surfaces. This was not the case, due to staff not having sufficient knowledge of the boiler, which can be attributed to the turnover of staff at the Mataura pool. Given these issues it was concluded that there is no warranty issues to pursue.

Lessons have been learnt and the staff have been trained on the correct process for operating the boiler. The boiler operator contracted by the Council has also received the appropriate training in the boiler operation and cleaning requirements. In addition to these precautions, a contract to inspect the boiler on a bimonthly frequency has been entered into with Rayners. This then gives the Council a 10 year warranty on the new boiler.

Heating Sources

While preparing the report on the Mataura pool boiler in September 2009 the following options were considered:

- Solar Heating

The Council staff already had information on solar heating for the Mataura pool, which had been considered when preparing the Pools Activity Management Plan. An estimate of \$97,000 had been given to supply and install solar heating for the pool. The proposal would not have been adequate to heat the pool on the fringes of the swimming season and an additional heating source would have been required. If the pool was to be totally heated by solar energy it would have required a surface area of solar panels ten times the area quoted. While there are some opportunities to apply to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) for a grant to install this type of heating, it would have required the pool to close for the season so this could be worked through.

- Heat Pump

A 200kW heat pump had been suggested as an alternative heating source for the pool. The purchase and installation cost was estimated at \$65,680 + GST, with an additional cost of \$28,096 + GST per annum for operating costs. A 200 kW heat

pump would have been undersized for the task of heating the pool.

- Coal Fired Boiler

The total cost of the installed boiler is \$91,377.95. This included additional work required to get the boiler operational and is within the estimated costs envisaged at the Extraordinary meeting held on 8 September 2009. The installed boiler is rated at 400 kW. The provider increased its size at no extra cost from 300kW when the extent of the heating problems were realised during the removal. The building's lack of insulation creates a high number of variables when sizing a boiler. Factoring the price to operate, the boiler operator contract price, the estimated volume and price of coal and the bimonthly boiler warranty inspections, the heating cost under this methodology equates to 4.2 cents per kW/hr. Separate calculations undertaken for the heat pump option give an indicative cost of 7.5 cents per kW/hr, meaning that the heat pump would be 78% more costly than coal.

Conclusion

Whilst it may have been prudent to leave the Mataura pool closed for a season in order to thoroughly evaluate all of the heating options, based on the above information an economical sound decision was made in September 2009. The decision that was made has provided a safe swimming option for the Mataura community with a heating system that the Council can have confidence in for the ten year warranty period and beyond.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

9. PROPOSED WATER CHARGE FOR MONITORING OF CONSENTED WATER TAKES

(Memo from General Manager Corporate Services – 30.3.10)

- As discussed at the Extraordinary Council meeting to discuss the 2010/11 estimates, attached is the recent letter from Environment Southland confirming its intent to charge for the monitoring of consented water takes. Subsequent to receipt of this letter we have received advice from Environment Southland of the actual proposed charges. These are as follows for the Gore District Council:

Consent	\$
Mataura – Pleura Dam	1,875
Mataura – Waikana Dam	750
Mataura – Emergency	2,500
Otama	3,250
Gore – Emergency	1,125
Jacobstown	1,500
Coopers Well	2,500
Oldham Street	4,000

As advised in the meeting, these charges have been included in the draft estimates with the presumption that they be recovered by additional user charges rather than being an additional rate burden.

Given that the Council objected to the introduction of these charges when they were first mooted in 2009, it would appear appropriate to object again.

- Further direction from the Council is requested. A copy of the last objection is attached, which sets out the grounds of objection at that time.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report and attached letter from Environment Southland be received,

AND THAT the Council reaffirm its previous decision to formally object to the monitoring charges by Environment Southland.

10. NEW ZEALAND MUTUAL LIABILITY RISKPOOL

(Memo from General Manager Corporate Services – 31.3.10)

Further to the recent Council Extraordinary meeting at which the draft estimates were discussed, a query was raised regarding the Council's ongoing involvement in RiskPool.

- ↳ Whilst a report is to be presented to the next round of Committee meetings on the rules relating to ongoing membership of the Mutual Liability Fund, I have attached a recent letter from the Scheme Manager outlining the effects on the scheme from recent appeals. It is pleasing to note that there do not appear to be any further adverse financial effects on the fund beyond those previously already provided for, and there should not be additional calls on members beyond that already advised.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report and letter from New Zealand Mutual Liability RiskPool be received.

11. ADOPTION OF DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2010/11

(Memo from General Manager Corporate Services – 31.3.10)

Further to the Extraordinary Council meeting on Tuesday 23 March to consider the draft estimates, the following adjustments have been made to the budgets presented:

Section	Charges	
Councillors	Inclusion of travel reimbursement from the Community Trust of Southland	\$7,000
Grants	Review of grants not eligible for inflationary adjustment	\$4,116
MLT Events Centre	Removal of depreciation	*\$30,000
Total reductions in 2010/11 estimates		\$41,116

* Council share of \$60,000 total estimated charge

- With the inclusion of the above changes the amended 2010/11 rate requirement is \$11,000,079, an increase of 5.01% over the 2009/10 rate requirement. This is to be compared with the LTCCP projection of 4.19%. As highlighted in previous discussions, there has been a significant reduction in the rural roading rate requirement which is targeted to those ratepayers in the rural area only. For this reason the rates payable by individual rating units will vary from the overall increase of 5.01%. The draft Annual Plan enclosed for Councillors consideration has a table on page 12 setting out some indicative examples from the various ratepayer groupings to give a better representation of the respective rate movements.

At the Extraordinary meeting there was also some discussion of the proposed purchase of new single head parking meters for the Main Street parking area of Gore. A response to the issues discussed, is detailed below:

PARKING ACTIVITY

Further to queries raised at the Extraordinary Meeting on Tuesday 23 March to discuss the draft 2010/11 estimates, I have completed a further investigation and provide the following additional detail for Councillors information:

(a) Proposed purchase of Duncan single head meters

In evaluating the need to replace the existing multi-bay parking meter units in Main Street, several factors were considered:

- (i) The existing units are becoming increasingly prone to mechanical failure and we have been advised by the supplier that there are no spare parts available, and furthermore the units themselves are not available.
- (ii) The single head meters along other central side streets are now up to twenty years old and continue to give very good service, and can easily accommodate changes to available coin denominations.
- (iii) The indicative cost of replacing the existing multi-bay units with like units was \$139,312.50, compared to \$111,000 for single head units. It should be noted that the parking meters are purchased from the United States therefore the cost to us is very susceptible to currency rate changes. Given the current high NZD/US \$ conversion it was felt that a purchase of the whole compliment of units was financially prudent. For Councillor's information I would advise that the settlement price per single head unit as at 24 March is estimated at \$1,050, in contrast to the \$960 value in the previous report. This is partly due to exchange rate fluctuations and partly increased manufacturing costs in the US. Suppliers have confirmed that there is a discount for bulk orders.
- (iv) Operating costs for the multi-bay units are generally higher as they are technically more advanced and can only have major repairs carried out offsite. The single head meters, in most cases, can be repaired by our own staff. In addition, the batteries for multi-bays would cost \$3,000 (15 x \$200) whilst for the single heads it is around \$600 (100 x \$6)
- (v) Councillors also asked whether pay and display had been considered as an option. These units have an estimated cost of \$15,000 each and given the layout of Gore's streets it was felt that it would be prohibitive cost wise to provide enough units for them to be sufficiently close to all parks in the central area. This would be required to reasonably ensure that people would in fact walk to the

nearest unit and pay, rather than simply parking and transacting their business in the hope that they would not be ticketed.

(b) Comparative charges in other centres

I have carried out a quick website search of other centre's charges in the South Island of a similar nature to Gore for comparison. Current charges as per their Fees and Charges Schedule, are as follows:

	Charge per Hour
Nelson	\$1
Timaru	90c
Oamaru	60c
Invercargill	60c - \$1 depending on proximity to city centre
Gore	\$1

Based on the adjustments requested above, the draft Annual Plan has been prepared for public consultation. Given that we are in year two of the LTCCP process and the LTCCP sets out in detail the various activity statements, the Annual Plan is presented in its summary form, in keeping with the Annual Plans of the last few years.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the 2010/11 draft Annual Plan be publicly notified pursuant to Section 95(2) of the Local Government Act 2002.

12. DELIVERIES USING MOTORCYCLES ON FOOTPATHS

(Memo from Roading Manager – 01.04.10)

Purpose

This report seeks to obtain Council authority to allow mail and newspaper deliveries to letter boxes, using mopeds or motorcycles on footpaths within the Gore District.

Background

The Minister of Transport has made the Land Transport (Road User) Amendment Rule 2009. Clause 9 of the Rule legalises the use of mopeds or motorcycles in the course of delivering newspapers, mail or printed material to letter boxes if the road controlling authority has authorised the use of its footpath for that purpose.

This amendment provides protection from prosecution for the posties and newspaper delivery people that have probably been carrying out this practice, albeit illegally, for years.

Proposed Action

It is proposed that the Council resolve to authorise the use of all of its footpaths by mopeds or motorcycles involved in newspaper or mail deliveries to letter boxes within the District.

Options Considered

The options considered are whether to allow the use of some or all footpaths within the District by delivery motorcycles. Not allowing their use is considered to be unfair, as they have not caused any significant problems to-date other than occasional slight wheel ruts in wet weather.

Policy and Plan Considerations

This resolution will not affect the current LTCCP, District Plan or policies of the Council.

Consideration of Community Views

The views of the community have not been specifically obtained for this report.

Financial Considerations

It is considered that adoption of this resolution will have no significant financial effect.

Legal Considerations

Other than providing legal protection for the delivery personnel, there are no significant legal implications associated with this report.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council authorise the use of its footpaths by persons riding motorcycles or mopeds in the course of delivering newspapers, mail or printed material to letter boxes within the District.

13. STADIUM ACCESS - SOUTHLAND KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION

(Memo from Chief Executive – 01.04.10)

Purpose

- Following receipt of a letter from the Southland Kindergarten Association (copy attached), the purpose of this report is to seek guidance from the Council on whether it wishes to accept kindergartens on the same terms as provided for in the Ministry of Education's fee entry for primary and secondary school children into the Gore Multi-Sport Complex MLT Event Centre.

Background

The agreement negotiated between the Gore Multi-Sport Centre Charitable Trust and the Ministry of Education makes no allowance for any child under primary school age to receive free stadium entry. Given that the Ministry of Education fund early childhood as well as primary and secondary education in New Zealand, this exclusion could be viewed as surprising.

- The Ministry of Education (MoE) agreement with the Trust is very prescriptive in how free entry for students is applied. I draw attention to *Clause 8 "Usage Rights"* (page 8) of the attached document.

Currently all state funded schools are allowed free entry into the stadium. In the interests of fairness the Council is currently allowing free entry to extend to St Peters College and St Marys School.

The request from Southland Kindergarten Association relates to its three early childhood centres, but notes there are potentially three other centres operating in Gore. Further, the scope of the MoE agreement extends beyond the Gore District Council's boundary. This would suggest that in future the Council may well face a raft of other requests from similar organisations in the greater catchment of the Event Centre.

Comment

As Councillors will be aware free access to the MLT Event Centre for primary and secondary school children was negotiated with the MoE in return for the payment of a capital sum of \$358,121 + GST. Logic therefore suggests that any extension of the free coverage

afforded to students should be accompanied by an enlarged capital grant from the Ministry of Education.

While it is not difficult to empathise with the plight of the kindergartens in our District, as championed by the Southland Kindergarten Association, it is hard to escape the impression that the first port of call for assistance should be the Ministry of Education, rather than the Council. As it stands, the Deed of Licence between the MoE and the Trust affords local schools considerable benefits. Indeed, there is a reasonable argument that the MoE in paying \$351,121 + GST in return for the benefits obtained, got the better end of the deal. To extend these benefits without pausing to review the sum payable would seem to be a little one-sided.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council refer the Southland Kindergarten Association's request for free usage of the MLT Event Centre to the Ministry of Education, with the invitation for the Ministry to enter into negotiations for the payment of a capital sum commensurate with the benefit being sought by the Association.

14. GORE DANCESPORT SUPPORTERS GROUP: REQUEST FOR FUNDING

(Memo from Chief Executive – 01.04.10)

- ✦ A formal request for funding from the Gore Dancesport Supporters Group has been received. Attached please find the request which seeks \$3,000 – preferably in the form of an annual grant – to assist with the running of its annual Southland Festival of Dance being held in Gore. As the request relates to an event that is being held on 8-9 May it could not wait for consideration via the annual plan submission process.

It is difficult to provide positive commentary on reasons why the Council should entertain this request. The only events that the Council currently partially fund via its grant budget of \$329,648, is the Gold Guitar Awards, Cycle Tour of Southland and a small contribution towards the annual Children's Day. The first two of these three events are iconic and have national recognition. The \$500 annual grant advanced to Children's Day is I believe a gesture towards all children in the District, rather than any specific interest group.

For the Council to entertain the request from the Gore Dancesport Supporters Group, it would have to be prepared to release the flood gates for applications to pour in from any other cultural or sporting organisations in the District which hold an annual event. Declining applications for funding would be difficult if a precedent had been created earlier with the likes of the Gore Dancesport Supporters Group.

Therefore on the basis that the applicant cannot be distinguished from any other local cultural or sporting organisation that incurs costs in holding an annual event, the only realistic suggestion from staff is that the application for funding be declined.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the request for an annual grant from the Gore Dancesport Supporters Group be declined.

15. APPOINTMENT OF HEARING PANEL FOR WATER BYLAW

(Memo from Chief Executive – 01.04.10)

Public notice of the Council's statement of proposal to introduce a water bylaw has been given. Submissions are invited and will close on Wednesday 14 April.

A hearings panel to hear any submissions received needs be appointed, and I suggest three Councillors would be sufficient. A hearing date has been set for Tuesday 4 May at 3 pm.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT three Councillors be appointed to hear submissions to the proposed Water Bylaw 2010.

16. APPOINTMENT OF HEARING PANEL FOR SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT BYLAW

(Memo from Chief Executive – 01.04.10)

Public notice of the Council's statement of proposal to introduce a subdivision and land development bylaw has been given. Submissions are invited and will close on Wednesday 14 April.

A hearings panel to hear any submissions received needs be appointed, and I suggest three Councillors would be sufficient. A hearing date of Wednesday 28 April at 4 pm has been set.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT three Councillors be appointed to hear submissions to the proposed Subdivision and Land Development Bylaw 2010.

17. SOUTHLAND WARM HOMES TRUST: ANNUAL REPORT

(Memo from Chief Executive -07.04.10)

I refer to the report considered at the last Finance and Policy Committee meeting and the question raised about how many houses in the Gore District received insulation.

The Southland Warm Homes Trust Administrator has advised that 57 houses in the Gore District (out of a total of 667 houses in the Southland region) were insulated under the Southland Warm Homes Trust scheme for the year ended 30 June 2009. This represents 8.5% of the total number of houses insulated.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report be received.