



Our Plan 2016-17
Officers' Responses to
Submissions Received
Requesting Funding

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Submission 2	Cape Coast Arts and Heritage Trust – Martin Bate	Cape Coast Arts and Heritage Trail	\$100,000 sourced from HDC (\$70,000) and HBRC \$30,000
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Officer's Response to Submission 2

Council provides a sum of \$112,000 for targeted assistance in the 2016-17 Annual Plan. This targeted assistance is provided for:

- Contributions to negotiations and resolution of resource management redress with Treaty claimant groups and formal engagement with other groups where appropriate - \$65,000.
- Identification and confirmation of shared service arrangements with Hawke's Bay councils and wider regional sector allies - \$25,000.
- Development of relationships and projects that enhance the relationship between regional council and the research sector - \$22,000.

There is no provision for a payment to the Cape Coast Arts and Heritage Trust for a sum of \$30,000 from this fund. Any approval of the amount requested would result in either increasing the deficit for Council's operating account for the Annual Plan year, or would require a rate increase.

Recommendation

*That Council considers the submission points raised in **submission 2**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers.*

Submission 3	Nga Tukemata o Kahungunu Charitable Trust – Marie Edwards	Waitangi Day celebrations support	\$15,000 sourced from HDC, NCC and HBRC at \$5,000 each.
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Officer's Response to Submission 3

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- Contributions to negotiations and resolution of resource management redress with Treaty claimant groups and formal engagement with other groups where appropriate - \$65,000.
- Identification and confirmation of shared service arrangements with Hawke's Bay councils and wider regional sector allies - \$25,000.
- Development of relationships and projects that enhance the relationship between regional council and the research sector - \$22,000.

There is no specific provision for a payment to Nga Tukemata o Kahungunu Charitable Trust of a sum of \$5,000 from this fund. Any approval of the amount requested over and above that provided for in this fund, would result in either increasing the deficit for Council's operating account for the Annual Plan year, or would require a rate increase.

Recommendation

*That Council considers the submission points raised in **submission 3**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers.*

Submission 4	Te Mata Park Trust Board	Development of plans that will inform and underpin capital and upgrading works plans	\$40,000
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Officer's Response to Submission 4

Council currently provides support to the Te Mata Park Trust Board of \$65,000 per annum for operating costs and maintenance of the Park and has also committed \$500,000 to the development of the Park. The paper presented to Council's Environment and Services Committee on 11 May 2016 covered the need for additional operating funds for the Te Mata Park Trust. This presentation provided details of the additional funds required by the Trust and this request is for a further funding of \$40,000 per annum.

To fund this request in 2016-17 would require a rate increase of 0.3%, or an increase in deficit of Council's operating account.

It is the recommendation of staff that this increase in funding for operations for the Te Mata Park Trust Board be included in the 2017-18 Annual Plan when Council is in the position to determine the level of rate increase to be consulted on for that Plan.

Submission 179	Hastings District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waipatiki Beach Holiday Park purchase • Te Mata Park funding • Pakowhai Country Park • SH2 Napier Port to Wairoa Study
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Staff response to Submission 179

No specific changes are sought by the submitter to the Annual Plan. Broadly the submitter supports the matters outlined above in respect of the three parks. It also notes the progression of the SH2 corridor study as identified in the Regional Land Transport Plan.

Recommendation

*That Council considers the submission points received relating to **Submissions 4 and 179**, and any comments and proposals made by staff.*

Submission 5	Whangawehi Catchment Management Group – Pat O’Brien	Ongoing operational costs including catchment coordinator/facilitator role	\$40,000 per annum
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Officer’s Response to Submission 5

The Whangawehi Catchment Group have been extremely successful in progressing enhancement work within the Whangawehi Catchment with this initiative now having the potential to attract tourists into the area. Their efforts have been recognised nationally. Of particular note is the strong community support that has been achieved for this project.

The project has had the benefit of funding from the Central Government Hill Country Erosion Fund over the past year. While the efforts of the group are to be commended, staff believe that the project needs to be self sustaining into the future. There could be significant benefit to hill country throughout Hawke’s Bay if the work that has been achieved by the group could be replicated throughout Hawke’s Bay. However to achieve this would require additional resource in the form of catchment coordinators who can develop strong relationships within communities and assist them in achieving their aspirations.

Staff propose to hold a meeting with the Group in the early part of the next financial year to discuss the development of a strategy that could result in a positive impact on hill country catchments that is sustainable in the longer term. The development of this strategy will need to rely heavily on the learnings from the Whangawehi group, and therefore it is proposed that funding being sought is agreed to for a one year period, sourced from the Regional Landcare Scheme, subject to the development of the Strategy during the 2016-17 year. The quantum of funding may however be adjusted following discussion with the group.

Recommendation

*That Council considers the submission points raised in **submission 5**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers.*

Submission 6	CHB District Community Trust – Diane Petersen	Central Hawke’s Bay Multi-Sport Turf	\$200,000
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Officer’s Response to Submission 6

Council has provided from the Community Facilities Fund and Open Space Fund, \$500,000 for the Waipawa Town Hall, \$2 million for the Regional Sports Park, \$2.5 million for the Hawke’s Bay Museum and Art Gallery and \$500,000 for the Wairoa Community Centre. A further \$500,000 has been approved for the Te Mata Park development. It was the intention at the time of approval of payments from the Community Facilities Fund that these allocations to these projects would be the final contributions to community facilities.

Accordingly it is recommended that the request for support of \$200,000 for the Central Hawke’s Bay Multi-Sport Turf be declined. This decision would be in line with the view taken by Council when presentations were made by Napier City Council on the development of a velodrome in Napier.

Recommendation

*That Council considers the submission points raised in **submission 6**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers.*

Submission 7	Chris Tremain	Purchase of Waipatiki camp ground	\$900,000 sourced from NCC, HDC and HBRC at \$300,000 each
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Officer's Response to Submissions 7 and 179

In August 2008 Council adopted a Public Open Space Investment Policy. The aim of the policy was to identify the types of open space that are currently most needed in the region and provide a system of evaluation of potential sites that Council may consider purchasing or otherwise securing for public benefit.

The policy identifies Priority open space as:

- Coastal Space (with primary focus on strip access)
- Near urban
- Ecological
- Aligned with HBRC strategic goals

The following policies included within the policy document were adopted:

- **Policy OS1:** Council will provide financial resources and/or other assistance to actively identify and secure, for public access, use and enjoyment, such areas as described in this policy document as Category 1 Priorities for Open Space. Candidate sites must comply with one or more of the Category 1 criteria.
- **Policy OS2:** Council will consider providing financial and/or other assistance for securing, for public access, use and enjoyment, such areas as described in this policy document as Category 2 Priorities for Open Space. Opportunities will be taken as they arise. Candidate sites must fully comply with one or more of the Category 2 criteria.
- **Policy OS3:** All candidate sites shall be evaluated for compliance with relevant Category 1 or Category 2 criteria and evaluated against all of the criteria for Other Supporting Attributes.

The submission is assessed against Policy 1 criteria in Table 1.

Table 1

Open Space to be actively sought ("Category 1")		
	Coastal Access	Qualifies? Partly
Minimum requirements for Council involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal strip is currently impractical to access without crossing private land; OR • Public access is disputed and needs to be clarified; OR • Existing public access is under threat (e.g. from erosion) 	The property provides for improved public access to the coast, however is not in the form of a coastal strip which would improve public access along the coast.
	Near Urban	Qualifies? Yes
Minimum requirements for Council involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is of country park concept with a minimum number of formal facilities; OR • Contains a number of environmental aspects, e.g. water, flora & fauna, wildlife; OR • Be located to encourage significant use by urban population 	Waipatiki is approximately 35km or 40mins drive from Napier and 52km or 55 mins drive from Hastings. It is well known as a recreational area by the Hawke's Bay public including swimming, camping and coastal activities.
	Ecological	Qualifies? No significant ecological benefits

Open Space to be actively sought ("Category 1")		
Minimum requirements for Council involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has significant existing ecological values; OR • Existing ecological values will be protected or enhanced by intervention 	Water quality within the Waipatiki Stream has been an issue in the past, but with improvements within the catchment and the installation of a community waste water scheme water quality has improved within the coastal lagoon
	Linkage	Qualifies? Yes
Minimum requirements for Council involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes maximum advantage of and uses Council owned land or assets, including appropriate areas within existing schemes, or • Linkage will be created and new opportunities for public use and enjoyment that would not otherwise be possible if the sites were unconnected; or • Linkage will support other attributes described in this policy. 	Ha potential to be a key part of a potential linkage for a trail down the Arapawanui River from Tutira to Bayview. While this linkage is a long term vision, securing suitable land at Waipatiki may enable this vision to be realised for public enjoyment and future tourism.
	Aligned with HBRC Strategic Goals	Qualifies? Yes
Minimum requirements for Council involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encompasses the open space and at least 2 other Council strategic goals, • Provides for the concept of sustainability 	HBRC goal for: Resilient communities includes the provision of regional scale infrastructure and that HBRC's open space assets will be well used by everybody. Strategic alliances includes shared services with TLA partners including collaboration where there are clear benefits.

The submission is assessed against Policy 2 criteria in Table 2.

Table 2

Open Space to be passively sought ("Category 2")		
	Outstanding Natural Feature	Qualifies? No
Minimum requirements for Council involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At risk in long term if remaining in private ownership; AND • Available at no more than normal market cost 	There are no outstanding features as defined within the Hastings District Plan associated with the site, however if the land were sold to private individuals its use for residential dwellings is a possibility.
	Lake or inland open water	Qualifies? No
Minimum requirements for Council involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within close proximity of a significant population base; AND • Suitable for water skiing & rowing; AND • Available at no more than normal market cost 	The property is adjacent to the coast. The submission states that the negotiated purchase price is consistent with the independent valuation obtained by HDC
	River access	Qualifies? No

Open Space to be passively sought ("Category 2")		
Minimum requirements for Council involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available at significantly below normal market cost 	See above. The property does not enhance access to the Waipatiki Stream.

The submission is evaluated for compliance with relevant Category 1 criteria and evaluated against all of the criteria for Other Supporting Attributes in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Key Attributes

	Key Attributes	Score Range	Score	Max. Weighting	Contribution	Maximum
1	Coastal Access	1 - 5	3	10	30	50
2	Proximity to Centres of Population	1 - 5	5	10	50	50
3	Ecological value	1 - 5	1	10	10	50
4	Linkages	1 - 5	4	10	40	50
5	Water quality improvements	1 - 5	1	5	5	25
6	Recreational Opportunity	1 - 5	4	5	20	25
7	Cultural and Historical value	1 - 5	3	5	15	25
8	Camping Potential	1 - 5	5	5	25	25
9	Partnership benefits	1 - 5	5	5	25	25
10	Environmental education	1 - 5	1	5	5	25
11	At Risk Environments	1 - 5	1	5	5	25
12	Iconic value	1 - 5	1	5	5	25
					235	400

Financial attributes are assessed in Table 4 below.

The submission does not provide any detail on financial implications for HBRC with regard to development and ongoing maintenance costs. However it should be noted that the Sale and Purchase agreement entered into by Hastings District Council is subject to among other things sewerage system due diligence.

Table 4: Financial Attributes

	Financial Attributes	Score Range	Score	Max. Weighting	Contribution	Maximum
13	Development Costs	1 - 5	5	5	25	25
14	Maintenance costs	1 - 5	5	5	25	25
15	Other financial returns (e.g. leases, concessions, carbon credits)	1 - 5	3	5	15	25
16	Resale potential	1 - 5	5	5	25	25
	<i>Total Score</i>				90	100

$$\text{Overall Score} = \frac{\text{Total contribution score} \times 100\%}{\text{Total maximum score}} = \frac{(235+90) \times 100\%}{(400+100)} = 65\%$$

Decline	< 60%
Further Analysis	60 to 65%
Proceed	> 65%

Current commitments on the land

The campground is currently leased to a third party - commencing on 26 November 2010, for a 21 year period. The lease amount is \$30,000/annum. All maintenance and operating costs are the responsibility of the lease holder.

Staff have been advised that if the property is purchased it is the immediate intention to retain the lease in place, thereby ensuring the continuing provision of the campground for the people of HB.

Any decisions on the future management/operation of the site etc would be a joint decision by the landowners (potentially HDC, HBRC and NCC). At this stage there is no intention or discussion around buying the lease out.

Possible funding sources

A one off cost of \$300,000 is sought by the submitter for a contribution to the purchase of the land.

At their May meeting HBRC confirmed a contribution from the Community Facilities Fund to Te Mata Park Trust to enable them to progress their development plans. This commitment has exhausted that fund.

Proposed timing for Te Mata Park utilising that funding is:

2016-17	\$310,000
2017-18	\$110,000*
2018-19	\$80,000*

Note that in the Te Mata proposal timber management costs were estimated at \$120,000 spread over the 2017-18 and 2018-19 years. It is estimated that harvest planning, harvesting and replanting will result in the timing of draw down from the fund as shown.

If HBRC were to borrow money as an addition to the Community Facilities Fund to contribute to the purchase of Waipatiki, the additional borrowing required would be:

2016-17	\$110,000
2017-18	\$190,000

The impact of this borrowing on Council's operating account would be:

2016-17	\$8,800
2017-18	\$33,750
2018-19	\$49,900
2019-20 onwards	\$49,900

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Staff response to Submission 179

No specific changes are sought by the submitter to the Annual Plan. Broadly the submitter supports the matters outlined above in respect of the three parks. It also notes the progression of the SH2 corridor study as identified in the Regional Land Transport Plan.

Recommendation

*That Council considers the submission points raised in **submissions 7 and 179**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers.*

Submission 10	Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Inc and Ngati Kahungunu Runanga Arts & Culture Board – Adele Whyte	Te Matatini	\$300,000
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Officer's Response to Submission 10

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- Identification and confirmation of shared service arrangements with Hawke's Bay councils and wider regional sector allies - \$25,000.
- Development of relationships and projects that enhance the relationship between regional council and the research sector - \$22,000.

There is no provision for a payment to NKII and Ngait Kahungunu Runganga Arts and Culture Board for a sum of \$300,000 from this fund. Council has previously agreed to work in partnership with Kohupātiki Marae, prior to Matatini, to trial excavation of sediment and weed over approximately 200m in the vicinity of the Marae with funding provided up to the amount of \$44,500 and to work in partnership with Mangaroa Marae and upstream landowners to investigate, and if possible implement, the augmentation of flows in the Karewarewa Stream throughout Matatini.

Any approval of the amount requested would result in either increasing the deficit for Council's operating account for the Annual Plan year, or would require a rate increase.

Recommendation

*That Council considers the submission points raised in **submission 10**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers.*

Submission 39	HB Knowledge Bank – Peter Cole	request funding \$15k/yr for archive facility
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Officer's Response to Submission 39

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- Identification and confirmation of shared service arrangements with Hawke's Bay councils and wider regional sector allies - \$25,000.
- Development of relationships and projects that enhance the relationship between regional council and the research sector - \$22,000.

There is no specific provision for a payment to the HB Knowledge Bank of a sum of \$15,000 per annum from this fund. Any approval of the amount requested over and above that provided for in this fund, would result in either increasing the deficit for Council's operating account for the Annual Plan year, or would require a rate increase.

Recommendation

*That Council considers the submission points raised in **submission 39**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers.*

Submission 119	Wairoa District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space coast cycleway/walkway • Space science experiential/education centre • Whakamahia Boardwalk 	\$500,000 \$500,000 \$100,000
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Officer's Response to Submission 119

Wairoa District Council (WDC) has requested that a sum of up to \$1.1 million be set aside to assist with the development of cycleway and walkways. Staff recommend that WDC assess whether its reserves could be used for the development of these cycleways and walkways. Once this assessment has been completed, further discussions could be held between WDC and this Council about the level of WDC's reserves, the proposed use of the reserves and why a contribution to cycleways would be needed from this Council.

HBRC recently agreed to majority fund, along with HB Tourism, and Wairoa and Gisborne district councils, a scoping study into the tourism potential arising from rocket launches at Mahia Peninsula. The study will seek to quantify the scale and nature of the tourism demand, possible tourism products and the infrastructural needs to support visitor growth, including infrastructure to be provided by local government. This work has been commissioned and is due to report in August 2016 with recommendations on next steps.

Recommendation

*That Council considers the submission points raised in **submission 119**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers.*

Submission 137	Sherleigh Nielson	i-way funding for pathway alongside Swamp Road
Submission 23	Heather Barrow – in support of 137	
Submission 29	Frances Bryan – in support of 137	

Officer's Response to Submission 137, 23 and 29

iWay funding has been provided to both Napier City Council and Hastings District Councils for the development of cycleways within their districts. Such funding is not available to HBRC.

HBRC has developed and manage approx. 100km of cycleways largely on land owned or administered by HBRC. Pathways adjacent to roads and road safety issues are generally the role of the relevant territorial authority, in this case Hastings District Council.

Staff have discussed the issue raised by the submitters with HDC staff who have advised that they are looking at sealing chip and shoulder widths in higher cycling areas, as other work and finances allow. In addition staff from both HBRC and HDC have agreed that they will discuss these submissions with the HB cycle governance group made up of representatives from all 5 Councils, NZTA, DHB and Bikes for Schools.

Response from HDC

Swamp Road has not been identified as a route for inclusion on either Hastings District Council's current 2015-18 Long Term Plan, which was produced with the aim of closing the gaps in the existing urban network, or Hawkes Bay Regional Council's Regional Cycling Strategy. Given the route would not be a commuter route it would mean that it is unlikely to meet the requirements to be constructed using New Zealand Transport Agency funding subsidy so any possible works will be fully unsubsidised. The route will be considered for future expansion of the cycling network as part of the Regional Cycling Strategy plan.

In the past 5 years there have been a total of 8 crashes on Swamp Road which were all attributed to loss of control but there have been no reported crashes involving cyclists. Due to the nature of the road it is susceptible to movement which in turns results in a higher need for maintenance. This does allow for shoulder widening to be included in future road rehabilitation treatment which will add a safety benefit as well as a safer space for cyclists to ride.

If there is anything else we can help with just let me know.

Kind regards,



TONY MILLS
TRAFFIC ENGINEER

Recommendation

*That Council considers the submission points raised in **submissions 137, 23 and 29**, and any comments and proposals made by Council officers.*