

QLDC Council
15 December 2016

Report for Agenda Item: 9

Department: CEO Office

Chief Executive's Monthly Report

Purpose

- 1 To advise Council of a matter that has arisen with the proposed Cardrona Valley Pipeline, and also to bring forward for Council consideration two recommendations from the Wanaka Community Board.

The report does not contain an update on the 2016/17 Work Programme which was reported to Council less than a month ago. Progress on the Work Programme will be fully reported to the first Council meeting in January 2017.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a. **Note** the contents of this report;
- b. **Adopt** the recommendations of the Wanaka Community Board:
 - i. That the process for preparing a Reserve Management Plan to cover Lismore Park, Allenby Park, Kelly's Flat and Faulks Terrace Recreation Reserves is undertaken.
 - ii. That the lease to Wanaka Firewood Limited over approximately 5,000 square metres of section 37 Block III Lower Wanaka SD to operate a firewood yard be extended on the same terms until June 2017.

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1. Cardrona Wastewater

Following a Better Business Case approval last year, the Council adopted a proposed pipeline solution which would have seen wastewater piped from a Cardrona community back to Project Pure. The proposed concept has now been further examined in detail and this has raised serious doubt about both the feasibility and cost effectiveness of such an option. As a result progress on this solution has been halted. Staff will now go back to the Business Case process to identify an alternative option, which will be reconsidered by the community and Council next year.

2. Wanaka Community Board Matters

Two matters were considered and recommended to Council by the Wanaka Community Board. The first relates to commencing a Reserve Management Plan for a collection of reserves in the Upper Clutha area, and the second is extension of a lease for Wanaka Firewood Ltd. Both were reported to the Community Board. It is recommended that the recommendations made to Council by the Wanaka Community Board be adopted.

3. Gearing up for Summer

As part of the anticipated summer influx of visitors and holidaymakers, the organisation has been reviewing some of the key services across the district, in anticipation of increased demand. Council will be responding to this additional demand in the following ways:

- Introduction of extended wastebins clearances, including agreed call-back facilities to deal with peak rubbish demand.
- Employing additional custodial hours to keep the central town clean and suitable for visitors and residents.
- The trialling of new automated 'compression' rubbish bins around the Queenstown foreshore for a period over summer.
- The introduction of additional temporary carparking (subject to resource consent) to provide additional overflow capacity.
- An information campaign for local and visitors alike to assist them with getting to, and around Queenstown, and how to anticipate and deal with parking and summer congestion.
- Investigating additional parking management staff to ensure a good turnover of capacity in the towns during times of peak demand.

Council will also be undertaking a communication campaign to alert residents and visitors to the changes to be introduced, with the intent of ensuring that people can continue to enjoy their visit to the district. We will continue to monitor service levels throughout the summer period, and be prepared to adjust levels of service as required. The increased service levels will result in some additional minor cost, which will be managed within Council's overall budget provision.