

## QLDC Council

31 January 2019

## Report for Agenda Item: 10

Department: CEO Office

## Chief Executive's Report

## Purpose

The purpose of this report is to report on items from previous standing committee meetings and present updates on various minor matters not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

## Recommendation

That Council:

- 1 **Note** the contents of this report;
- 2 **Approve** the Chief Executive attending the Trans-Tasman Cities Symposium to be held 25-25 February 2019;
- 3 **Appoint** a hearing panel comprising two Councillors [names to be appended] to hear any submissions received on the application from Skyline Enterprises for new easements on Ben Lomond Recreation Reserve and recommend to Council.

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## The Trans-Tasman Cities Symposium

- 1 I have been invited by Hon Phil Twyford, Minister of Housing and Urban Development, to attend a two-day Trans-Tasman Cities Symposium to be held in Sydney, Australia, 25-26 February 2019. The event will be attended by housing and urban ministers from New Zealand and Australia as well as key industry people. The symposium is a valuable opportunity for the Australasian sector to connect thinking, share experience and discuss the social and economic challenges and opportunities for our communities.
- 2 Attendees are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements which will involve unanticipated expenditure as well as unplanned time away from the office. However, this is a valuable opportunity to be involved in an international discussion that will help to shape and inform future policy decisions.
- 3 For the reasons set out above, I seek Council approval to accept this invitation and attend the symposium.

## **Skyline Enterprises Limited – Appointment of Hearings Panel for Proposed Easements – Ben Lomond Reserve**

- 4 Skyline Enterprises Limited (SEL) seek to establish new easements to support their activities on the Ben Lomond Recreation Reserve (Reserve). The easements can be classified into 4 categories:
  - a. New ROW easements over existing tracks/pathways/cableways
  - b. New in-ground easements over existing services (existing services to be replaced)
  - c. New in-ground easements for new services
  - d. New easements for the right to store water (water pump stations)
- 5 The intention to grant the easements was notified on 13 December 2018, with the submission period closing on 10 February 2019. Should submissions be received that seek to be heard, it is appropriate to appoint a hearing panel.

## **Update on Ngai Tahu Property Discussions**

- 6 I am continuing to meet with Ngai Tahu Property in the interests of progressing the Memorandum of Understanding announced in October 2018 to explore the potential for a Joint Venture to develop the Stanley Street site. It will be important that the project, which now has a working title of Project Manawa (Heart), makes progress towards a final recommendation. As part of ensuring we continue to move at pace, I have discussed with the Mayor the use of an informal Councillor working party to test positions, bounce ideas, and clarify options as we go through an intensive dialogue with Ngai Tahu. The appointed members are Mayor Boulton and Councillors Forbes, Hill and McRobie. We will also workshop matters with the entire Council as required, and any decision-making in relation to the project will continue to be within the remit of Full Council.

## **Committee meetings of Previous Round**

### Appeals Subcommittee – Councillor Hill (13 December 2018)

Information:

- 1 Update on Appeals relating to Council's decisions on the Proposed District Plan Stage 1

Note that this meeting was held with the public excluded.

### Audit, Finance and Risk Committee – 14 December 2018

Information:

- 1 2018:19 First Quarter Actual to First Quarter Budget Financial Overview
- 4 QLDC Organisational Health Safety and Wellbeing Performance
- 5 Treasury Update - November 2018
- 6 Stage 1 Review and Update, by EY, of the readiness of the Three Waters Programme to deliver the Ten Year Plan

Items 5 and 6 were considered with the public excluded.

Ratification:

- 2 Sensitive Expenditure (this is the subject of a separate report on this agenda)
- 3 Risk Management (this will be the subject of a separate report to the 7 March 2019 Council meeting)