

Order Paper

A Meeting of the Corporate and Environment Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Administration Building, Torphin Crescent, Tokoroa on Thursday 20 December 2007, commencing at the conclusion of the Ordinary Meeting of Council but, in any event, not before 10.30am



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Corporate and Environment Committee Meeting

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Reporting to

Council

Constitution

Full Council

Meeting Frequency

Six-weekly

Objective

To overview and, where necessary, determine activities in the Corporate and Environment Groups.

Scope of Activity

- Enforcement of statutes, bylaws and rules including resource management, health, plumbing and drainage, sale of liquor, noise, air pollution, dangerous goods, dog control, animal/stock control, litter, general bylaws, building and traffic enforcement, emergency management and Civil Defence.
- Development of appropriate control mechanisms identified by Council or referred by staff.
- Initiate, discontinue or give instructions on legal proceedings within the scope of the Committee activities.
- To monitor the financial and corporate governance arrangements of Council.
- To attend "pre-audit" and "exit discussions" meetings with audit service provider.
- To review Annual Report content prior to audit and presentation to Council.
- To review proposed changes to Council's other published financial documents, including the Long Term Financial Strategy.
- To consider internal control issues that may arise.
- To monitor performance of Council's investment portfolio.
- To monitor the development of the Long Term Council Community Plan.
- To consider and determine such reports as are placed before the Committee regarding the activities of the Corporate and Environment Group.
- To consider and determine matters which would normally fall within the Scope of Activity of the Community and Assets Committee.

Power to Act

Pursuant to Clause 32 of Schedule 7 to the Local Government 2002 Council delegates all of its responsibilities, duties and powers to the Corporate and Environment Committee, with the following exceptions:

- (a) The power to make a rate; or
- (b) The power to make a bylaw; or
- (c) The power to borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the long-term council community plan; or
- (d) The power to adopt a long-term council community plan, annual plan, or annual report; or
- (e) The power to appoint a chief executive; or
- (f) The power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under this Act in association with the long-term council community plan or developed for the purpose of the local governance statement.
- (g) The adoption of bylaws, reviewed district plans or district plan changes.

Management Responsibility

Group Managers Corporate and Environment

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Corporate & Environment Committee Meeting
Public Business

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on Thursday 20 December 2007, commencing at the conclusion of the Ordinary
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Attendees

Members:		Cr HGA Van Rooijen (Chair)
	Mayor:	NA Sinclair (Deputy Chair)
	Deputy Mayor:	JR Shattock
	Councillors:	Cr E Barker
		Cr FF Campbell
		Cr W Cook
		Cr L Corban
		Cr A Edmeades
		Cr M Gubb
		Cr S McMahon
		Cr B Watkins
Staff:	DR Hall	Chief Executive
	RJ Fisher	Group Manager Assets
	DJL Woltman	Group Manager Corporate
	S Robinson	Group Manager Environment
	A Shaw	Special Projects Manager
	A Moss	Planning Manager
	J Anderson	Team Leader Environmental Health
	V Hayes	Personal Assistant (Minutes)

1.0 *Apologies*

2.0 *Confirmation of Agenda*

Staff Recommendation

That the Agenda, as circulated, be confirmed.

3.0 Reports

3.1 2007-4568 – South Waikato Development Fund 1-12

The purpose of this report is to recommend notional allocation of funding from the South Waikato Development Fund as outlined in the process adopted by Council in August 2007.

Staff Recommendation

1. That Report No 2007-4568 – South Waikato Development Fund, be received.
2. That the following notional funding allocations be approved...
3. That no funds be disbursed until such time as Council is satisfied that any agreed criteria (as agreed between the Council and the applicant group) have been achieved.

3.2 2007-4572 – Putaruru Pool 13-19

To update the Council on the Putaruru Pool project and explore its next moves.

Staff Recommendation

1. That Report No 2007-4572 – Putaruru Pool Report, be received.
2. That Council agrees to additional loan funding of \$700,000.
or
2. That Council does not agree to the necessary additional funding.
3. That the alternative proposal be/not be fully investigated and reported.

3.3 2007-4554 – Aniwaniwa Reserve Development 20-25

To obtain approval from Council for the revised programme of development of the Aniwaniwa Reserve.

Staff Recommendation

1. That Report No 2007-4554 – Aniwaniwa Reserve Development, be received.
2. That the funding for the toilet block of \$150,000 be utilised to construct the reserve access and parking area.
3. That any balance of funds remaining be put towards an initial toilet block at the reserve.

3.4 2007-4534 – Tokoroa Depot, Whakauru Street 26-28

To obtain Council's approval for the use of budgeted funds to fence off the depot area and complete a survey to define the depot, wastewater treatment plant and reserve areas.

Staff Recommendation

1. That Report No 2007-4534 – Tokoroa Depot, Whakauru Street, be received.
2. That the use of the budgeted funds be utilised as proposed in the report.

3.5 2007-4560 – New Applications due to be heard by the District Licensing Agency 29-40

To enable the South Waikato District Licensing Agency to exercise its jurisdiction and discretion to grant/issue a licence for a new General Manager.

Staff Recommendation

1. That Report No 2007-4560, "New Applications due to be heard by The District Licensing Agency", be received.
2. That the General Managers Licence (Application No: 017/GM26/2007) of Sherie Allison be issued for a period of one year.
3. That the On-Licence (Application No: 017/ON05/2007) of Kuranui New Zealand Limited be issued for a period of one year.

3.6 2007-4582 – Contracts over \$25,000 – October and November 2007 41

To advise the Committee on matters considered by the Tenders Board over \$25,000.

Staff Recommendation

That Report No 2007-4582 – Contracts over \$25,000 – October and November 2007, be received.

3.7 2007-4575 – Local Authority Shared Services 1st Quarter Report 42-44

To receive information on performance of LASS.

Staff Recommendation

That Report No 2007-4575 – Local Authority Shared Services 1st Quarter Report, be received.

3.8 2007-4478 – Overview of the Recommendations of the Independent Inquiry into Rates and Draft Submission 45-54

The purpose of this report is twofold, as follows:

It is firstly intended to provide newly elected members with an overview and commentary on the recommendations of the independent Local Government Rates Inquiry Panel. Most of this information was provided to the previous Council, at its meeting dated 27 September 2007.

The second purpose of this report is to allow Councillors to provide their views on the recommendations made by the Inquiry Panel in order to inform Local Government New Zealand and the Society of Local Government Managers' joint input into the process.

Staff Recommendation

1. That Report No 2007-4478 – Overview of the Recommendations of the Independent Inquiry into Rates and Draft Submission, be received.
2. That the letter attached as Appendix A be approved for forwarding to the Society of Local Government Managers and Local Government New Zealand.

3.9 2007-4581– Submission to Land Transport Management Amendment Bill 2007 55-73

To advise the Corporate and Environment Committee of current activities, developments and issues in the Corporate Group.

Staff Recommendation

1. That Report No 2007-4581, "Submission to Land Transport Management Amendment Bill 2007", be received.
2. That a submission be made on the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill 2007 in support of the submission from Local Government NZ.

6.0 Resolution to Exclude the Public

Pursuant to Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Staff Recommendation

That the public are excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of the meeting, listed below.

(This resolution is made in reliance on Section 49(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act, or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.)

The general subject of the matters to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Reason(s) for passing this Resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution
C3.0 Reports	
C3.1 2007-4550 – The Plaza, Putaruru – Lease – Maintenance and Development Provisions	
<p>To enable Council, without prejudice or disadvantage, to carry on negotiations</p> <p>The matter to be discussed may involve the expression of opinions which, if made public, may be unhelpful in future negotiations. The interest of the parties involved in reaching the right decisions outweigh any public interest there might be in those opinions being disclosed.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which there is good reason for its being withheld.</p>
C3.2 2007-4555 – Lease – Te Kohanga Reo Rua Tua O Tokoroa, Ettrick Place	
<p>To enable Council, without prejudice or disadvantage, to carry on negotiations</p> <p>The matter to be discussed may involve the expression of opinions which, if made public, may be unhelpful in future negotiations. The interest of the parties involved in reaching the right decisions outweigh any public interest there might be in those opinions being disclosed.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which there is good reason for its being withheld.</p>
C3.3 2007-4562 – Resource Consent Compliance Corrugated Creations and MercWorxs at Puketirau Road, Tirau	
<p>To maintain legal professional privilege</p> <p>It is against the interests of the Council and its ratepayers for details of possible Council action against (subject) to be disclosed and those interests outweigh any public interest in that information being made available.</p>	<p>The public conduct of this part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which there is good reason for its being withheld.</p>

RECOMMENDATIONS contained in Reports are NOT to be construed as COUNCIL DECISIONS.
Refer to Council Minutes for RESOLUTIONS

Reason(s) for passing this Resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution
C3.4 2007-4573 – Ex-Toilet Block Behind “Alley Cats” - Tirau	
To enable Council, without prejudice or disadvantage, to carry on negotiations The matter to be discussed may involve the expression of opinions which, if made public, may be unhelpful in future negotiations. The interest of the parties involved in reaching the right decisions outweigh any public interest there might be in those opinions being disclosed.	The public conduct of this part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which there is good reason for its being withheld.
C3.5 2007-4574 – Lease – Recreation Reserve, Clyde Street, Tokoroa Girl Guiding NZ	
To enable Council, without prejudice or disadvantage, to carry on negotiations The matter to be discussed may involve the expression of opinions which, if made public, may be unhelpful in future negotiations. The interest of the parties involved in reaching the right decisions outweigh any public interest there might be in those opinions being disclosed.	The public conduct of this part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which there is good reason for its being withheld.
C3.6 2007-4569 – Paper Road Sale	
To enable Council, without prejudice or disadvantage, to carry on negotiations The matter to be discussed may involve the expression of opinions which, if made public, may be unhelpful in future negotiations. The interest of the parties involved in reaching the right decisions outweigh any public interest there might be in those opinions being disclosed.	The public conduct of this part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which there is good reason for its being withheld.

Report No: 2007-4568

Agenda Item No:

Report To: Corporate and Environment Committee

South
Waikato
District
Council

Meeting Date: 20 December 2007**Subject:** South Waikato Development Fund**Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to recommend notional allocation of funding from the South Waikato Development Fund (SWDF) as outlined in the process adopted by Council in August 2007.

Background

Council resolved to set aside up to \$4.5million in the LTCCP 2006-16. The fund was available for use from 1 July 2006. The fund is aimed at projects that will benefit the community and which may not otherwise be funded. Council reserves the right to create or not create such a fund again in future years. Applications funded by the SWDF should be supported by a business case before any funds can be uplifted.

Following a workshop, a process forward was developed and actioned. Council opened the SWDF up to public consultation for a period of two and a half months, ending 31 October 2007. The reason for the extended period was to allow groups and organisations who only meet monthly, time to process an Expression of Interest.

37 Expressions of Interest were received in the time frame, totalling just over \$20M.

Following a series of workshops and meetings, Councillors have indicated that they are particularly interested in receiving further information from eight of the applicant groups. This cannot necessarily be construed to mean that all, or any, of the groups requested to provide further information will receive funding; or that the groups not requested to present to Council will not receive funding.

Discussion**Criteria:**

The process resolved by Council in August 2007 requires Council short-list the proposals and notionally allocate funding. The process allows for Council to request feasibility studies or business case proposals should these be deemed necessary. Council indicated that they may assist to fund these. Following feasibility studies Council is then able to confirm or rescind the notional allocation. It is noted that some formal public consultation using the Special Consultative Process (and possibly also under the Resource Management and Reserves Act) is likely to be required for specific projects.

In August, Council resolved the following guidelines:

- Council envisages a spread across the District.
- Council will look for the best mix of projects that aligns the best with Community Outcomes.
- As a guideline, Council will look at projects over \$100,000.
- Only organisations (not individuals) can apply for funding.
- Council requires a full business case to be produced before funding is confirmed.
- Funding only provided on evidence that funds have been spent (condition).
- Only projects carried out in the South Waikato District are eligible for funding.
- Funding is not retrospective - the project must start after the application has been approved.

- If the location of the project is on land which falls under the responsibility of another body such as the Department of Conservation, that body must give consent, contribute towards and demonstrate its support for the project.
- Applications must have clear objectives.
- Applications must show how the project will advance the achievement of the Community Outcomes outlined in the Long Term Plan 2006-16 and other strategic documents (Economic Spirit, Youth Strategy, Tirau Concept Plan and future concept plans).
- Letters of support from other community stakeholders.
- The project needs to have a clear plan for how project results will benefit the community.
- A site map.
- Applicant has a successful track record of project management and innovation and has the skill sets to manage the proposal or can demonstrate through the business plan that this will be provided.
- The aims and scope of the project are clearly and concisely outlined.
- The project does not replicate or duplicate similar projects in the area.
- The target group is identified and the community benefits are fully described.
- Risks are identified and how they will be managed is explained.
- The proposal has sound governance arrangements (eg, competent community members oversee the project).
- The proposal explains how quality will be measured (personnel and deliverables).
- The proposal details the extent of community support.
- Evidence of full support from other Sponsor is provided (contract condition).
- Council decision is final and it reserves the right not to fund projects.
- It is unlikely that projects will be fully funded (ie, no 100% funding). This is discretionary.
- All necessary consents need to be obtained.
- Council envisages this fund to be used for capital projects only.

Presentations:

At a workshop held on 10 December 2007, Councillors expressed an interest in hearing from eight of the applicant groups, as listed below. Each of these groups has been individually contacted and are pleased to be given the opportunity to discuss their application with Councillors. Each group was also given the option of deferring their presentation until the January 2008 Council meeting. In each case a desire was expressed to proceed.

Accordingly, the following groups have been scheduled to present to Council on the morning of 20 December at the following times:

- 10.30am: Waikato River Trails Trust.
- 10.45am: South Waikato Events Centre Steering Committee.
- 11.00am: Tirau Community Board.
- 11.15am: Overdale Community Centre.
- 11.30am: The Timber Museum of New Zealand Trust.
- 11.45am: South Waikato YMCA.
- 12 noon: Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex.
- 12.15pm: Tokoroa Warm Homes – Clean Air Project.

Consideration of Applications:

The total funding requested is in excess of \$20M; against a budget of just \$4.5M. The applications represent a diverse range of activities and are each, in their own way, deserving of support. Regrettably Council will need to make some 'hard calls' to achieve the \$4.5M funding cap. Council Officers have noted a number of opportunities for Council to further consider, possibly providing financial support from sources other than the SWDF. These will also, however, be subject to affordability; and quite possibly further public consultation through the Annual Plan / Long Term Council Community Plan process.

Many applicants will need to satisfy conditions, such as the raising of balance funds; applications for resource consent and other considerations prior to SWDF funds being released. This raises the potential for Council to reconsider notional funding allocations should an applicant be unable, for any reason, to uplift funding.

Council Officers would like to provide the best option for progressing towards Community Outcomes. A particular issue that Councillors need to consider is whether they should support a range of applications, which will spread the available funding more thinly; or whether Council should only support a limited range of applications, but provide each one with significant support. It also needs to be remembered that some projects simply cannot proceed without the full funding requested.

The following comments are provided in respect of each application with the objective of assisting Councillors progress their thinking in relation to the allocation of the SWDF. It should be noted that the comments are a synthesis of comments made by Council Officers and elected members. The full copy of each application has previously been circulated to each elected member.

1. South Waikato Arts Trust

Purpose: Replace current projectors.

Amount Requested: \$175,000.

Comment: Council is, and will continue to be, a committed supporter of the Putaruru Plaza. The ongoing development of this valuable District resource is also encouraged. However it is noted that the Council has already allocated in excess of \$250,000 for the refurbishment of the Plaza in the current financial year. Future funding through Council's Annual Plan and Long Term Council Community Plan is also likely. There is also a concern that the installation of projectors could lead to competition with other commercial ventures (particularly the Tokoroa cinema), which is contrary to the criteria laid down for disbursement of funding.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

2. Forest View High School

Purpose: To install turf cover to provide an all-weather, multi-sport facility.

Amount Requested: \$200,000.

Comment: It is accepted that this would be a positive project for the school and for the community. There is however concern that the benefits of this project are of more limited benefit than other recreation-focused projects; that it may not be appropriate to favour only one of the District's schools in this manner.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

3. Mrs Lois Craig

Purpose: Production of the Kai Bavos stove.

Amount Requested: \$230,000.

Comment: While this is a very interesting and potentially exciting proposal, the community benefit is not specific and the application regrettably does not fall within the criteria for the SWDF. This is because the SWDF fund specifically excludes applications from individuals. It also needs to be recognised that the Council is not necessarily well placed to determine the commercial feasibility of such a proposal.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

4. Lake Whakamaru Christian Youth Camp

Purpose: Upgrade the current wastewater system.

Amount Requested: \$90,000.

Comment: The Lake Whakamaru Christian Youth Camp is a valuable District resource. Council would like to support this project because of the contribution the Camp makes to youth development and the positive social and environmental outcomes. Regrettably, as noted previously, limited funding means that funding allocations must be confined to applicants who have the widest possible District benefit. It is also likely that the applicant could seek funding from the new Transpower Community Care Fund; as the Camp's location could be deemed favourable, as does the fit with this fund's criteria.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

5. Putaruru Primary School

Purpose: Cover the proposed Putaruru pool.

Amount Requested: \$600,000.

Comment: The ability to extend the use of this proposed facility has clear benefits. It is however recognised that the provision of a community pool in Putaruru is a project that Council is already funding and therefore that a decision to cover the facility may be better left for consideration through Council's normal Annual Plan / LTCCP process.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

6. Overdale Community Centre

Purpose: Upgrade community centre.

Amount Requested: \$162,193.

Comment: The Overdale Community Centre is a hub for social services within the Putaruru community. Development of this facility is likely to provide real and widespread community benefit. An issue to consider is whether the Council should assist with maintenance costs (which are incorporated within the application).

Conclusion: The application from the Overdale Community Centre group should be considered further.

7. Papa O Te Aroha Marae

Purpose: Building upgrade, including fire sprinklers.

Amount Requested: \$400,000.

Comment: It is considered that this is a good project and worthy of support. Regrettably however other projects are likely to provide greater overall community benefit and therefore, it is considered that there may be insufficient funding to support this application.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

8. Paraonui Sea Scouts

Purpose: Extend premises in Baird Road to house yachts.

Amount Requested: \$108,000.

Comment: Council is very supportive of the Paraonui Sea Scouts. Unfortunately, as with other applications, there is likely to be insufficient funding to support this application, However it is recommended that Council Officers discuss other options, like community grants, with the applicant, in an effort to assist with a resolution to their problem.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

9. Pikitu Marae / Ngati Huri Whenua Topu Trust

Purpose: Fire protection for Meeting House and other facilities.

Amount Requested: \$50,000.

Comment: As for the Papa O Te Aroha Marae, this is a project for which it would be desirable to provide assistance, if sufficient funding was available. It should be noted that this project could well fall within the guidelines for the Transpower Community Care Fund.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

10. Putaruru Athletic and Harrier Club

Purpose: Development of Glenshea Park.

Amount Requested: \$356,008.

Comment: The project promoted by the Putaruru Athletic and Harrier Club has real merit and the members of the Club are to be congratulated for their progressive attitude to the Park's development. Glenshea Park is core Council reserve and therefore it is considered more appropriate that developments of this nature be considered by Council through the development of a Reserve Management Plan and the allocation of funding through the normal Annual Plan / LTCCP process.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

11. Putaruru District Services Memorial Club

Purpose: Seal and develop car park.

Amount Requested: \$100,000.

Comment: The Putaruru District Services Memorial Club are thanked for offering their car park for community use. However, the Council is not aware (at this time) of any significant demand for additional car parking in the vicinity of the Plaza and on that basis it is not considered a project that would have wide community support and benefit.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

12. Putaruru Golf Club

Purpose: Provide ten new golf carts.

Amount Requested: \$200,000.

Comment: It is appreciated that many members of the community are elderly and therefore find it difficult to continue participating in active sports such as golf. The concern in this case is that the benefit, while undoubtedly tangible, would not represent the best use of limited funding.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

13. Putaruru Parents Centre

Purpose: Provide premises and play space.

Amount Requested: \$100,000.

Comment: As for other applications, a project which has undoubted merit, but for which sufficient funding simply may not be available.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

14. The Timber Museum of New Zealand Trust

Purpose: Create a theme heritage park.

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000.

Comment: It is considered that the Putaruru Timber Museum is a community asset and deserving of support. The museum is a community facility that Council has long supported. It is not considered a core Council activity and therefore would retain eligibility for funding.

Conclusion: The application from the Putaruru Timber Museum Trust should be considered further.

15. Putaruru Youth Matters

Purpose: Provide a youth centre in Putaruru.

Amount Requested: \$100,000.

Comment: The District Council is in the process of developing a Youth Strategy in consultation with the South Waikato Youth Council, and other groups. As part of this strategy development the idea of youth centres has been raised, but did not receive support. This is because other strategies, such as improved transport and virtual youth spaces were considered preferable. Council will continue to take its lead from the Youth Council.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

16. Putaruru / Tirau Plunket

Purpose: Redevelop Putaruru's main park site.

Amount Requested: \$140,000.

Comment: As for the proposal regarding Glenshea Park (application 10, above), this proposal is worthy of further consideration and the proponents of it are also to be congratulated, nonetheless the provision of public playgrounds is considered a fundamental part of Council's normal business and therefore any funding for this purpose should be accessed through the normal Annual Plan / LTCCP process.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

17. Raukawa Trust Board

Purpose: Provide a 'flagship centre'.

Amount Requested: \$1,500,000.

Comment: This is an application which has the potential for significant community benefit. It is considered that further discussion take place with the Raukawa Trust Board on this matter, in order that more appropriate funding alternatives can be explored.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

18. South Waikato Racing Club

Purpose: Develop a horse training facility.

Amount Requested: \$40,000.

Comment: It is accepted that this project has the potential to develop to provide additional business and employment opportunities within the South Waikato, although Council is not able to determine the likelihood of future success at this time. It is noted that the total project cost is between \$50,000 to \$60,000 which is less than \$100,000 project guideline established advertised in the SWDF criteria.

It is noted that there are a wide range of projects proposed for in and around the locality of the Tokoroa airport. This is an area which Council is currently giving specific consideration to. It is the intention to develop a Strategic Development Plan for the airport property and, in doing so, consider the aspirations of the multitude of users and give clear direction for the future. It is considered prudent that allocations of funding for expansion in this area not be made until such time as the Strategic Development Plan has been signed off by all interested parties.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

19. South Waikato SPCA

Purpose: Develop an education centre.

Amount Requested: \$140,000.

Comment: As for previous applications, a great idea that would be wonderful to support, unfortunately insufficient funding is likely to be available for this project.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

20. South Waikato Community Television

Purpose: Assist with employment, promotions....

Amount Requested: \$375,000.

Comment: While the principle of community television has merit, the project appears to be primarily aimed at generating funds to cover promotional and employment costs. As noted in the criteria, Council envisaged that this fund would be used for capital projects.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.

21. South Waikato Energy Efficiency

Purpose: Establish a regional Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Education, Demonstration and Service Delivery Centre.

Amount Requested: \$515,000.

Comment: Another project worthy of support. The concern in this case is that Council has commenced a the Warm Homes Clean Air project, which has a very similar (perhaps broader) intent. This latter project could not be considered core Council business and is unlikely to be funded through Council's normal funding processes to the extent necessary to make a meaningful difference in Tokoroa and Putaruru. It is therefore eligible for funding from the SWDF. If Councillors determine that the Warm Homes Clean Air project should be supported – and as an existing project it is suggested that it should take precedence – then it may not be appropriate to also fund this project. New EECA programmes may be appropriate alternative funding sources.

Conclusion: An allocation of SWDF funding for this project is not recommended.