

Strategy, Policy & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 14 & 15 July 2022

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Minutes

**Strategy, Policy & Finance Committee meeting
held Thursday, 14 July 2022 at 9.30 am
Council Chamber, Rotorua Lakes Council**

MEMBERS PRESENT	Cr Raukawa-Tait (Chair) Cr Kai Fong (Deputy Chair), Mayor Chadwick, Cr Donaldson, Cr Kumar, Cr Maxwell, Cr Tapsell, Cr Yates, Mr Biasiny-Tule (Te Tatau o Te Arawa), Mr Thomass (Lakes Community Board) and Mrs Trumper (Rural Community Board).
MEMBERS PRESENT VIA AUDIO VISUAL:	Cr Wang
APOLOGIES:	Dr Morgan
IN ATTENDANCE:	Representatives of Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara
STAFF PRESENT:	G Williams, Chief Executive; J-P Gaston, Deputy Chief Executive, District Development; O Hopkins, Deputy Chief Executive, District Leadership & Democracy; R Fraser, Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Infrastructure & Environmental Solutions; A Pewhairangi, Deputy Chief Executive, Community Wellbeing; G Rangī, Deputy Chief Executive, Te Arawa Partnership; C Tiriana, Deputy Chief Executive, Chief Executive's Group; J Akari, Director, People & Organisational Development; I Tiriana, Manager Council Communications; G Kieck, Manager, Corporate Strategy & Planning; M Hancock, Head of Investment and Development – RotoruaNZ; A Wilson, Chief Executive – RotoruaNZ (via audio visual); R Pitkethley, Manager – Active and Engaged Communities; J Elliott, Director- Events; S Brown, Manager – Culture, Heritage & Mahi Toi; G Konara, Governance Support Advisor.

The meeting opened at 9.30am

The Chair welcomed elected members, media, staff and members of the public.

EXTRACT

6. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI STAFF REPORTS

6.1 THE THREE WATERS “BE BETTER OFF” FUNDING APPLICATION UPDATE

RDC-1278916

Resolved:

1. That the report titled “The Three Waters “Be Better Off” Funding Application update” be received.

Moved: Mrs Trumper

Seconded: Mr Thomass

CARRIED

Jean-Paul Gaston overviewed the report and spoke to a presentation titled “3 Waters Funding Approach” (Attachment 1).

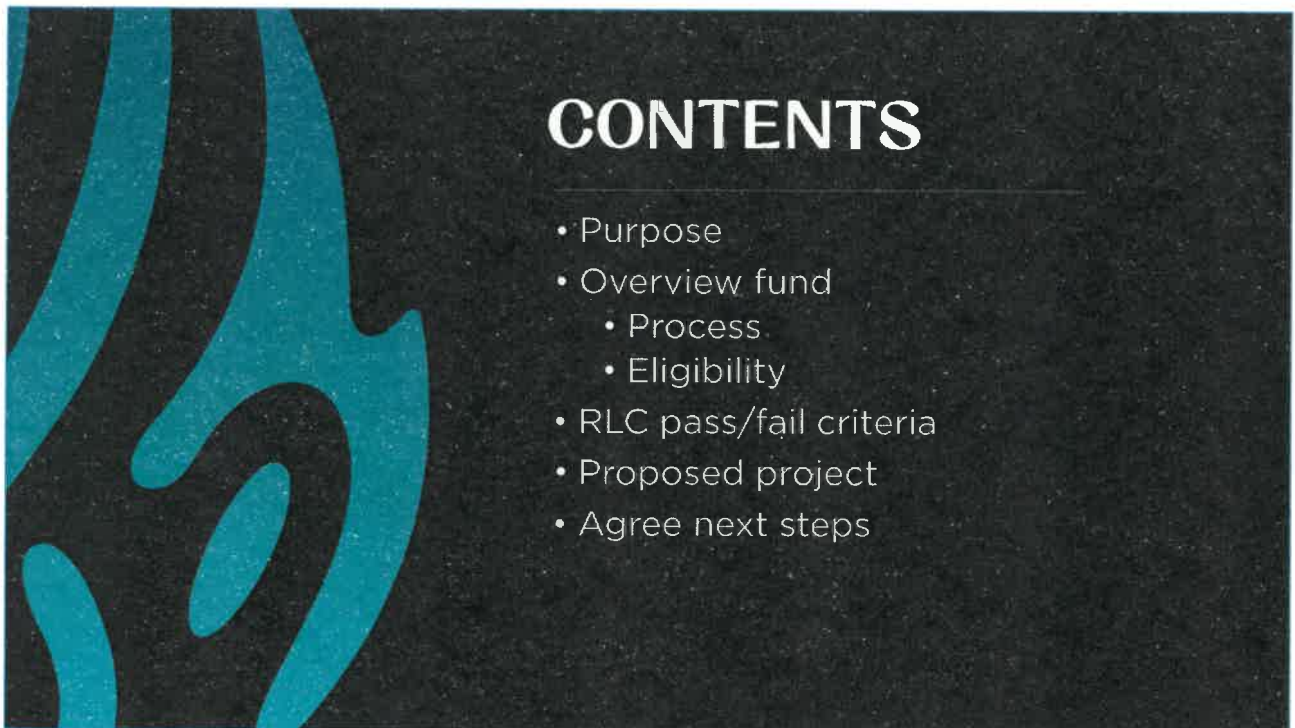
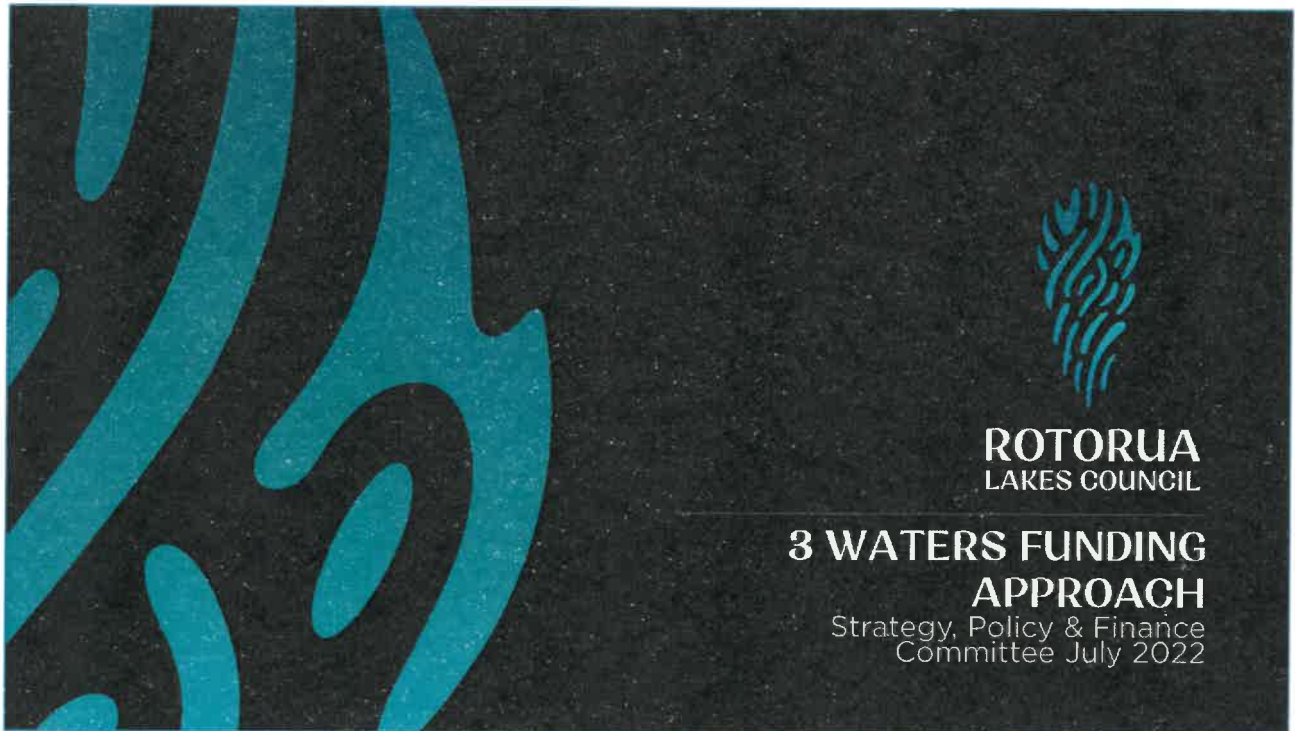
Further resolved:

2. That the Committee notes:
 - a. that Rotorua district is entitled to \$8.05m in the first tranche of the Three Waters “Be Better Off” fund.
 - b. that an application must be made by September 2022.
 - c. that making an application does not bind the council to support the Three Waters reform.
3. That the Committee recommends that Council supports making the application for funding to support the Aquatic Centre re-development (Stage 2 and 3).

Moved: Mayor Chadwick

Seconded: Cr Yates

CARRIED





PURPOSE

1. Overview the structure of the three waters “be better off” funding package including assessment criteria
2. Remind ourselves of RLC criteria
3. Agree application project

PROCESS

- Amount available assigned by formula – Total RLC: \$32.19m
 - Tranche 1 - \$8.05m - Sept '22
 - Tranche 2 - \$24.15m - July '24
- Process
 - Draft Funding Proposal to be submitted by 30th September 2022
 - Only 1 application can be made
 - Assessed by the Department of Internal Affairs vs. criteria
 - Outcome notified within 6 weeks
 - 7 years to use the funds, only cleared upon receipt of actual expenses

Note: Participation in the scheme does not oblige council to publicly support the Three Waters reform or prevent them from speaking out against it

FUND ELIGIBILITY AND PRIORITISATION CRITERIA

1. Eligibility:

- New projects and/or accelerate, scale-up and/or enhancement of existing
- 5 year or less duration of expenditure
- Supports the three waters service delivery reform objectives
- AND other local wellbeing outcomes
- AND aligns with the priorities of central and local government:
 - transition to a sustainable and low-emissions economy
 - enable housing development and growth
 - support local place-making and improvements in community well-being.



2. Prioritisation

- I. Value for money
- II. Strategic plans in place
- III. Has Iwi / Māori support
- IV. Delivery risk is low
- V. Community support



RLC SELECTION CRITERIA

5 pass/fail criteria based on RLC priorities and fund criteria for basic eligibility:

1. **Finish what we started:** *Prioritise in-flight projects - developing funding deficits*
 2. **Construction ready:** *Projects that have business plans in place*
 3. **Prioritise baseline outcomes:** *Concentrate on at risk 'baseline' (i.e. in-flight or existing commitments)*
 4. **Will not be transferred:** *Avoid investing in assets that will be transferred away as part of Three Waters programme*
 5. **Aligned with the 3 purposes for the Fund:** *Avoid wasting time and resources evaluating projects that are ineligible*
- If all 'pass' then move to prioritise based on remaining fund criteria



PROPOSED APPLICATION – AQUATIC CENTRE REFURBISHMENT

- Accelerate Stage 2 – Main Pool Hall & Front of House - Solution to shortfall
- Accelerate & enhance Stage 3 - Learn-to-swim pool, new hydro slides, new water play lido, new bombing pool, new café, fitness centre and upgrading of the spas

Project / Initiative	RLC Criteria (see opt paper for more detail)					Initial Eligibility Check - Fund Criteria - Must meet (High/Low) one or more of eligibility criteria			Alignment to Wellbeing Criteria (prior - 8, low - 1, Med - 2, High 3, V.High 5)									
	1 - Funds when we started	2 - Construction ready	3 - Priorities local/other outcomes	4 - Asset will not be transferred	Meet RLC Criteria	Criteria 1: Supporting communities to transition to a sustainable and low emissions economy	Criteria 2: Delivery of infrastructure and/or services that enable housing development and growth	Criteria 3: Delivery of infrastructure that supports improvements to community well-being	Initial Eligibility Score - Pass / Fail	Health & Wellbeing	Economic Prosperity	Environmental Wellbeing	Social Wellbeing	Cultural Wellbeing				
Aquatic centre stage 2 (roof & refurbishment)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	None	Low	V.High	Pass	Y	Y	High	Medium	V.High	V.High	Medium	None	Medium
Aquatic centre stage 3 enhancement	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	None	Low	V.High	Pass	Y	Y	High	Medium	V.High	V.High	Medium	None	Medium

532 (68%) of LTP (2021-31) reference to the Aquatic Centre.
75% were supportive of a full Aquatic Centre redevelopment.



AQUATIC CENTRE STAGES 2&3

- Most visited community facility – 336K
- 52% identified children & young people
- Activities for all ages – gym, aqua-jogging, lane-swimming
- Ability to increase events with wider economic benefits to Rotorua
- Letter of support from Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kearoa Ngāti Tuara



WELLBEING ASSESSMENT – REQUIRED IN APPLICATION

Initiative Description		Aquatic Centre Refurbishment – Stage 2 & 3
Better off funding criteria:		Wellbeing areas met:
Delivery of infrastructure that support improvements in community well-being		Social – Very High Economic – Medium
Wellbeing Outcomes:	How it is measured:	How outcome is reported:
Increased utilisation due to improved and extended services	Number of visitors to the aquatic centre per year	Quarterly Long Term Plan Performance Reporting
Increased customer satisfaction	Percentage of customers very/fairly satisfied with Aquatic Centre	Quarterly Long Term Plan Performance Reporting
Increased water confidence, water capability and safety around water	Number of lessons in Learn to Swim School programmes per term	Quarterly Long Term Plan Performance Reporting
Improved accessibility of Aquatic Centre services	Number of visitors with accessibility requirements	CLM monthly operational reporting
Improved health and safety when using the facility	Number (reduction) of reported incidents and/or near misses	CLM monthly operational reporting
Economic impact of increased services and events and enhanced reputation	Number of events held Revenue increase Number of jobs created	CLM monthly operational reporting



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NEXT STEPS

If the committee agrees with this approach –

- Next step will be to complete & submit application
- Decision expected 4-6 weeks post submission



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