

# OPEN Briefing on Community Funding Approach

**Date of Briefing: 2 June 2021 – 6.15pm**

## Attendees

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Elected Members: Mayor Barry, Deputy Mayor Lewis, Cr Briggs, Cr Brown, Cr Dyer, Cr Edwards, Cr Hislop, Cr Mitchell, Cr Shaw, Ms P Hanna, Mr A Voutratzis, Ms K Yung and Mr M Roberts

Staff: Ms J Miller, Chief Executive, Ms A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities, Mr K Puketapu-Dentice, Director Economy and Development, Mr M Boggs, Director Strategy and Engagement, Ms J Livschitz, Chief Financial Officer, Ms H Oram, Director Environment and Sustainability, Ms D Hunter, Community Advisor Funding and Community Contracts, Ms M Laban, Head of Community Hubs and Community Projects and Relationships, Mr J Pritchard, Principal Advisor Policy, Mr Barry Gall, Systems Strategist, Mr D Koenders, Manager Financial Strategy and Planning, Mr D Burt, Senior Advisor Climate and Sustainability (part meeting) and Ms K Glanville, Senior Democracy Advisor

## Apologies

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Elected Members: Crs Bassett and Sutton

## Absence

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Elected Members: Crs Milne and Rasheed

## Key Objectives of the Briefing

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The purpose of the briefing is for the Director Neighbourhoods and Communities to discuss the proposed community funding approach with elected members.

## Discussion

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- Slide 1 – **Re-setting the way we engage and work with communities... through community funding:** Through the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 officers are looking to reset the way Council engages and works with communities. This includes how the community funding approach can enable and contribute towards our people and city to thrive.
- Slide 2 – **What we looked at ...**
- Slide 3 – **We have done this by...**
- Slide 4 – **Current types of funding:** Council's current community funding strategy applies just to the green box – specifically two discretionary funds, Mauri Ora and Kakano. The strategy could be broadened to include some of the other funding streams. This would allow: more funding to be aligned to Council's current priorities; a less ad hoc approach to funding; and a more streamlined and digitised process.

- Slide 5 – **Engagement – key points:** An overview of the engagement undertaken to date was provided including background research and literature, public meetings and hui with mana whenua.
- Slide 6 – **Proposed approach – principles:** Outlines the principles shaping the approach.
- Slide 7 – **Proposed approach – delivery:** There is a need for consistency in the approach to allocating and reducing ad-hoc decisions.
- Slide 8 - **‘Community Funding’ proposed approach – priorities.**
- Slide 9 - **Possible community funding structure 2024 onwards:** It is important to get the right balance.
- Slide 10 - **Is this approach on the right track?**
- Slide 11 - **Diagram:** Should the illustration be applied to other existing funds?
- Slide 12 - **Timeline and next steps.**

## **Discussion**

The following was noted:

- officers were finalising a definition of ‘neighbourhoods’;
- the importance of considering small grass roots clubs that do not have people to champion them;
- options will be provided to the Communities Committee about how much funding goes into each category;
- officers will work alongside communities and organisations to assist with writing funding applications;
- Council will work in partnership with communities and organisations. The funding approach recognises the need to build strong relationships and collaboration and commit to supporting Council’s partners over the longer term, as well as being open to new ideas and flexible shorter-term funding to supporting our communities;
- assisting groups to access other forms of funding.

The Director Neighbourhoods and Communities advised that at this stage high level decisions were required. Following those decisions, officers would look at the detail. She added the principles could be applied to the community funding for this year. She said other funding would be unchanged and those categories could be considered as part of the Long Term Plan 2024/34.

## **Next Steps**

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- July 2021 – a paper to Communities Committee seeking approval of the new high level approach;
- September 2021 – a paper to Communities Committee approving Community Funding 2021/22 decisions;
- Mid 2022 – a paper to Communities Committee with options for 2023/24 Long Term Plan and transition plan

The briefing closed at 7.04pm

Attachment: Powerpoint Presentation