

Chairperson and Committee Members
OPERATIONS & FINANCE COMMITTEE

5 JULY 2018

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

LOAN OF KIWIRIDERS SCULPTURE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report seeks the Operations and Finance Committee's decision to accept or decline the offer of the KiwiRiders bronze sculpture as a temporary loan on public display for a period of not less than one year (from the date of installation).
- 2 If the Operations and Finance Committee decide to accept the offer, this report also seeks the Council's approval for installation of the sculpture at a recommended site on the grass berm on Marine Parade near the Tikotu Stream.

DELEGATION

- 3 The Operations & Finance Committee has delegated authority to consider this matter.

BACKGROUND

- 4 On 24 May 2014, the Public Art Panel was invited to consider purchasing the Kāpiti KiwiRiders sculpture for \$42,500 plus GST. The invitation came from Bee Doughty-Pratt of 'Scape Sculpture Park in Ōtaki, who was acting on behalf of the sculpture's artist (Will Clijssen). The sculpture was not purchased at this time.
- 5 The KiwiRiders sculpture depicts two children riding a stylised kiwi. It is a bronze casting, suitable for long-term installation in a coastal climate. It measures 3.2m(L) x 2.2m(H) x 1m(W) and weighs 400kg. The sculpture won a Gold NZ Sculpture Design Award in 2011. (See Appendix 1.)
- 6 On 19 January 2018, Bee Doughty-Pratt contacted the Mayor to offer the sculpture to the Council as a free loan, for installation on a long-term temporary basis. Due to the sale of the 'Scape Sculpture Park property, it was noted the sculpture was available immediately and needed to be relocated by 22 February 2018 at the latest.
- 7 On 21 February 2018, the KiwiRiders sculpture was uplifted from the 'Scape Sculpture Park. It is currently stored securely and at no charge at the Ōtaki Depot. The transfer and storage of the sculpture at this location has been noted with KCDC insurers, though it is recognised the material damage policy excess is set at \$50,000.
- 8 Council staff confirmed with Bee Doughty-Pratt and with Will Clijssen that the sculpture is offered as a free loan, for public display for a period of not less than

one year. The sculpture would remain for sale to the general public during the term of the loan, but a loan agreement would be prepared to ensure the sculpture would remain on public display for the full year, regardless of its sale or not during the display period.

- 9 The artist is available to assist with the relocation and installation of the sculpture, if required.
- 10 At the expiry of the loan period, if the sculpture had been purchased in the preceding year, Council staff would arrange for its relocation to the purchaser.
- 11 At the expiry of the loan period, if the sculpture had not been purchased in the preceding year, Council staff would prepare a report to Council to decide whether or not to purchase the sculpture. Depending on the outcome of this decision, the sculpture would either be acquired by the Council and remain permanently in situ, or the loan period would be extended until another purchaser were found.
- 12 All such scenarios would be made explicit in a loan agreement.
- 13 This offer represents the opportunity to fulfil an earlier intention to replace the de-accessioned Tui sculpture (removed from a site on MacLean Street, Paraparaumu Beach in 2012) with another artwork in the Paraparaumu Beach area.

EVALUATION OF THE OFFER

- 14 The offer was put to the Public Art Panel for consideration. The Panel's Terms of Reference state that their role is to "provide input into the Council's public art programme, including advising on.... External proposals, bequests, donations or loans of artwork for public spaces" (clause 11).
- 15 The Panel do not recommend accepting the offer of the KiwiRiders sculpture for the following reasons:
 - 15.1 The sculpture does not meet any of the criteria established in the Public Art Policy 2013 (pp. 3-4), against which a public artwork offered for loan, donation or bequest is assessed;
 - 15.2 In particular, this sculpture does not offer anything of special note to Kāpiti, and does not have a sensitive connection to the environment;
 - 15.3 While the materials and workmanship of the sculpture are of good quality, the Panel is not convinced of its overall quality: the 'whole' does not come together with conceptual coherence; the message of the artwork is muddled and ambiguous, the artist's intent is not clear, and this is a problematic ambiguity which weakens the force of the artwork.
- 16 With regard to the intention to replace the de-accessioned Tui sculpture with the KiwiRiders sculpture, the Panel noted that:
 - 16.1 This intention is achieved through the MacLean Park public art programme, whereby the artist Kereama Taepa has been selected by the Public Art Panel to develop and install public artwork(s) in MacLean Park;

16.2 A different artwork might be more suitable for display in a public space in the Paraparaumu Beach area.

- 17 The Paraparaumu-Raumati Community Board has also considered this offer and do recommend accepting it, as a replacement artwork for the de-accessioned Tui sculpture.

OPTIONS

- 18 If the Operations and Finance Committee decides to accept the offer of the KiwiRiders sculpture as a temporary loan on public display, a site for installation will need to be identified, assessed and made ready.
- 19 Council staff have identified and assessed two potential sites in the Paraparaumu Beach area that will safely accommodate the installation of this large sculpture.
- 20 Both identified potential sites would require some engineering work to provide a level surface, as well as concrete bedding, to ensure the safe and secure installation of the sculpture.

Option 1 (Preferred)

- 21 Option 1 is the grass berm on Marine Parade near Tikotu Stream (see Appendix 2).
- 22 There are no traffic safety, visibility or accessibility hazards posed, and the public can safely access and interact with the sculpture in this site.
- 23 “Stride ‘N Ride” improvements, currently being implemented at this site, provide an opportunity for enhanced access to the sculpture, if it were to be installed here.

Option 2

- 24 Option 2 is the grass berm on corner MacLean Street and Kāpiti Road (see Appendix 3).
- 25 There are no traffic safety, visibility or accessibility hazards posed, and the public can safely access and interact with the sculpture in this site.
- 26 The site would need to be modified, including the removal of the large phoenix palm currently in situ, to provide adequate space to accommodate the sculpture.
- 27 Given the proposed installation of the sculpture is only temporary at this stage, Council officers prefer option 1.
- 28 The Paraparaumu-Raumati Community Board also prefers option 1.

CONSIDERATIONS

Policy considerations

- 29 The Public Art Policy (2013) establishes the criteria against which a public artwork offered for loan, donation or bequest is assessed. The Public Art Panel has assessed the KiwiRiders artwork against these criteria.

Legal considerations

30 There are no legal considerations.

Financial considerations

31 If the Operations and Finance Committee decides to accept the offer of the KiwiRiders sculpture as a temporary loan on public display at either proposed site described above, budget would be required to cover engineering works and installation costs. There is sufficient allocation in the Public Art Acquisitions budget to support these costs.

32 Additional funding would be required if the Council decided to purchase the sculpture in the future.

Tāngata whenua considerations

33 Te Atiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust has been consulted regarding the recommended site (option 1) for installation of the sculpture, and agrees with this recommendation.

Degree of significance

34 This matter has a low level of significance under Council policy.

Consultation already undertaken

35 The Paraparaumu-Raumati Community Board has been consulted on this matter.

Engagement planning

36 An engagement plan is not needed to implement this decision.

Publicity

37 If the Operations and Finance Committee decides to accept the offer of the KiwiRiders sculpture as a temporary loan on public display, a communications plan informing the community would be developed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

38 That the Operations and Finance Committee decides to accept or decline the offer of the KiwiRiders sculpture as a temporary loan on public display for a period of not less than one year (from the date of installation).

39 If the Operations and Finance Committee decide to accept the offer of the KiwiRiders sculpture as a temporary loan, that the Council approve its installation at option 1 (Marine Parade berm) as detailed in Appendix 2.

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APPENDIX 1

The KiwiRiders sculpture is a bronze casting, suitable for long-term installation in a coastal climate, and has been strengthened throughout with stainless steel. It measures L3.2m x H2.2m x W1m and weighs 400kg. It can be installed into a concrete footing, with or without plinth and with or without an exposed shaft depending on the site chosen and the effect desired.



APPENDIX 2

Site Option 1 - Grass Berm on Marine Parade near Tikotu Stream

(Blue arrow shows proposed site for the KiwiRiders sculpture)



APPENDIX 3

Site Option 2 - Grass Berm on corner MacLean Street and Kāpiti Road

(Green arrow shows former site of Tui sculpture; blue arrow shows proposed site for the KiwiRiders sculpture)

