

Chairperson and Subcommittee Members
GRANT ALLOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

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Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

REPORT BACK ON THE LITTLE GREENIE BUILDING EDUCATION PROJECT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 The purpose of this report is to report progress on the Little Greenie Building Education project and seek approval for further funding in 2013-14.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 This report does not trigger the Council's Significance Policy.

BACKGROUND

- 3 At its meeting of 29 November 2012, the Council considered the proposal to fund the Little Greenie Building Education project \$50,000 per year for 5 years. It resolved (Resolution KCDC 12/11/291 refers):

That the Council approves the release of a grant of \$50,000 for 2012/13 to the Little Greenie project for use in the education component of the project for the 2012/2013 year;

That the Council re-confirms in-principle support for allocation of \$50,000 per year for five years to the Little Greenie education programme and directs that future release of subsequent grants up to \$50,000 per year for four years be formally considered by the Grants Allocation Subcommittee on an annual basis.

- 4 As reported previously this project is to promote healthier, more energy efficient and sustainable housing stock in New Zealand and to develop local business and trades training opportunities in Kāpiti around the concept. The Little Greenie project includes two main components – the build of a demonstration 2-3 bedroom Little Greenie house on the Kāpiti Coast and the implementation of a range of educational activities aimed at up skilling the construction sector. The project is run by a partnership comprising Lawrence MacIntyre and the Hikurangi Foundation. The project is proposed to run for five years and the Little Greenie House will be sold to recover the costs of the project.
- 5 The Little Greenie Building Education project supports the Council's economic development objectives through:
 - positioning the District in relation to innovative trades training in conjunction with WelTec and the Clean Technology Centre;
 - potential for locally based apprentices with an extended skill set to achieve employment;

- adding to the District's profile around clean technology innovation;
- providing the local construction sector with a value add product which has a proven lower life cycle cost than conventional buildings.

CONSIDERATIONS

- 6 Attached as Appendix One is a report from Little Greenie Building Education which sets out the progress made in 2012-13 and outlines action for 2013-14.
- 7 Key achievements for 2012-13 include:
 - formally establishing the entity 'Little Greenie Building Education' to run the project (see Appendix One for more information on the overall project and the team involved in the project);
 - securing a partnership with Weltec which has led to the Weltec carpentry teaching programme based at the Clean Tech Centre in Ōtaki using an upgraded design for its relocatable house utilising Little Greenie design principles. The course is now running with 14 students;
 - selecting a site for the Little Greenie demonstration house and negotiating an agreement with the landowner;
 - establishing the infrastructure to support the next stages of the project, for example, building a website and preparing a media engagement strategy (further work required).
- 8 In 2013-14, it is proposed that the key deliverables include:
 - completion of development of website and media engagement strategy;
 - successful completion of the Weltec carpentry course, together with evaluation and improvements for the 2014 year;
 - investigation of expanding the Little Greenie design into the full Weltec carpentry and construction programme;
 - finalising design of the demonstration house and start construction in February/March 2014;
 - starting skills transfer to the local construction sector by hiring a local builder to work with Lawrence MacIntyre on the build of the demonstration house;
 - starting the educational outreach programme with a series of no less than six open days;
 - capitalising on other educational and publicity opportunities as they may arise.
- 9 Further detail is provided in the report in Appendix One.
- 10 The Little Greenie Building Education team has made good progress in 2012-13. Establishment of the Weltec carpentry course is a key achievement and core to the educational outcomes from this project. Identifying a site for the demonstration home and reaching agreement with the land owner on the use of that land is a key achievement and critical to the project moving forward. In addition, considerable work has gone into establishing relationships and

generating commitment to the project which is essential for the next four years to be successful. It is recommended that the Council continue to fund this project.

Financial Considerations

- 11 Funding was approved through the 2012 Long Term Plan from the economic development and supporting environmental sustainability budgets.

Legal Considerations

- 12 There are no legal issues.

Delegation

- 13 The Council's decision of 29 November 2012 (Paragraph three refers) identifies this Committee as the appropriate body for making decisions with respect to further funding of this project.

Consultation

- 14 There are no consultation requirements at this time.

Policy Implications

- 15 There are no policy considerations at this time.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 16 There are no particular Tāngata whenua considerations at this time. However, every effort will be made to involve Tāngata whenua as the project progresses.

Publicity Considerations

- 17 The Little Greenie Building Education team is preparing a media strategy which will be implemented as the project progresses.
- 18 From July 2013, the Weltec relocatable house will be at the stage of build where open days can be held to showcase the Little Greenie building techniques and will offer other publicity opportunities.
- 19 The Council will take every opportunity to assist with this through its own communications work.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 20 That the Sub-Committee notes the Little Greenie Building Education end of year report as attached in Appendix One to SP-13-912.
- 21 That the Sub-Committee approves the release of a \$50,000 grant for the 2013-14 year for the educational component of the Little Greenie Building Education project.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix 1: Kāpiti Little Greenie: End of year report July 2012 – June 2013