

Chairperson and Committee Members
CORPORATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

9 OCTOBER 2014

Meeting Status: **Public Excluded**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

PARAPARAUMU RSA - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

- 1 The reason for this report being considered in Public Excluded is:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Request for financial assistance	Section 7(2)(b)(ii) – would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	Section 48(1)(a) - that the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2 This report seeks the Committee's approval of an extraordinary grant to the Paraparaumu RSA.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 3 The Council's Significance Policy is not triggered.

BACKGROUND

- 4 Paraparaumu RSA is seeking an urgent, extraordinary, one off grant of \$10,000 to help meet current financial commitments and keep the club solvent. The RSA is currently experiencing low membership levels and has recently been unable to operate as a function centre for a period of time until compliance issues had been addressed. Both these factors have had a significant effect on the club's revenue. The situation has been compounded by an unexpected need for urgent repair of the roof.
- 5 The Executive Committee of the RSA is determined to keep the club operating and has reluctantly approached the Council for assistance to keep the club viable as the centenary events for the First World War start to occur.

CONSIDERATIONS

First World War Centenary

- 6 2014 marks 100 years since the start of the First World War and throughout the centenary (2014-2018) there will be a national programme of commemorative events, cultural activity and education to honour and remember the lives of those who served in and were affected by the war. The centenary of the First World War offers a unique opportunity for communities to understand, remember and recognise the debt owed to those who served.
- 7 The Council is coordinating a number of activities in the community and the RSA will play a lead role in both Armistice Day in 2014 and Anzac Day in 2015. The RSA has formally invited the Council to nominate a representative to join its Commemorative and Ceremonial Sub-Committee to partner with the RSA in the planning and execution of Armistice and ANZAC Day commemorations. The expectation is that the Council and RSA will work together in planning the events and will ensure a high level of professionalism.

Armistice Day – 11 November 2014

- 8 Historically, the RSA has staged low-key commemorations, essentially for members and guests, at the Memorial Gates. This year, for the first time, the RSA will promote public participation for each Armistice Day over the next four years as a contribution to the World War One commemorations. While the services are much shorter and smaller in scale than for ANZAC Day, the increase in public participation will raise the profile of the event.

ANZAC DAY – 25 April 2015

- 9 This will be a much larger event than normal. It is likely that, between Government promotional activity and the work of the World War One Centenary Project, public awareness will have been heightened to the point where there are significant numbers attending events across the country. While the RSA will organise the programme, the Council will have input to ensure its interests are managed and that there are appropriate and adequate plans for traffic control and management of the crowd. The refurbishment of the Memorial Gates will be completed well in advance of April.

Legal Considerations

- 10 There are no legal considerations.

Delegation

- 11 The Committee has the authority to make this decision under Section B.3 of the Governance Structure and Delegations, approved 24 July 2014:

“7.2 Authority to re-allocate funding already provided by the Council as part of the Annual Budget process provided that the re-allocation of funds does not increase overall monies committed in the budget and is consistent with the existing LTP strategic and policy framework.”

Consultation

- 12 No consultation is required.

Policy Implications

- 13 There are no policy implications. Subject to the Committee's approval, this would be an extraordinary grant to help the Paraparaumu RSA meet its financial commitments and fulfil its role during the significant programme of commemorative events marking the centenary of World War One.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 14 There are no tāngata whenua issues.

Publicity Considerations

- 15 Any publicity on this decision by either the Council or the RSA should be agreed with the other party before its release.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 16 That the Committee:

Either

- 16.1 Agrees to grant the Paraparaumu RSA an extraordinary, one off grant of \$10,000 to support the club in 2014/15 as set out in this report CS-14-1348.

Or

- 16.2 Declines the Paraparaumu RSA's request for an extraordinary, one off grant of \$10,000.

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