

Minutes of the decision regarding Tehei Heretaunga (including the Hawke's Bay Opera House, Municipal Buildings and Civic Square), held on December 17, 2015.

5. HAWKES BAY OPERA HOUSE PROJECT (Document 15/1296)

Circulated at the meeting was a report from the Independent Working Party titled "Hawke's Bay Opera House and CBD Investment Project" (PRJ15-17- 0042) together with a copy of a document titled "Review of IWP Options" (PRJ15-17-0042).

The report included recommendations from the Independent Working Party (IWP).

Mr Kirby gave a powerpoint presentation (PRJ15-17-0044) providing an overview of the Independent Working Party (IWP) deliberations and the conclusions the Group had reached.

Mr Kirby also outlined the vision of Tihei Heretaunga and how it would work.

The IWP agreed that there are really only two choices for the earthquake-prone Hawke's Bay Opera House; strengthen it or demolish it.

For the Municipal Building the IWP recommended more work be undertaken on determining an optimal use for the building before any investment decision was made.

In respect of Civic Square the IWP recommended that the concept plans developed to date be revisited in light of the Tihei Heretaunga vision.

Full public consultation would be held in February 2016 on the detailed plan for CG-13-1-01056 3 the work on the Opera House, also outlining a longer term vision for a culturemercial hub, linking the opera house, Municipal Buildings and Civic Square.

Officers to prepare a report and special consultative documents for the Council meeting to be held on 28 January 2016.

Revised recommendations were circulated at the meeting (CG-13-1-01070).

Mayor Yule/Councillor Bowers

A) That the update report from Holmes Consulting Group entitled "The Hawkes Bay Opera House and Municipal Building Strengthening – Outline Preliminary Design Report" be received.

B) That the report from the Chair of the Independent Working Party (Mr R Kirby) titled "Hawkes Bay Opera House and CBD Investment Project – Independent Working Party Report" be received.

C) That Council recommend, as part of its Statement of Proposal, to strengthen the Hawke's Bay Opera House as Stage One of the Culturalmercial Precinct and that the final decision be made in March 2016 following the Special Consultative process.

D) That officers are instructed to report back to the Council meeting dated 28 January 2016 with draft consultation material containing:

I. An outline of the Tihei Heretaunga vision for the Hastings City Centre Culturemercial Precinct;

II. An outline of the options and costs for strengthening the Opera House Theatre and the Council's preferred proposal (based on the Holmes Consulting Group 70-75% strengthening

schema) as the first anchor development project for the revitalisation of the Hastings City Centre Culturemercial Precinct;

III. An outline of the options and costs for the permanent covering of the Opera House Plaza area;

IV. An update on work to date on options for the Municipal Building, and the Council's intention to further investigate suitable uses for the building and their viability before presenting these to the community;

V. The Council's intention to reassess previous concept planning for Civic Square as a multi-purpose cultural hub to align with the broadened scope of the Tihei Heretaunga vision, with the proviso that no decision as to implementation is made at this time;

VI. The Council's own funding limit on its contribution to the Tihei Heretaunga vision be contained within the current capital and operational budgetary provisions within the CG-13-1-01056 4 Councils 2015-2025 Long Term Plan (i.e. no more than \$20 million capex on all projects).

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to meeting the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure in a way that is most cost-effective for households and business by: i) Meeting the community's aspirations in a way which is efficient and effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances CARRIED

COUNCILLOR BRADSHAW RECORDED HIS VOTE AGAINST THE MOTION

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