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**Chairperson and Members
Executive Committee**

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on:

Monday 23 June 2008 commencing at 10.00am.

B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive

**THE TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT THIS
AGENDA REMAINS EMBARGOED UNTIL COMMENCEMENT OF
THE MEETING**

**Agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of the
Taranaki Regional Council to be held in the Taranaki
Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on
Monday 23 June 2008 at 10.00 am.**



Councillors

D N MacLeod
R F H Maxwell
N W Walker

In Attendance

Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
	M J Nield	(Director - Corporate Services)
Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)

Apologies

Councillor D L Lean

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23 June 2008

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Memorandum to Chairperson and Members Executive Committee

Financial and Operational Report

Purpose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to receive information on the operational and financial performance of the Council and to confirm the use of the Council's Common Seal.

Background

2. The Council produces a Monthly Financial Report outlining the financial performance for the month and year to date. This memorandum supports the Monthly Financial Report by providing additional supporting operational and financial information. The Council operates its Common Seal under delegated authority. Part of that delegated authority is the reporting back of all Seal transactions.

Financial report

3. Attached is the Monthly Financial Report for April 2008. The financial results so far are good and in line with the *2007/2008 Annual Plan*. Notable financial variances to date are:
 - Policy and planning under budget \$108,582—time spent on other areas, in particular transport planning services.
 - Consent processing and administration over budget by \$96,547 due to higher than planned levels of activity. Compliance monitoring and pollutions incidents are under budget.
 - Land management is over budget by \$80,718 due to deposits on this year's riparian plant purchasing programme and costs associated with the new nursery.
 - River control and flood protection under budget by \$63,995. There are significant maintenance works being undertaken in the first half of 2008.
 - Land transport planning over budget by \$58,505 – higher than planned levels of work with trials and tender.
 - Environmental enhancement grants under budget by \$69,473. The level of activity is lower than anticipated.

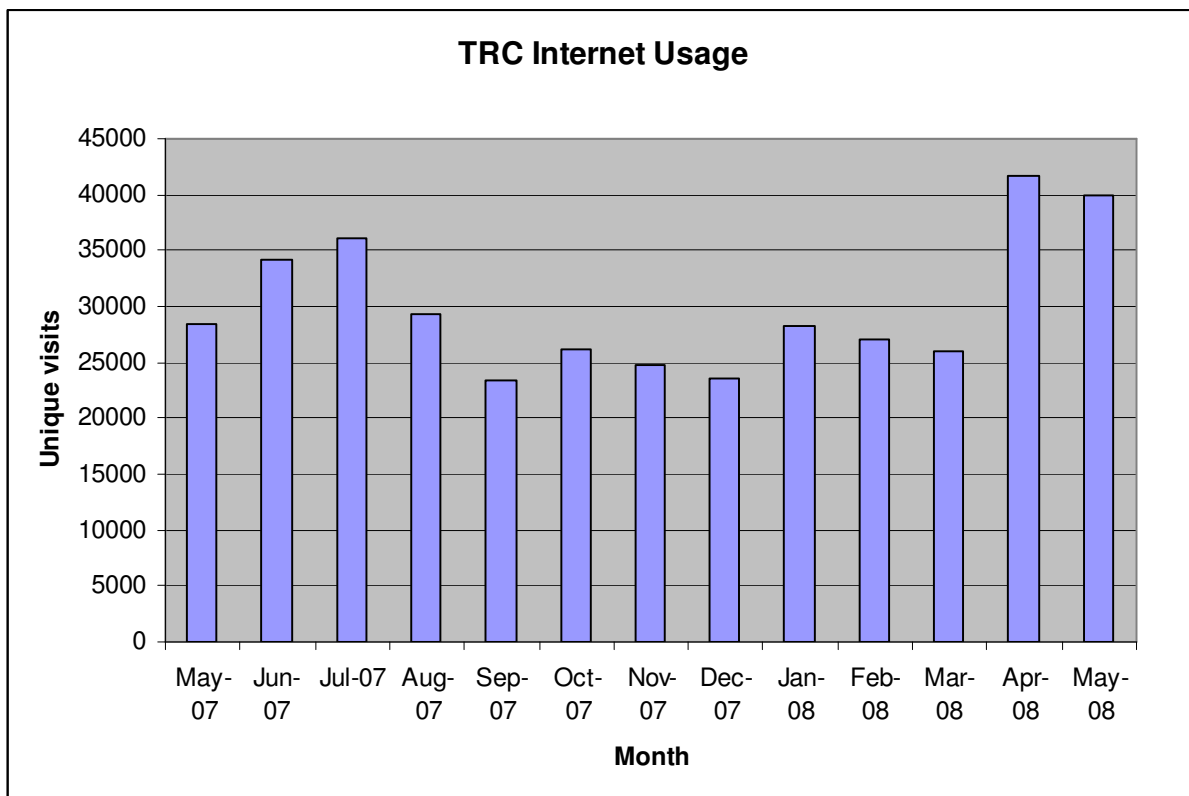
- Regional gardens under budget by \$107,819. Implementation of the asset management plans will increase expenditure over the second half of the 2007/2008 year.

Operational report

4. Operationally, all programmes are currently on target with the planned levels of activity established in the *2007/2008 Annual Plan*.

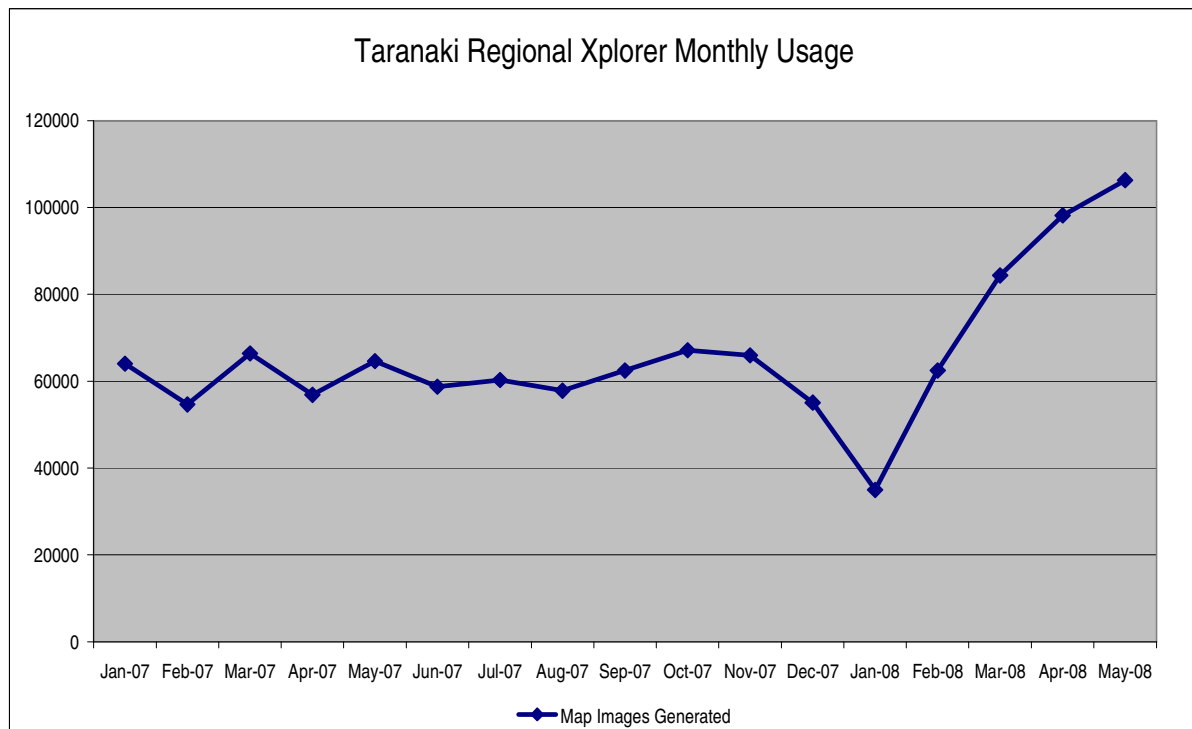
Internet usage—March-May 2008

5. April and May 2008 saw a marked rise in the number of distinct visits to www.trc.govt.nz – from 26,073 in March to 41,661 (a record high) in April and 39,942 in May.
6. As illustrated in the graph below, monthly totals until now have generally fallen in or just below the 25,000-30,000 band. The previous record high was 36,057 in July 2007 (following the tornado events).



7. The big rise in visits in April and May 2008 can confidently be attributed to increased interest in and awareness of the website’s live weather data, especially in light of the summer drought and subsequently two big rainfall events.
8. Live weather data pages accounted for five of the top 10 most visited pages in March, six in April and six in May.
9. Other pages consistently in the top 10 include the Home Page, the Taranaki Regional Xplorer portal page, the News Release page, the Job Vacancy pages, and the Contact Us page.
10. PDF downloads are also increasing: 33,447 in March, 39,698 in April and 46,528 in May.

11. A wide variety of material is downloaded but documents consistently featuring in the top 10 include the Walkways and Cycleways Strategy, the Regional Land Transport Strategy, a guide to looking after household sewerage systems, the proposed Regional Policy Statement and the Chimney Height appendix to the Regional Air Quality Plan. At least one Technical Report is generally also among the top 10 each month.
12. The Council conducted a public survey in April seeking opinions on the best times for planned new commuter bus services. Views were sought on-line and hard copies of survey forms were also distributed via NPDC Libraries. A total of 87 usable on-line responses were received, more than twice the number of questionnaire forms returned via the libraries.
13. Taranaki Regional Xplorer had 98,200 unique visits in April 2008 and 106,000 in May 2008. A 15-month analysis of map requests from the Xplorer site is detailed below. The recent increase in use is related to the deployment of the new regional aerial photography.



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Common Seal

14. The following documents were signed under seal during the period to 23 June 2008:
 - 2008/01 Memorandum of Encumbrance. EC O'Sullivan & EJ Lobb - Lts 1-3 DP16452 BLKIV Mimi SD
 - 2008/02 Deed of Grant of Funds – Department of Conservation – Biodiversity Condition Fund – Umuteki Bush Covenants
 - 2008/03 Renewal of lease 343414 – KA Terry and AR Richards – Lot 16 DP 9392
 - 2008/04 Consent to registration of a transfer - lease 343414 – KA Terry and AR Richards – Lot 16 DP 9392

Decision-making obligations

15. Part 6 (Planning, decision-making and accountability) of the Local Government Act 2002 has been considered and documented in the preparation of this agenda item. The recommendations made in this item comply with the decision-making obligations of the Act.

Policy considerations

16. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the Local Government Act 2002, the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Financial considerations

17. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Council Community Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Legal considerations

18. This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.

Recommendations

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum and adopts the Monthly Financial Report for April 2008
2. notes the Common Seal has been affixed to the following documents:
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BG Chamberlain
Chief Executive

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Executive summary

Overall April 2008 resulted in an operating deficit of \$150,353 less than was budgeted.

Statement of financial performance

Total operating expenditure for the month was \$36,488 less than was budgeted for. Total operating revenue for the month was \$113,865 more than was budgeted for.

Statement of financial position

The key variances are:

Current assets.	Higher than planned call account balances and lower than planned Trade and other receivables
Non current assets.	Below budget due lower than planned investments. Investment property revaluations occur at the end of 2007/2008.
Current liabilities.	Trade and other payables and Employee entitlements are lower than forecast.
Non current liabilities.	Employee entitlements are lower than forecast.
Public Equity.	There are significant variances between the classes of public equity resulting from the implementation of New Zealand International Financial Reporting Standards.

Statement of cash flows

Higher than planned call account balances has resulted in the closing cash balance being over budget.

Cost of service statements

These cost of service statements summarise the activities and groups of activities approved in the Long-Term Council Community Plan.

Policy and planning

	Actual \$	Month Budget \$	Variance \$	Actual \$	YTD Budget \$	Variance \$	2007/08 LTCCP \$
Expenditure							
Statutory policies, plans and strategies	33,818	43,316	9,498	401,260	458,153	56,893	560,111
Advocacy and response	1,386	8,102	6,716	34,553	86,242	51,689	105,291
Total expenditure	35,204	51,418	16,214	435,813	544,395	108,582	665,402
Revenue							
Direct charges	0	38	(38)	0	380	(380)	450
Total revenue	0	38	(38)	0	380	(380)	450
Net cost of service	35,204	51,380	16,176	435,813	544,015	108,202	664,952
Funded by:							
General funds	35,204	51,380	16,176	435,813	544,015	108,202	664,952
Total funding	35,204	51,380	16,176	435,813	544,015	108,202	664,952

Civil defence emergency management

	Actual \$	Month Budget \$	Variance \$	Actual \$	YTD Budget \$	Variance \$	2007/08 LTCCP \$
Expenditure							
Civil defence emergency management	31,353	32,942	1,589	353,150	355,094	1,944	430,275
Total expenditure	31,353	32,942	1,589	353,150	355,094	1,944	430,275
Revenue							
Direct charges	0	0	0	179,018	150,689	28,329	200,918
Government grants	21,484	0	21,484	21,484	33,000	(11,516)	33,000
Total revenue	21,484	0	21,484	200,502	183,689	16,813	233,918
Net cost of services	9,869	32,942	23,073	152,647	171,405	18,758	196,357
Funded by:							
General funds	9,869	32,942	23,073	152,647	171,405	18,758	196,357
Total funding	9,869	32,942	23,073	152,647	171,405	18,758	196,357

Cost of service statements—continued

Resource consents

	Month			YTD			2007/08 LTCCP \$
	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	
Expenditure							
Consent processing and administration	72,942	56,318	(16,624)	705,752	609,205	(96,547)	740,903
Compliance monitoring programmes	139,879	141,596	1,717	1,440,236	1,512,436	72,200	1,844,355
Pollution incidents & response	39,923	34,333	(5,590)	281,633	365,758	84,125	446,970
Total expenditure	252,744	232,247	(20,497)	2,427,622	2,487,399	59,777	3,032,228
Revenue							
Direct charges	185,743	164,252	21,491	1,588,903	1,642,520	(53,617)	1,971,041
Total revenue	185,743	164,252	21,491	1,588,903	1,642,520	(53,617)	1,971,041
Net cost of services	67,001	67,995	994	838,719	844,879	6,160	1,061,187
Funded by:							
General funds	67,001	67,995	994	838,719	844,879	6,160	1,061,187
Total funding	67,001	67,995	994	838,719	844,879	6,160	1,061,187

Land management

	Month			YTD			2007/08 LTCCP \$
	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	
Expenditure							
Sustainable land management plans	88,313	75,838	(12,475)	832,674	809,278	(23,396)	989,995
General advice and facilitation	28,438	34,835	6,397	426,159	368,837	(57,322)	1,166,124
Total expenditure	116,752	110,673	(6,079)	1,258,833	1,178,115	(80,718)	2,156,119
Revenue							
Direct charges	291	3,521	(3,230)	33,599	35,210	(1,611)	792,250
Total revenue	291	3,521	(3,230)	33,599	35,210	(1,611)	792,250
Net cost of services	116,461	107,152	(9,309)	1,225,234	1,142,905	(82,329)	1,363,869
Funded by:							
General funds	116,461	107,152	(9,309)	1,225,234	1,142,905	(82,329)	1,363,869
Total funding	116,461	107,152	(9,309)	1,225,234	1,142,905	(82,329)	1,363,869

Cost of service statements—continued

River control and flood protection

	Month			YTD			2007/08 LTCCP \$
	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	
River control schemes	9,545	14,792	5,247	136,800	147,920	11,120	177,500
Advice minor works flood response	15,761	27,218	11,457	227,847	280,722	52,875	340,595
Total expenditure	25,306	42,010	16,704	364,647	428,642	63,995	518,095
Revenue							
Targeted rates	0	0	0	133,875	133,875	0	178,500
Direct charges	8,271	4,167	4,104	48,879	41,670	7,209	50,000
Total Revenue	8,271	4,167	4,104	182,754	175,545	7,209	228,500
Net cost of services	17,035	37,843	20,808	181,893	253,097	71,204	289,595
Funded by:							
Transfer (to)/from reserves	14,254	21,707	7,453	3,446	85,761	82,315	86,179
General funds	2,781	16,136	13,355	178,447	167,336	(11,111)	203,416
Total funding	17,035	37,843	20,808	181,893	253,097	71,204	289,595

Land transport and harbour management

	Month			YTD			2007/08 LTCCP \$
	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	
Expenditure							
Land transport planning	40,656	15,300	(25,356)	219,375	160,870	(58,505)	196,284
Passenger transport	83,368	89,716	6,348	931,733	926,759	(4,974)	1,180,724
Harbour management	0	206	206	25,500	27,060	1,560	27,469
Total expenditure	124,024	105,222	(18,802)	1,176,608	1,114,689	(61,919)	1,404,477
Revenue							
Targeted rates	0	0	0	180,188	180,187	1	240,250
Direct charges	0	1,417	(1,417)	19,021	14,170	4,851	17,000
Government grants	38,696	0	38,696	493,672	274,876	218,796	615,750
Total revenue	38,696	1,417	37,279	692,881	469,233	223,648	873,000
Net cost of services	85,327	103,805	18,478	483,727	645,456	161,729	531,477
Funded by:							
General funds	85,327	103,805	18,478	483,727	645,456	161,729	531,477
Total funding	85,327	103,805	18,478	483,727	645,456	161,729	531,477

Cost of service statements—continued

Resource investigations, monitoring and enhancement

	Month			YTD			2007/08 LTCCP \$
	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	
Expenditure							
State of environment monitoring	57,754	71,266	13,512	720,959	758,012	37,053	924,788
Resource investigations and projects	28,145	24,722	(3,423)	305,364	259,055	(46,309)	314,182
Environmental enhancement grants	8,425	13,061	4,636	94,081	163,554	69,473	191,737
Waste minimisation	8,758	10,123	1,365	81,593	110,320	28,727	132,232
Total expenditure	103,082	119,172	16,090	1,201,996	1,290,941	88,945	1,562,939
Revenue							
Direct charges	0	0	0	37,967	37,500	467	50,000
Total revenue	0	0	0	37,967	37,500	467	50,000
Net cost of services	103,082	119,172	16,090	1,164,029	1,253,441	89,412	1,512,939
Funded by:							
General funds	103,082	119,172	16,090	1,164,029	1,253,441	89,412	1,512,939
Total funding	103,082	119,172	16,090	1,164,029	1,253,441	89,412	1,512,939

Pest management

	Month			YTD			2007/08 LTCCP \$
	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	
Expenditure							
Pest animal management	120,351	142,822	22,471	1,260,881	1,296,176	35,295	1,620,202
Pest plant management	32,146	29,970	(2,176)	301,115	318,406	17,291	389,097
Total expenditure	152,497	172,792	20,295	1,561,996	1,614,582	52,586	2,009,299
Revenue							
Direct charges	27,097	6,516	20,581	89,765	65,160	24,605	78,200
Government grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total revenue	27,097	6,516	20,581	89,765	65,160	24,605	78,200
Net cost of services	125,400	166,276	40,876	1,472,231	1,549,422	77,191	1,931,099
Funded by:							
General funds	125,400	166,276	40,876	1,472,231	1,549,422	77,191	1,931,099
Total funding	125,400	166,276	40,876	1,472,231	1,549,422	77,191	1,931,099

Cost of service statements—continued

Recreation, culture and heritage

	Month			YTD			2007/08 LTCCP \$
	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	
Expenditure							
Yarrow Stadium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Regional gardens	54,346	65,942	11,596	638,107	745,926	107,819	897,467
Total expenditure	54,346	65,942	11,596	638,107	745,926	107,819	897,467
Revenue							
Direct charges	495	416	79	9,503	4,160	5,343	5,000
Targeted rates	0	0	0	265,323	265,860	(537)	354,479
Total revenue	495	416	79	274,826	270,020	4,806	359,479
Net cost of services	53,851	65,526	11,675	363,281	475,906	112,625	537,988
Funded by:							
Transfer (to)/from retained earnings	0	0	0	(265,323)	(265,860)	(537)	(354,479)
General funds	53,851	65,526	11,675	628,604	741,766	113,162	892,467
Total funding	53,851	65,526	11,675	363,281	475,906	112,625	537,988

Regional representation, information and investments

	Month			YTD			2007/08 LTCCP \$
	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	
Allocations from departments							
Public information	7,490	12,063	4,573	277,489	277,836	348	306,348
Investment management	0	500	500	3,846	5,000	1,154	6,000
Representation	63,809	58,114	(5,695)	645,399	620,811	(24,588)	756,080
Net cost of services	71,299	70,677	(622)	926,734	903,647	(23,087)	1,068,428
Funded by:							
Direct charges	70	0	(70)	739	0	(739)	0
General Funds	71,229	70,677	(552)	925,995	903,647	(22,348)	1,068,428
Total funding	71,299	70,677	(622)	926,734	903,647	(23,087)	1,068,428
Investment revenue							
Dividends	0	0	0	1,800,132	1,600,000	200,132	1,600,000
Interest revenue	101,772	88,585	13,187	981,027	885,850	95,177	1,063,026
Rent	38,357	39,500	(1,143)	455,546	445,000	10,546	524,000
Other investment revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	39,000
Total investment revenue	140,129	128,085	12,044	3,236,705	2,930,850	305,855	3,226,026
Allocated to:							
Interest transferred to reserve funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	24,878
Transfer to significant activities	210,804	341,661	(130,857)	2,938,016	3,396,844	(458,828)	4,020,367
Retained earnings	(70,675)	(213,576)	142,901	298,689	(465,994)	764,683	(819,219)
Total allocations	140,129	128,085	12,044	3,236,705	2,930,850	305,855	3,226,026

Statement of financial performance

This statement summarises performance against budget (as established in the Long-Term Council Community Plan) for the month and for the year to date.

	Month			YTD			2007/08 LTCCP
	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance	
Cost of services							
Policy and planning	35,204	51,418	16,214	435,813	544,395	108,582	665,402
Civil defence emergency management	31,353	32,942	1,589	353,150	355,094	1,944	430,275
Resource consents	252,744	232,247	(20,497)	2,427,622	2,487,399	59,777	3,032,228
Land management	116,752	110,673	(6,079)	1,258,833	1,178,115	(80,718)	2,156,119
River control and flood protection	25,306	42,010	16,704	364,647	428,642	63,995	518,095
Land transport and harbour management	124,024	105,222	(18,802)	1,176,608	1,114,689	(61,919)	1,404,477
Resource investigations, monitoring and enhancement	103,082	119,172	16,090	1,201,996	1,290,941	88,945	1,562,939
Pest management	152,497	172,792	20,295	1,561,996	1,614,582	52,586	2,009,299
Recreation, culture and heritage	54,346	65,942	11,596	638,107	745,926	107,819	897,467
Regional representation, information and investments	71,299	70,677	(622)	926,734	903,647	(23,087)	1,068,428
Total expenditure	966,607	1,003,095	36,488	10,345,505	10,663,430	317,925	13,744,729
Income							
General rates	0	0	0	4,054,368	4,054,368	0	5,405,824
Targeted rates	0	0	0	579,386	579,922	(537)	773,229
Direct charges	201,953	183,660	18,293	2,035,435	2,024,789	10,646	3,204,859
Government grants	81,664	0	81,664	536,217	307,876	228,341	648,750
Dividends	0	0	0	1,800,132	1,600,000	200,132	1,600,000
Other investment revenue	138,659	124,752	13,907	1,387,167	1,297,520	89,647	1,586,026
Investment property: unrealised gain	0	0	0	0	0	0	714,262
Total revenue	422,277	308,412	113,865	10,392,704	9,864,475	528,229	13,932,950
Operating surplus/(deficit)	(544,330)	(694,683)	(150,353)	47,200	(798,955)	(846,155)	188,221
Funded by:							
Transfer from reserves	14,254	21,707	(7,453)	1,184,439	1,426,504	(242,065)	1,426,922
Transfer to reserves	0	0	0	(40,250)	0	(40,250)	(24,878)
Net operating surplus/(deficit)	(530,076)	(672,976)	(157,805)	1,191,389	627,549	(1,128,469)	1,590,265

Statement of movements in equity

This statement summarises any movements in equity arising from the operating surplus together with the movement in any other equity items. In accordance with generally accepted accounting practice, this statement does not include any transfers between retained earnings and reserves. These movements are reflected in changes in the equity section of the statement of financial position.

	Month		YTD		2007/08
	Actual \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	Annual Plan
Opening equity	66,633,240	66,041,710	64,907,421	1,134,289	64,907,421
Operating surplus/(deficit)	(544,330)	47,200	(798,955)	846,155	188,221
Recognised revenues and expenses	(544,330)	47,200	(798,955)	846,155	188,221
Closing equity	66,088,910	66,088,910	64,108,466	1,980,444	65,095,642

Statement of financial position

This statement summarises the Council's assets, liabilities and residual equity. The statement is split between current items (those expected to be realised within 12 months) and non-current items (expected to last longer than 12 months).

	Actual	2007/08 Annual Plan	2006/07 Annual Report
	\$	\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2,074,629	157,963	3,724,182
Current portion of investments	0	0	2,059,336
Trade and other receivables	578,432	1,000,000	1,642,207
Inventories	33,147	0	67,812
Prepayments	0	100,000	21,545
Work in progress	(212,059)	200,000	210,473
Total current assets	2,474,149	1,457,963	7,725,555
Non-current assets			
Investments	39,299,903	40,721,093	37,374,630
Intangible assets	745,770	0	939,384
Investment properties	14,035,000	14,999,507	14,035,000
Property plant and equipment	10,497,548	10,067,079	9,291,713
Total non-current assets	64,578,221	65,787,679	61,640,727
Total assets	67,052,370	67,245,642	69,366,282
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	32,700	1,000,000	1,944,871
Work-in-progress	0	0	449,246
Employee entitlements current	540,965	700,000	540,965
Total current liabilities	573,666	1,700,000	2,935,082
Non-current liabilities			
Employee entitlements term	389,794	450,000	389,794
Total non current liabilities	389,794	450,000	389,794
Total liabilities	963,460	2,150,000	3,324,876
Public equity			
Retained earnings	55,857,044	54,577,997	54,665,351
Reserves	9,525,060	8,475,844	10,669,249
Asset revaluation reserves	706,806	2,041,801	706,806
Total public equity	66,088,910	65,095,642	66,041,406
Total liabilities and equity	67,052,370	67,245,642	69,366,282

Statement of cash flows

This statement outlines the sources and applications of cash between the Council's operating, financing and investing activities. The statement only records cash movements. Financing activities are those transactions that relate to the Council's debt and, equity structure. Investing activities are those transactions relating to the acquisition and disposal of investments and other non-current assets (e.g., fixed assets). Operating activities are all other transactions that are not investing or financing.

	Month End Actual	2007/2008 Estimates	2006/07 Annual Report
	\$	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash was provided from:			
Customers	4,014,852	4,376,609	3,581,991
Rates	4,633,754	6,179,053	6,021,775
Interest	981,027	1,063,026	1,108,062
Dividends	1,800,132	1,600,000	1,000,126
	11,429,765	13,218,687	11,711,954
Cash was applied to			
Employees and suppliers	11,036,419	12,385,296	9,720,523
Taxes	391,327	320,000	475,533
	11,427,746	12,705,296	10,196,056
Net cash flows from operating activities	2,019	513,391	1,515,898
Cash flows from investing activities			
Cash was provided from:			
Investments	134,063	-	-
Sale of fixed assets	79,971	73,500	112,424
	214,034	73,500	112,424
Cash was applied to			
Investments	-	240,000	905,548
Purchase of fixed assets	1,865,606	822,885	1,369,513
	1,865,606	1,062,885	2,275,061
Net cash flows from investing activities	(1,651,572)	(989,385)	(2,162,637)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(1,649,553)	(475,994)	(646,739)
Opening cash balance	3,724,182	633,957	4,370,921
Closing cash balance	2,074,629	157,963	3,724,182

Capital expenditure and disposals,

Capital expenditure in excess of \$10,000 for the month was:

Description	Amount \$
	nil

Total capital expenditure is:

	Actual \$	Month Budget \$	Variance \$	Actual \$	Year to date Budget \$	Variance \$	Annual Budget \$
General office	-	-	-	7,521	7,521	-	67,700
Other plant	193,019	193,019	-	274,291	291,522	17,231	77,185
Work-in-progress	30,696	30,696	-	1,077,393	1,077,393	-	-
Information technology	3,026	3,026	-	55,426	55,426	-	405,000
Intangible assets	-	-	-	28,838	30,038	1,200	-
Vehicles	-	-	-	422,137	394,500	(27,637)	253,000
Land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000
Total purchases	226,741	226,741		1,865,606	1,856,400	(9,206)	822,885
Vehicle sales	-	-	-	(43,415)	(67,000)	(23,585)	(73,500)
Land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other asset sales	-	-	-	(12,473)	-	12,473	-
TOTALS	226,741	226,741		1,809,718	1,789,400	(20,318)	749,385

Fixed asset disposals in excess of \$10,000 for the month were:-

Description	Amount \$
	-

The fixed asset reconciliation is:

	Actual \$	Month Budget \$	Variance \$	Actual \$	Year to date Budget \$	Variance \$	Annual Budget \$
Opening balance	11,095,708	11,140,208	44,500	10,231,097	10,357,125	126,028	10,357,129
Plus purchases	226,741	226,741	-	1,865,606	1,856,400	(9,206)	822,885
Less depreciation	79,131	86,620	(7,489)	797,497	866,195	(68,698)	1,039,435
Less disposals	-	-	-	55,888	67,000	(11,112)	73,500
Closing balance	11,243,318	11,280,329	37,011	11,243,318	11,280,329	37,011	10,067,079

Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

Additions to the *Creditors Detail List* for the month were:

Code	Creditor Name	Address	Date Established
647	Geon Brebner Print	49 Currie Street, New Plymouth	6 May 2008
652	Keegan Electrical 2004 Ltd	P O Box 10, Hawera	12 May 2008
651	Tamset	25B Hurlstone Drive, New Plymouth	12 May 2008
655	Securicor Security	154 Brecon Road, Stratford	22 May 2008
657	Taranaki Gardens Festival Ch'able Trust	P O Box 4251, New Plymouth	27 May 2008

Notes:

1. The schedule of all previously listed creditors for the purpose of the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968 is available for Members' perusal.
2. The schedule excludes any staff who may have become a creditor.
3. Under the terms of Section 6 and Section (1) of the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968, members are required to declare if they hold directly or indirectly, a pecuniary interest other than an interest in common with the public.

Financial delegations

The following payments were made during the period 24 April 2008 to 31 May 2008 that exceeded the approved delegated authority levels:

Nil.

Insurance claims

The following insurance claims, in excess of \$10,000, were made during the period 24 April 2008 to 31 May 2008.

Nil

Aged debtors analysis

The total debtors outstanding at 30 April 2008 were aged as follows:

	Amount \$	Percent %
Current	402,862	71
30 days overdue	71,763	12
60 days overdue	47,588	8
90 days overdue	1,666	-
In excess of 90 days overdue	54,553	9
Total debtors	578,432	100

Reserves

As at 30 April 2008 the following reserve balances were held:

Hollard Gardens reserve	184,613
Makuri River Control Scheme reserve	1,746
Contingency/Disaster reserve	1,086,000
North Taranaki/Waitara River Control Scheme reserve	466,850
Dividend Equalisation Reserve	7,785,851
Total reserves	\$9,525,060

Bank and investment balances

As at 30 April 2008 the following cash, bank and investment balances were held:

Institution	% of Total	Invested \$	Yield %
Bank of New Zealand:			
Short-term investments-Call Accounts		1,722,235	8.15%
Current Account		2,074,629	8.15%
Corporate Bonds		1,024,041	6.26%
Other short-term investments		0	8.02%
	40%	4,820,905	
WestpacTrust	8%	1,562,854	8.42%
ASB Bank	0%	0	
TSB Bank	20%	4,101,083	8.36%
National Bank of New Zealand	0%	0	
ANZ Banking Group	17%	3,502,638	8.18%
Other Corporate Bonds:			
Auckland Healthcare	5%	937,260	6.19%
Meridian	5%	1,025,036	6.12%
Transpower	5%	1,145,991	6.35%
Total	100%	\$17,095,767	7.76%

All investments are in accordance with the *Investment Policy*.

ITEM TWO

23 June 2008

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**Memorandum to
Chairperson and Members
Executive Committee**

Flood event 30 April 2008

Purpose

1. To advise Council of the effects on watercourses of the 30 April flood event and to seek approval of funding for repair and restoration works.

Background

2. A high intensity rainfall event occurred during the night of 29/30 April and was centred on the ranges and western and southern flanks of Egmont National Park. High rainfall was also experienced later in the eastern hill country.
3. The highest one-hour rainfall intensity captured by a Council recorder was 55mm at the Mangatete Bridge over the Stony River, where the highest ever peak flow of 530 cubic metres per second (530,000 litres) was also recorded.
4. Other sites in the area recorded falls in the range of 30 – 50mm per hour. Event totals ranged from 20 – 90mm. (Flood Event Table attached).
5. The short duration of this high intensity rainfall resulted in watercourses between, about the Kaitaki and Pouakai
6. Ranges around to and including the Waiaua, to suffer considerable damage from high flows.
7. The high flows have caused erosion, aggradation, outflows and deposition within and adjacent to the channels. High flows collected and transported trees and other debris. Debris caused blockages that collapsed, resulting in surge flows and over topping. These factors also resulted in damage to structures like bridges, culverts, fords and fences.

Particular features

8. The Oakura River peaked some 750mm below the 30 May 2007 peak. Flood water entered properties but not dwellings.
9. A bridge over the Katikara Stream on Carrington Road was demolished.

10. The Kaihihi and its major tributary, the Mangatete, had very high flows and perhaps the highest ever in the lower reaches. Some Council river works were damaged and there is extensive erosion and deposition throughout.
11. Very high volumes of bedload were transported in the Stony River. There were two significant outflows and extensive in-channel bank erosion, aggradation and deposition. Downstream of State Highway 45 severe damage was sustained to Council's diversion and training works. The cut was partially breached, all five training groynes were lost and minor damage was sustained to the training wall.
12. All watercourses between Warea and Opunake suffered similar damage typical of very high flow events.
13. The Waiaua River has again suffered severe damage in the upper reaches, which has and will continue to contribute to ongoing erosion and deposition problems in the lower reaches.

Proposal

14. As already outlined, watercourses have been badly damaged in the locality of the high rainfall event. Council river works have been damaged in the Stony River and Kaihihi Stream. The Stony River Walkway has been damaged by bank erosion. Aggradation and deposition have caused channel blockage, restriction and diversion throughout the area.
15. It is proposed that funding be provided to restore and repair Council river works in the Kaihihi Stream and limited works in the Stony. (Further evaluation of channel conditions immediately upstream of State Highway 45 is required before work designs can be progressed in the diversion reach). These works consist of repair to training and protection structures and channel clearing estimated to cost about \$35,000.
16. Further work has been identified as necessary to remove blockages, clear channels and for fairway development in the Kaihihi, Mangatete and Stony. Again, the reaches immediately upstream and downstream of State Highway 45 are excluded. The estimated cost is about \$20,000.
17. Other catchments and watercourses have suffered similar damage in the event. Channel clearance and restoration is a requirement in many locations. It is proposed that Council again apply a policy of cost sharing with landholders for event-related works of this nature. An initial allocation of \$50,000 is proposed and should be subject to review as more information becomes available.

Decision-making obligations

18. Part 6 (Planning, decision-making and accountability) of the Local Government Act 2002 has been considered and documented in the preparation of this agenda item. The recommendation(s) made in this item comply with the decision-making obligations of the Act.

Policy considerations

19. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the Local Government Act 2002, the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Financial considerations

20. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Council Community Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Legal considerations

21. This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.

Recommendation(s)

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum;
2. approves funding of \$35,000 for repair and restoration work to Council river works;
3. notes that future river management of the Stony River reach in the vicinity of State Highway 45 will be further investigated and the subject of later reporting;
4. approves funding of \$20,000 for channel clearing in the Kaihihi, Mangatete and Stony watercourses; and
5. approves funding of \$50,000 for cost sharing with landholders to undertake 30 April event-related channel clearing in watercourses between the Oakura and Waiaua catchments.

RA Phillips
Director - Operations

Approved:

B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive

FLOOD EVENT TABLE

Flood Date: 29th and 30th April 2008

Catchment	Site	Maximum Stage (m)	Comparison Stage (m)	Maximum Flow (m3/s)	Comparison Flow (m3/s)	RAINFALL:		Comments: Event compared to.
						Total	Maximum 1hr intensity	
Waitotara	Rimunui Station	9.633	13.490	N/A	N/A	44.5	20.5	
	Ngutuwera					21.0	11.5	
	Moana Trig					23.5	14.0	
	Charlies					41.5	20.0	
Waitara	Pohokura Saddle					48.0	28.0	
	Purangi Bridge	8.897	12.812	315.827	1082.648			Feb 2004 Event
	Tarata*	6.452	12.5	358.387	1310.0			Mar 1990 Event
	Bertrand Rd	6.292	10.034	923.0	2446.989			Mar 1990 Event
	Inglewood Oxy Ponds					52.5	29.5	
	North Egmont					87.5	45.0	
Manganui	Everett Park	4.831	6.441	600.043	1054.0	52.0	28.0	Feb 2004 Event
Patea	Stratford (TRC)					38.0	15.5	
	Skinner Rd	3.777	6.081	99.489	303.782			Aug 1991 Event
	Bore 3 (Patea T/ship)					31.5	19.0	
Mangaehu	Bridge	3.722	7.272	206.0	778.1	35.5	24.0	Mar 1990 Event
Waiwhakaiho	Egmont Village	3.751	4.550	341.858	556.0	57.0	31.0	23 May '07 Event
	Wastewater Treatment Plant					49.0	27.5	
Te Henui	Mangorei					56.0	32.5	
Pouakai	Carrington Rd					61.5	31.0	
Stony	Mangatete Bridge	5.507	4.955	530.889	473.268	87.5	55.0	23 May '07 Event
Kapoaiaia	Kahui Hut					84.0	46.5	
	Lighthouse	2.427	2.198	49.339	40.496	37.0	13.5	Jun 1994 Event
Kapuni	Dawson Falls					90.0	45.0	
Kaupokonui	Glenn Rd					41.5	22.0	
Taungatara	Eltham Rd (Te Kiri)					48.0	35.5	
Tawhiti	Duffys Farm (Hawera)					36.0	24.5	

*NIWA site

- Stony's rainfall of 55.0mm in 1 hour is the highest 1 hour rainfall the site has recorded since records began.
- Kapoaiaia at Lighthouse recorded its highest ever flood height with 2.427m
- Stony at Mangatete Bridge recorded its highest ever flood height with 5.507m, this is over 0.6m higher than the 23rd May event in 2007. With a flow of 530,000 L/s. This being 57,000 L/s higher than its previous maximum flood flow.

23 June 2008

ITEM THREE

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**Memorandum to
Chairperson and Members
Executive Committee**

South Taranaki Bus Services

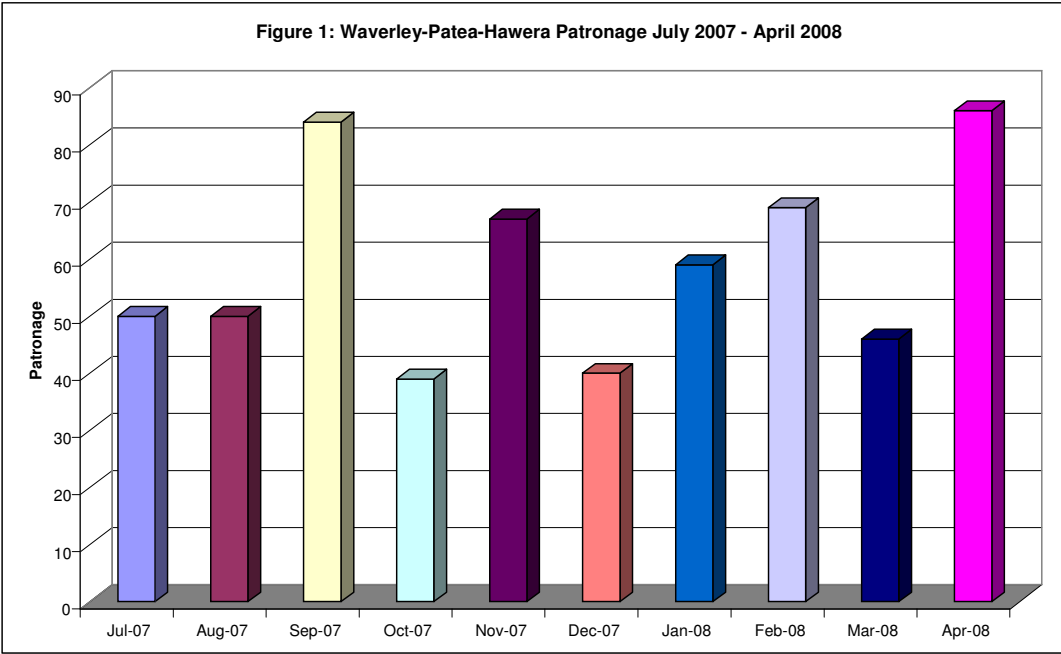
Purpose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to:
 - To provide Members with an update on the three South Taranaki Bus Services (collectively known as SouthLink) weekly, return passenger transport services eighteen month trial; and
 - To request approval from Members to extend the existing eighteen month trial period for all three being the Waverley to Hawera, Opunake to Hawera and Opunake to New Plymouth weekly, return bus services' for another six months to 30 June 2009.

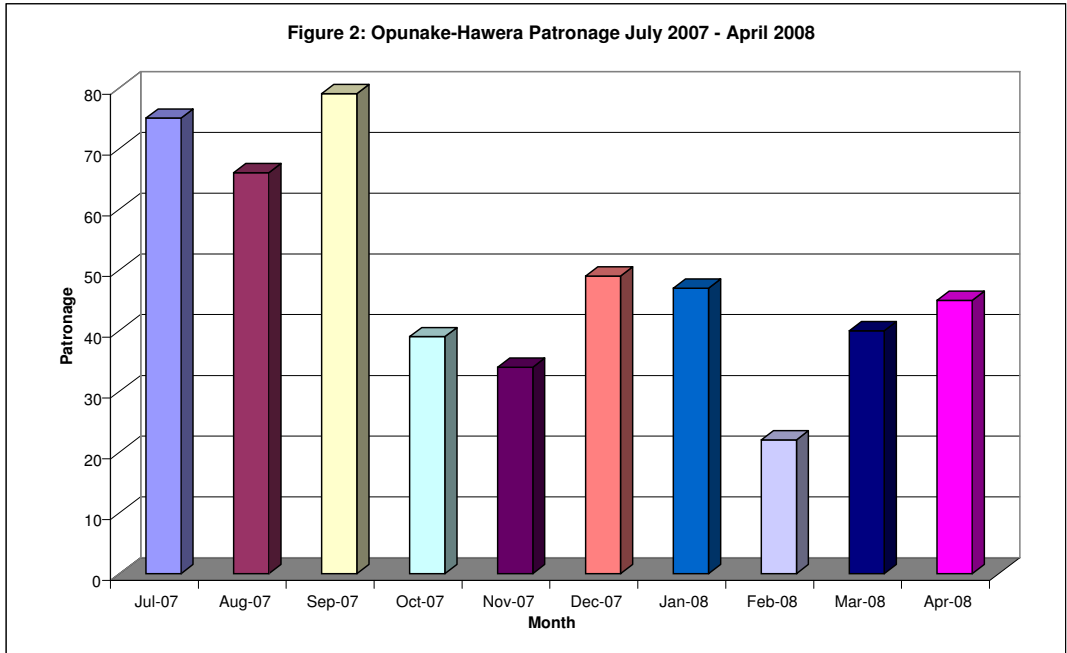
Background

2. Members will be aware that the Waverley to Hawera bus service (map attached) is currently being operated by Weir Brothers; both the Opunake to Hawera and Opunake to New Plymouth bus services (maps attached) are currently being operated by Pickering Motors under Contracted agreements with the Council. These agreements will end on 31 December 2008 at the end of an eighteen month trial period. It is therefore necessary for the Council to receive an update on the existing services and identify a way forward as of 1 January 2009.
3. The contracts all commenced on Saturday 1 July 2007.
4. **The trial evaluation criterion for each service is 6 passengers per trip.**
5. As these services are provided in partnership with Land Transport New Zealand (who provides 50% funding assistance to all those bus services in Taranaki which also receive funding assistance from the Council), it was necessary for the Council to "procure" this service through the rules specified in a *Competitive Pricing Procedures Manual* prepared by Land Transport New Zealand.

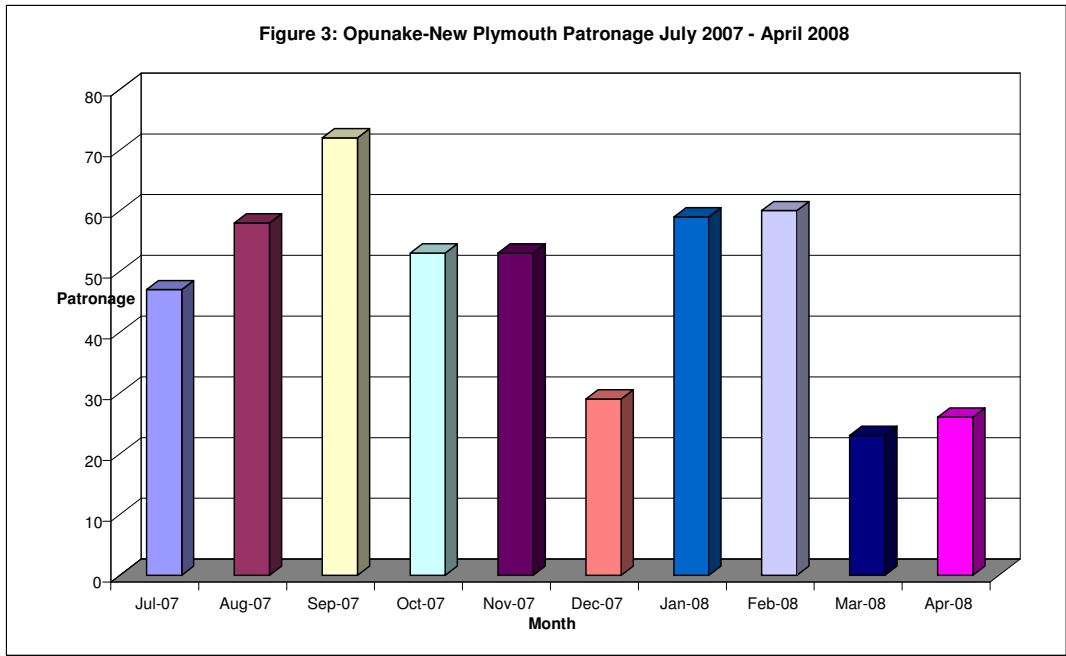
- 6. This Manual specifies that a tendering authority may operate a trial service for a two year period. By extending the service until 30 June 2009 the Council would be working within this two year period.
- 7. Figure 1 shows the monthly patronage information for the Waverely to Hawera service.
- 8. The current average level of passengers per trip is 7.02, compared to the evaluation criterion of 6 passengers per trip. In the first ten months of service the total number of passengers is 590, with 454 (77%) being adults and 136 (23%) being children.



- 9. Figure 2 shows the monthly patronage information for the Opunake to Hawera service.
- 10. The current average level of passengers per trip is 6.05, compared to the evaluation criterion of 6 passengers per trip. In the first ten months of service the total number of passengers is 496, with 428 (86%) being adults and 68 (14%) being children.



11. Figure 3 shows the monthly patronage information for the Opunake to New Plymouth service.
12. The current average level of passengers per trip is 6.00, compared to the evaluation criterion of 6 passengers per trip. In the first ten months of service the total number of passengers is 480, with 342 (71%) being adults and 138 (29%) being children.



Decisions for the future

13. As each of the trial periods only have another six months to go before the end of December 2008, several decisions now need to be made.
 - a. To terminate the three services as at 31 December 2008; or
 - b. To continue with the three services after 1 January 2009 by extending the trial periods until 30 June 2009.

Correspondence with Land Transport New Zealand

14. As a result of this proposed change Council officers have discussed with Land Transport NZ representatives the matter of extending the trial period.
15. Following this discussion a letter was sent to Land Transport NZ requesting their agreement to extend the existing trial periods (for operating the Waverley to Hawera, Opunake to Hawera and Opunake to New Plymouth Bus Services) for another six months.
 - The main reasons for this discussion was to confirm the Council's right under the Competitive Pricing Procedures (CPP) to extend the trial periods up to twenty four months.

Next Steps

16. Land Transport has indicated verbally that the Council is correct in being able to extend the trial services up to twenty four months and will confirm this in writing.
17. The primary influencing factors in recommending an extension to the trial are as follows:
 - Subject to Council approval, to potentially allow the bundling of this service with the Inglewood to New Plymouth service into any future Contract Tendering process. This would provide economies of scale in terms of document preparation, advertising of Tenders, the Tender evaluation process and any legal fees.
 - The six month extension would potentially enable new Contracted services to fall within an entire financial year and not finish half way through the 2008/09 year.
 - Such an extension would also enable the service to commence at the start of a new Long-Term Council Community Plan.
18. Such an extension can be incorporated within existing financial budgets for the 2008/09 year.

Decision-making obligations

19. Part 6 (Planning, decision-making and accountability) of the Local Government Act 2002 has been considered and documented in the preparation of this agenda item. The recommendation(s) made in this item comply with the decision-making obligations of the Act.

Policy considerations

20. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the Land Transport Management Act 2003, Land Transport Act 1998 and Transport Services Licensing Act 1989.

Financial considerations

21. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Council Community Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Legal considerations

22. This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.

Recommendations

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. notes the update of the three SouthLink passenger service trials;
2. notes that correspondence has been sent to Land Transport New Zealand seeking agreement for a six month extension to the existing Contracted agreements;
3. notes that a response from Land Transport New Zealand on the requested six month extension, for each service, is anticipated to be received in early June; and
4. agrees to the six month extension for each service, further to agreement from Land Transport New Zealand.

Approved:

R A Philips
Director – Operations

B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive

SouthLink

Weekly bus service

Operates every Friday

OPUNAKE - NEW PLYMOUTH

Even if you are not at a bus stop, you can still signal the driver to stop.

Bookings
 Pickering Motors Ltd
 11 Tennyson Street, Opunake
 06 761 8363 or 0800 221 120

Timetable and fares
 A \$1 discount is available for school age children. Under-5s are free when accompanied by a fare-paying adult.

ONE-WAY FARES	Opunake	\$3.00	Rahoitu	\$3.00	Pungarehu	\$3.00	Okato	\$3.00	Okura	\$3.00	New Plymouth	\$3.00
	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	
	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	
	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	
	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	

Please book your seat

Opunake to New Plymouth			New Plymouth to Opunake		
Stop	Depart	Time	Stop	Depart	Time
Opunake	Taranaki Farmers	9:15 am	New Plymouth	Ariki St Bus Station	1:30 pm
Rahoitu	Plunket Rooms	9:30 am	Okura	Messenger Terrace	1:45 pm
Pungarehu	Opposite Town Hall	9:40 am	Okato	Old Fire Station	1:55 pm
Okato	Opposite Old Fire Station	9:50 am	Pungarehu	Town Hall	2:05 pm
Okura	Messenger Terrace	10:00 am	Rahoitu	Four Square	2:15 pm
New Plymouth	Ariki St Bus Station	10:15 am	Opunake	Taranaki Farmers	2:30 pm

Commences 6 July 2007 for an 18-month trial ending 19 December 2008

SouthLink

Weekly bus service

ROUTES · TIMETABLES · FARES

Opunake/New Plymouth - Opunake/Eltham/Hawera - Waverley/Patea/Hawera

Bookings required

Provided by:

Weir Bros

Assisted by:

Pickering Motors Ltd

SouthLink

Weekly bus service

Operates every Thursday

OPUNAKE - ELTHAM - HAWERA

Even if you are not at a bus stop, you can still signal the driver to stop.

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 or
 South Taranaki I-SITE, Hawera
 0800 111 323

Timetable and fares
 A \$1 discount is available for school age children. Under-5s are free when accompanied by a fare-paying adult.

ONE-WAY FARES	Opunake	\$3.00	Kaponga	\$3.00	Eltham	\$3.00	Normanby	\$3.00	Hawera	\$3.00
	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$6.00	
	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$7.00	
	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$8.00	
	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$9.00	

Please book your seat

Opunake to Hawera			Hawera to Opunake		
Stop	Depart	Time	Stop	Depart	Time
Opunake	Taranaki Farmers	9:15 am	Hawera	Information Centre	1:30 pm
Kaponga	Opposite Four Square	9:40 am	Normanby	Dairy	1:40 pm
Eltham	King Edward bus stop	9:55 am	Eltham	King Edward bus stop	2:00 pm
Normanby	Toilets SH3	10:15 am	Kaponga	Four Square	2:20 pm
Hawera	Information Centre	10:25 am	Opunake	Taranaki Farmers	2:45 pm

Commences 5 July 2007 for an 18-month trial ending 18 December 2008

SouthLink

Weekly bus service

Operates every Thursday

WAVERLEY - PATEA - HAWERA

Even if you are not at a bus stop, you can still signal the driver to stop.

Bookings
 Please contact either:
 Weir Bros
 17 Turuturu Road, Hawera
 06 278 5858
 or
 South Taranaki I-SITE, Hawera
 0800 111 323

Timetable and fares
 A \$1 discount is available for school age children. Under-5s are free when accompanied by a fare-paying adult.

ONE-WAY FARES	Waverley	\$3.00	Patea	\$3.00	Kakaramea	\$3.00	Manutahi	\$3.00	Mokoia	\$3.00	Hawera	\$3.00
	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	
	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	
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	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	

Please book your seat

Waverley to Hawera			Hawera to Waverley		
Stop	Depart	Time	Stop	Depart	Time
Waverley	Taranaki Farmers	9:15 am	Hawera	Information Centre	1:30 pm
Patea	South Taranaki Museum	9:35 am	Mokoia	Mokoia School	1:45 pm
Kakaramea	Opposite Harpo's Inn	9:45 am	Manutahi	Manutahi Antiques	1:50 pm
Manutahi	Manutahi Hotel	9:55 am	Kakaramea	Harpo's Inn	2:00 pm
Mokoia	Mokoia Pet Supply	10:00 am	Patea	Library	2:10 pm
Hawera	Information Centre	10:15 am	Waverley	The Hair Shed	2:30 pm

*Commences 5 July 2007 for an 18-month trial ending 18 December 2008.
 If the Waverley-Patea leg is not well supported it will be reviewed.*