

1. Mayoral Relief Fund

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Date of meeting 17 July 2014

Vision, mission and values

This item is in accord with Council's vision, mission and values statement.

Mayoral Relief Fund

At its meeting of 25 May 2011 Council resolved to disestablish the Whangarei Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund Trust under clause 18 of the Trust Deed with surplus funds (\$6,464.31) being made to Whangarei District Council to hold in a separate ledger for disaster relief.

Following the July 2014 storm event it is proposed to re-establish a Mayoral Relief Fund (the Fund) to assist people in the Whangarei District who have suffered hardship as a result of the storm.

A sum of \$10,000 has been provided by Central Government towards the establishment of the Fund. Any tax implications of this contribution will be worked through with Council matching the resulting sum from the above surplus and operational funding.

It is likely that further funding can be accessed through donations, however in the first instance Council must formally resolve to establish the Fund as a reserve.

The mechanism and delegation for distribution of the Fund, criteria for eligibility and criteria for distribution are currently being finalised, these matters will form a supplementary Agenda Item from Council's Community Services Department to the Council meeting of 24 July 2014.

Recommendation

1. That Council re-establish a Mayoral Relief Fund as a reserve to assist Whangarei District residents who have suffered hardship as a result of damage caused by the July 2014 storm event and match the Central Government contribution to that fund (\$10,000 less tax if any).
2. That Council note that the mechanism and delegation for distribution of the Fund, criteria for eligibility and criteria for distribution will be brought to the Council meeting of 24 July 2014 for consideration.