

Funding of Information Centres

TO	Tairua-Pauanui Community Board
FROM	Garry Towler - Area Manager Whangamata/Tairua-Pauanui
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SUBJECT	Funding of Information Centres

1 Purpose of Report

From 1 July 2015, the Pauanui and Tairua Information Centres will be a local activity partly funded by the Community Board. The purpose of this report is for the Community Board to confirm:

- the level of funding for the Pauanui and Tairua Information Centres
- that the funding would be from the local economic development rate
- the inclusion of funding in the Local Economic Development activity in the 2015-2025 Ten Year Plan.

2 Background

In April 2012, the Council adopted a Community Governance model which had Information Centers and Local Economic Development becoming Community Board and Area Office-managed activities.

The 2012 Ten Year Plan had also established a policy to enable Council to introduce a new rate for local economic development activities.

Annual Service Level Agreements had been used to part-fund the Coromandel's six Visitor Information Centres. The funding had been secured in the Council's 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.

The Centres located in Thames and Whitianga would be operated by Destination Coromandel. The funding for these centre's would be from the district economic development rate and the Economic Development Committee would retain oversight for the funding contract between the Council and Destination Coromandel.

3. Issues

With the Community Governance report being adopted in April 2012, it clearly signaled that under local economic development, information centers were to become a locally funded and managed activity.

The Community Board are being asked to consider the funding applications from the Pauanui and Tairua Visitor Information Centers for inclusion in the Local Economic Development activity for the 2015-2025 Ten Year Plan.

4. Discussion

Currently Information Centres are funded at a district level, but under the Community Governance model, this activity will become locally funded from 1 July 2015. The current Service Level Agreements for the Pauanui Information Centre is \$24,150 and the Tairua Information Centre is \$34,500.

To give Community Boards and their Area Office staff time to work with their Information Centres, it was proposed that funding be allocated at a district level from 2012/13 and from 2015/16 the activity would become locally funded and managed.

Applications for funding have been received from both the Pauanui Information Centre (**Attachment A**) and Tairua Information Centre (**Attachment B**) for \$30,000 and \$34,500 respectively. The cost for this level of funding to the ratepayers in the Tairua-Pauanui ward is \$14.76 per rateable property. The Pauanui Information Centre has applied for \$5,850 more than they currently receive at the district level.

5. Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Receives the report.
2. Confirms the level of funding, at a figure to be determined, to partly fund the Pauanui Information Centre and Tairua Information Centre for a contracted period of three (3) years.
3. Confirms the funding from the local economic development rate.
4. Confirms the funding in the Local Economic Development activity in the 2015-2025 Ten Year Plan.
5. Complete contract negotiations with the Pauanui Information Centre and the Tairua Information Centre with a view to entering into a 3 year Service Level Agreement.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A *Application for funding - Pauanui Information Centre*

Attachment B *Application for funding - Tairua Information Centre*

Attachment A

Attachment A - Pauanui Information Centre Application for funding

Attachment B

[Attachment B - Tairua Information Centre Application for funding](#)