

Delegated authority for fundraising grant application - Thames Skate Park project

TO	Thames-Coromandel District Council
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SUBJECT	Delegated authority for fundraising grant applications - Thames Skate Park project

1 Purpose of report

To obtain a formal resolution of Council to delegate authority to the Chief Executive (CE) and/or the Deputy Chief Executive (DCE) to sign off on all public fundraising grant applications for the Thames Skate Park project.

2 Background

The Thames Skate Park is currently in the resource consenting phase during which time fundraising activities are to continue. Progress to the next phase of the project (to begin earthworks) remains subject to meeting all fundraising targets.

3 Issue

Recently a fundraising application for the Thames Skate Park was declined as a result of not having a formal Council resolution confirming intent to apply for funding from the specific funder (The Lion Foundation). We had been advised that a letter from the CE would be sufficient but when the application was processed this was not the case.

It is therefore necessary for staff to obtain a formal Council resolution to support all future funding applications.

4 Discussion

There are two options to resolve this issue:

1. Seek separate Council resolutions in relation to all grant applications individually; or
2. Seek Council resolution delegating authority to the CE and/or DCE to confirm intentions to apply for grant applications.

By delegating authority to the CE/DCE we maximise flexibility in adapting our funding approach if and when opportunities arise.

5 Suggested resolution(s)

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Delegated authority for fundraising grant applications - Thames Skate Park project' report, dated 7 January 2015.
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive and/or the Deputy Chief Executive to authorise, on behalf of the Thames Coromandel District Council, all fundraising applications in relation to the Thames Skate Park project.