

Proposed Eastern Waikato sub regional aquatic facility - further investigative work

TO	Thames-Coromandel District Council
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SUBJECT	Proposed Eastern Waikato sub regional aquatic facility - further investigative work

1 Purpose of report

The purpose of the report is to request funding from Council to complete further investigative work in order to prepare a final recommendation for the location of the proposed new aquatic facility within the Eastern Waikato sub region.

2 Background

Council has previously approved a budget of \$53,226 (excluding GST) for the initial investigation work completed by Visitor Solutions. This investment provided the feasibility discussion report provided to the Council workshop on 30 October 2017. This funding came from the Thames Local Strategic Planning activity (50%) and the District Strategic Planning activity (50%).

3 Issue

The feasibility discussion report recommended three locations for the site of the proposed new aquatic facility. Further detailed investigative work is now required to complete the investigations. Approval for the investigation budget is required by Council.

4 Discussion

The further investigation work to fully assess the three locations comprises the following for each site location:

1. Investigation of potential flooding issues - \$15,000 (excluding GST)
2. Geotechnical investigation - desktop exercise and drilling where considered necessary - \$35,000 (excluding GST)
3. Investigation of any potential heritage/archaeological issues - \$10,000 (excluding GST)
4. Urban design analysis - \$5,000 (excluding GST)

Total cost \$65,000 (excluding GST)

The proposed funding source for the investigation work budget is District retained earnings through the District Strategic Planning activity. The forecast balance as at 30 June 2018 for the District Retained Earnings Reserve is estimated to be \$1,416,900.

Approval of the additional budget will complete the investigative work for the location of the proposed new aquatic facility and provide Council with a recommendation on where it should be located for the best use by the Eastern Waikato Sub Regional community.

5 Suggested resolution

That Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Proposed Eastern Waikato sub regional aquatic facility - further investigative work' report, dated 21 November 2017.
2. Approves the provision of a budget of \$65,000 (excluding GST) for the completion of the investigative work by Visitor Solutions, funded from District Retained Earnings Reserve through the District Strategic Planning activity.