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Kia ora Committee members

DRAFT 10 YEAR PLAN 2021-31 – FUNDING REQUEST

Thank you for making a funding request to the draft 10 Year Plan 2021-31. Council received 30 requests in total from a wide range of community groups and several of our community committees.

Council listened to presentations from those who wished to speak to the Council in person about their request on 10 September 2020. We then considered all of the requests as we drafted our budget (October - December 2020). Final budget decisions will not be made until after consultation and all formal submissions have been considered. Adoption of the Plan is scheduled for late June.

The Pohangina Community Committee asked that two projects be considered for the 10 Year Plan. They have been addressed as follows:

- Renewal of the gel coat of the Pohangina swimming pool - Council has included a condition assessment of the pool in the draft budget for year 1 (2021/22). Based on the outcome of that assessment we will then consider appropriateness of the gel coat.
- Continued development of the Pohangina Recreation Reserve – Funding has been allocated from the Community Planning Fund at \$10,000 per year for the first three years of the Plan (2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24).

Council is currently preparing for our public consultation on the draft 10 Year Plan which will run from 5th April – 5th May 2021. We are asking for public feedback on two proposals:

- The first is about the character and future of the Feilding town centre. Council is proposing to allocate a small amount of rates funding to assist with the compliance costs of strengthening priority earthquake-prone buildings in the Feilding town centre.

- The second proposal is about the availability of funding for community events and initiatives. Council recently reallocated some of its District Development Budget to support small businesses. This has meant a reduction in funding available for community events.

As well as your feedback on these issues, you are also welcome to make a submission to Council on any other matters of interest to your Committee, including your request for funding.

Our consultation document '*Shaping our next 10 years*' explains some of the challenges Council is facing in the next decade and beyond. There is also a discussion on the two proposals noted above. I encourage you to read the booklet and give us your feedback on the draft 10 Year Plan during the month of April. Copies of *Shaping our next 10 years* will be available on Council's website from 5th April and hard copies will be available from Council reception and at the Feilding Library. We are also happy to send you a copy if requested.

We look forward to hearing your feedback.

Yours sincerely



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