

STAFF REPORT

TO: Councillors

FROM: Community Services Manager and Corporate Services Manager

REFERENCE: P953

DATE: 22 May 2006

SUBJECT: ASB Bank Aquatic Centre – Project Completion Revised Funding

PURPOSE

To update Councillors on the ASB Bank Aquatic Centre and to recommend finalising the finances for this project.

BACKGROUND

In August last year a report was presented to Council on the Aquatic Centre. The following are extracts from that report with, where necessary, amendments to final figures.

“Current Status

The ASB Bank Aquatic Centre was officially opened by the Prime Minister in September 2004. Unfortunately within days of opening the tiles lifted from the floor of the Wave Pool and over the next few months the same happened in the Lane Pool.

Despite these problems, usage of the facility remained at a reasonably high level with the 100 000 mark being reached in February 2005 and as at 31 March 2006 over 280 000 people had paid to use the facility. The Swim School is a huge success with over 600 children currently on the programme.

Because of the issues involved with the re-tiling, final completion of the Pool was held up which in turn meant that final costs were not known. However, we are now in a position where these can be finalised. In presenting these figures it is noted that the cost of the building contract and the requirement to meet a community fundraising target have been satisfied.

Financial Report

<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Final Estimate</i>
- Building Contract	\$5.170 million	\$5.335 million
- Roothing, Carpark, Cycleways	0.150 million	0.495 million
- Professional Fees	0.380 million	0.390 million
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	\$5.700 million	\$6.220 million
<i>Funding</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Final Estimate</i>
- Community Facilities Rate	\$2.000 million	\$2.000 million
- Reserve DILs funding:		
- Richmond	1.500 million	1.100 million
- Moutere/Waimea	0.600 million	0.440 million
- Nelson City Council contribution	0	1.025 million
- Community Fundraising	1.600 million	1.655 million
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	\$5.700 million	\$6.220 million”

When the August 2005 report was written it discussed a number of outstanding issues that remained to be resolved. These were:

- 1 Water Treatment System
- 2 Air Handling Changes
- 3 Front Canopy (shade cloth)

Since then the project engineers have resolved these issues and the shade cloth has been installed along the northern windows which has reduced the direct sunlight that was causing problems.

DISCUSSION

Now that these issues are resolved it would be appropriate to finalise the ASB Bank Centre construction account and at the same time transfer any surplus funds to the two Reserve DILs Accounts that provided the initial funding.

The funding split between the two Reserve DILs Accounts would be on the same basis as the original funding that was provided ie 71.43% Richmond and 28.57% Waimea/ Moutere.

Once this is actioned any final costs relating to the Centre can be funded from the Richmond Reserve DILs Accounts.

RECOMMENDATION

- i) That the ASB Bank Aquatic Centre Construction Account be wound up and that the revised Richmond and Waimea/Moutere Reserve funding be Richmond 71.43% = approx \$1.100 m and Waimea/Moutere 28.57% = approx \$0.440.
- ii) That any final costs relating to the Centre be funded from the Richmond Reserve DILs Account.

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