

REPORT

TO: Members of Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Chair, Trevor Norriss

REFERENCE:

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SUBJECT: Chairman's Report for September 2005

Welcome to the Engineering Services meeting. With all the hearings and meetings going on at the moment I will keep this report brief as Councillors are being swamped with paper.

After being thrown in at the deep end at a Port Motueka Users meeting, I have asked for an update of the Port Motueka Endowment Account so that all members understand the issues. A subcommittee has been set up of users and Council staff to look at progressing problems associated with the harbour entrance etc.

I have received a number of letters regarding Council's decision to charge the recycling rate. Also of concern are private roads where contractors are not able to pick up at the gate, vacant sections etc. Also, there has been some comment that maybe in some areas the collection could be reduced to once a fortnight. This is based on the observation of volumes in recycling bins.

Committee members need to start getting their heads around what will be a priority for next year's budget. I believe that the financial state of our district over the next year needs to be taken into consideration. With the downturn in major industries we will have to prioritise what is affordable and not what is achievable. This will also need to be reflected in other Council departments to minimise any rating impact.

Regards

Trevor Norriss
Chair - Engineering Services Committee