



AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING

FOXTON COMMUNITY BOARD

30 NOVEMBER 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Foxtton Community Board of the Horowhenua District Council will be held in the Chambers, Foxtton Service Centre, Main Street, Foxtton, on Monday, 30 November 2009 commencing at 6.30 p.m.

Members of the Foxtton Community Board are:

Mr B P Vertongen QSM (Chair)
Ms N J Ellwood
Mr N G Gimblett
Mr J A Murdoch
Mr D J Roache
Cr D A Allan (HDC appointed representative)
Cr A M Hunt (HDC appointed representative)

Reporting Officer: D G Ward (Chief Executive Officer)
Meeting Secretary: Mrs K J Corkill (Meeting Secretary)

Business will be according to the attached Agenda.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS:

APOLOGIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Horizons Regional Council
At 6.30pm Regional Councillor Lynne Bailey will be in attendance to update the Board on any issues relating to Horizons Regional Council and the Foxton Community Board area.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting 19 October 2009 (Minute Items 436-440)

MATTERS ARISING

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Item-442 Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report to 30 November 2009

File No 4070

**To: The Chairperson and Members
Foxton Community Board**

From: Chief Executive Officer

Date: 30 November 2009

1. Purpose

- a. To provide an update on the Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report to 30 November 2009.

2. Recommendation

- a. That Report 4070 be received.

Prepared

D G Ward
Chief Executive Officer

3. Attachments

- a. Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report to 30 November 2009

**MONITORING REPORT
FOXTON COMMUNITY BOARD**

Meeting Date	Item No.	Item Description	Resolved	Responsible Officer	Date to Action by	Date Completed	Officer Comment
9 Feb 2009	Item 397	Foxton Beach Motor Camp - Development Plan	<i>“THAT the Foxton Community Board recommend that the development plan for the Foxton Beach Motor Camp be consulted on with the Foxton Beach community.”</i>	W Crockett			Officers are working with the MET on issues they have identified and will consult with iwi also. Final plans are being prepared for the submitting for consents. A further assessment is being undertaken on the Yacht Club building to check its structural integrity and obtain a more definite price for fixing this building up. Project Management for this work is to be handed over to the Council's project team with Raj Mander project managing the work from now on.

**MONITORING REPORT
FOXTON COMMUNITY BOARD**

Meeting Date	Item No.	Item Description	Resolved	Responsible Officer	Date to Action by	Date Completed	Officer Comment
9 February 2009	Item 399 Part	Chief Executive Officer's Report	<i>"THAT the safety issues pertaining to the Busy Bee Dairy be followed up."</i>	W Crockett			Plans are being prepared for the Busy Bee Dairy.
18 May 2009	Item 416	Chief Executive Officer's Report	<i>"THAT consideration of the proposed programme of works for the Foxton River Loop Playground be held over to the next Foxton Community Board Meeting (20 July 2009)."</i>	D Tate			Work on the playground is now all but complete, with only the remaining tables and items on the play boat to be fitted.
7 Sep 2009	Item 430	Proposed Carpark - Stuart Donnelly Reserve	<i>"THAT the Board supports the construction by Coley Street School of a carpark at Stuart Donnelly Reserve."</i>	D Tate W Crockett	To remain on report until physical work completed		The School have been notified of the decision and intend to begin construction in the new year.
19 Oct 2009	Item 436	Council Resolutions relating to Foxton Community Board	<i>"THAT Report 4039 be received."</i>	D Ward		Completed	
19 Oct 2009	Item 437	Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report to 19 October 2009	<i>"THAT officers prepare a report analysing the risk implications and appropriate fencing for the River Loop and Foxton Beach Playgrounds."</i>	D Ward			A report on this matter is included in today's agenda.

**MONITORING REPORT
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Meeting Date	Item No.	Item Description	Resolved	Responsible Officer	Date to Action by	Date Completed	Officer Comment
19 Oct 2009	Item 438	Recycling Centre Upgrade	<p><i>"THAT the Foxton Community Board recommends to Council that both recycling sites be cleared."</i></p> <p><i>"THAT the Foxton Community Board recommends to Council the Roaches Concrete quotation for a new Recycling Centre."</i></p> <p><u>CARRIED</u></p>	W Crockett			<p>.On being put to the Council meeting on 4 November 2009 this motion was lost.</p> <p>Following discussions on these items at the Council meeting on 4 November, both the Foxton and Foxton Beach recycling centres facades have been upgraded.</p> <p>A review of the operation of these facilities will be undertaken following 6 months of operation of kerbside recycling.</p>
19 Oct 2009	Item 439	Chief Executive Officer's Report to 19 October 2009	<p><i>"THAT Council officers be requested to investigate the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Union and</i></p>	D Ward			<p>Council staff recently approached NZTA and have received a response from that Agency in</p>

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			<p><i>Johnston Streets, Foxton."</i></p> <p><i>"THAT the Foxton Community Board recommends to Council that Council officers investigate a suspensory or concessionary loan to assist in making the Foxton Health Centre a reality."</i></p>				<p>which they have identified their objections to this suggestion</p> <p>On being put to the Council meeting on 4 November 2009 this motion was lost.</p>
19 Oct 2009	Item 440	Resource Consents Issued	<i>"THAT the list of Land Use and Subdivision Resource Consents be received."</i>	T Thomas		Completed	

Item-443 Playground Risks - Foxton and Foxton Beach

File No 4068

**To: The Chairperson and Members
Foxton Community Board**

From: Parks Assets Officer

Date: 30 November 2009

1. Executive Summary

a. Purpose of the report

To present to the board a report on the analysis of risk implications of playgrounds at Foxton and Foxton Beach.

b. Key issues

The board resolved at its meeting of 19 October 2009 *"THAT officers prepare a report analysing the risk implications and appropriate fencing for the River Loop and Foxton Beach Playgrounds."*

Historically, Foxton and Foxton Beach have had a number of playgrounds, structures and public buildings located near or next to waterways or beaches. The areas are surrounded by water, and water is recognised as a key part of life in the town and beach areas. A list of Foxton playgrounds is **attached**.

Council proactively manages risk through a number of methods including subsidising Aquatic activities, roading activities and a number of other programmes in the area.

While Council can mitigate risk to persons and property, some level of personal acknowledgement of the risk must also be accepted.

2. Recommendation

a. That Report 4068 be received.

b. That this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Context

a. Background

The Board at their meeting on 19 October 2009 resolved that:

(Allan / Hunt)

"THAT officers prepare a report analysing the risk implications and appropriate fencing for the River Loop and Foxton Beach Playgrounds."

This report will discuss the risk implications and appropriate fencing for the River Loop and Foxton Beach Playgrounds.

History of Playgrounds in Foxton and Foxton Beach near waterways

Historically living in Foxton and Foxton Beach, residents have been surrounded by waterways, rivers, swale drains and canals - a reminder of the areas historic background as a flax town, but principally as a result of the surrounding marsh lands being drained for farming.

While some of these drains have been piped and closed in, many of these drains remain, servicing the catchment of the Foxton and Foxton Beach Area.

At Holben Reserve, while the naturalised drainage paths have been developed as part of the landscaping of the site in conjunction with the board, historically the reserve has held water based activities with the boating pond and paddling pool being major attractions of the site in the past.

More recently the construction of a new playground on Riverloop Reserve has drawn criticism from some members of the community as being placed too close to the Manawatu River Loop. Effective design, the distance of the playground from the waterway and the proactive supervision of children by parents however mitigates the potential 'risks' of being near a waterway.

It is suggested that the roadway through the reserve is a greater risk near the playground than access to the river loop.

b. Approach

Community input on the development of waterways in developed Parks and surrounding areas have generally been well accepted by the Foxton and Foxton Beach Community in the past.

This has included the support for the ongoing development of Holben Reserve which includes open waterways by the Board and local community.

Analysis

f. Discussion

This section looks to discuss and provide detail on the risks associated Playgrounds in Foxton and Foxton Beach.

Examples of Playgrounds near waterways

Regionally there are a number of playgrounds that are either adjacent to or near streams, the open beach or waterways. A few examples of playgrounds include:

- A number of reserves on the Kapiti Coast, including the Otaki Beach Front, Paraparaumu Beach front, Raumati Gardens and Mazengarb Reserve.
- Frank Kitts Reserve - Wellington Water Front.
- Seatoun Reserve - unrestricted access to the water front.
- Oriental Bay Wellington - unrestricted access to the water front.
- Council Place - Fielding.
- Kowhai Park - Wanganui.
- Hokio Beach Reserve - next to the Hokio Stream.
- Waikawa Beach Reserve - next to the Waikawa Stream.

None of these sites have fencing to restrict access to the waterways, respecting the fact that risk can be mitigated through other measures such as active supervision.

New Zealand Safety Standards

NZS 5825.1:2006 General Playground Equipment and Surfacing Handbook makes brief reference to the presence of waterways near playgrounds. Section 3 of the handbook discusses considering the risks associated with waterways when selecting a site.

The standard makes reference however that waterways can be included into playgrounds and surrounding reserve environs through effective design, but also that they add natural interest to areas.

Effective design can include the installation of natural barriers such as low planting to restrict access, rope barriers and the effective placing of adult seating between the potential risk and the playground, rather than the installation of fencing or solid barriers.

Mitigating Effects of Risk

Already Council adopts a number of options to mitigate risks in open space including the adoption of CPTED (Crime Prevention through Effective Design) principles during the design phase, to installing benches in waterways in reserves to prevent falls straight into deep water.

While Council takes steps to mitigate risks to persons and property, some level of personal acknowledgement of the risk must also be accepted.

Council could fence all waterways and playground areas in reserves, however without proactive supervision of children by parents or caregivers these mitigating factors are useless.

Personal acceptance to assist in mitigating any potential risk (not just water), but other risks including motorised vehicles, loose dogs or road areas is a shared responsibility, not just that of Council.

New movements in Safety thinking

There is a recognised shift in the Recreation Industries thinking on the role of the reduction of risk in play equipment.

National and international trends in accidents and injuries in and around playgrounds show a positive relationship where increased injuries and the increased provision of 'safer equipment' This is despite more stringent safety standards, higher levels of playground undersafety surfacing and the installation of low risk playground equipment being installed to mitigate potential risks.

It is suggested that this rise in injuries is due to the 'cotton wool effect' where reducing risk in playgrounds has altered and distorted young peoples perceptions of risk and danger in the real world. Examples of this include a child willing to climb to the same height in a tree as on playground equipment, except instead of falling onto soft cushionfall with little effect in the playground, fall onto hard ground and cause injury.

Similar suggestions can be drawn from the reduction in potential risk in waterways. While fencing, buffer planting and barriers may reduce the potential risk of injury, when placed in situations where free access is available to waterways, learnt experiences may not exist to guide the individual resulting in injury or death.

Proactive Risk Management

Council already puts steps in place to proactively manage risk in the community, some of which can be related potential risks in Foxton and Foxton Beach. These include:

Water Activities

Council significantly subsidises access to pools by 60% through general rates contribution. In Foxton Pools this percentage of subsidisation is higher.

Through Pools programmes and activities are provided at Foxton Pool, many at a lower rate than Levin or are free. Water safety lessons and learn to swim lessons are provided.

The Foxton Beach Surf Club also run Nipper classes educating children of the dangers of ocean currents.

Roading Activities

Significant funding is provided from the Horowhenua District Council, Land Transport Safety Authority and Horizons Regional Council promoting road safety through either physical works or programmes such as the imove programme, teaching road safety with physical activity.

Despite proactive risk management, there will always be individuals that are willing to take risks where the outcome cannot be guaranteed.

Fencing

If the Board were to suggest that waterways near playgrounds in Foxton and Foxton Beach be fenced, the extent of fencing would be significant. Including waterways, swale drains and accessible areas near water, some many kilometres, costing tens of thousands of dollars would be required.

It is suggested that managing risks through the measures outlined above is preferential to fencing the risk off.

4. Conclusions

- a. Council proactively manages risk, specifically near playgrounds in Foxtton and Foxtton Beach through a number of methods as outlined in this report.

While Council takes steps to mitigate risks to persons and property, some level of personal acknowledgement of the risk must also be accepted to ensure injury or loss to persons or property does not occur.

	Name and title of signatories	Signature
Prepared by	D J Tate Parks Assets Officer	
<u>Confirmation of statutory compliance</u>		
In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.		
Approved by	B H Austin Manager - Community Assets	

5. Attachments

- (a) List of Foxtton playgrounds

Attachment A

List of Foxton Playgrounds

- Riverloop Reserve
- Holben Reserve
- Foxton Beach Foreshore Reserves
- Hartley Street, Esplanade Reserves
- Flagstaff Reserve
- Stuart Donnelly Reserve
- Manawatu Estuary and Spit area

Item-444 Council Resolutions relating to Foxton Community Board

File No 4069

**To: The Chairperson and Members
Foxton Community Board**

From: Chief Executive Officer

Date: 30 November 2009

1. Purpose

- a. To inform the Board of resolutions that the Horowhenua District Council passed at its meeting on 4 November 2009.

2. Recommendation

- a. That Report 4069 be received.

3. Issues for Consideration

a. Meeting 4 November 2009

(a) Item 1795 - Proceedings Foxton Community Board 19 October 2009

"THAT the Foxton Community Board recommends to Council that both recycling sites be cleared."

On being put this Motion was LOST

"That the Foxton Community Board recommends to Council the Roaches Concrete quotation for a new Recycling Centre."

On being put this Motion was LOST

"THAT Council provide a report on appropriate Recycling Centre options at the end of the first quarter in 2010."

Installation of a Roundabout at the Intersection of Union and Johnston Streets, Foxton

"THAT Council officers be requested to investigate the installation of a roundabout, or alternative design options, at the intersection of Union and Johnston Streets, Foxton."

"THAT the Foxton Community Board recommends to Council that Council officers investigate a suspensory or concessionary loan to assist in making the Foxton Health Centre a reality."

On being put this Motion was LOST

- (b) Item 1799 Field Street Extension, Foxton - Uplifting of Road Reserve and dedicating as Road

“THAT the Horowhenua District Council hereby resolves pursuant to Section 111 of the Reserves Act 1977 to uplift the reserve classification over Lot 3 DP 57409 and dedicate Lot 3 DP 57409 as road.”

- (c) Item 1800 - Field Street Extension, Foxton - Stopping Part of

“THAT Horowhenua District Council hereby resolves, pursuant to Section 342 and the Tenth Schedule to the Local Government Act 1974, that Public Notice be given to the proposal that a section of road shown on the plan attached as Lot 3 DP 57409 be stopped, as it is no longer required for the extension of Field Street, Foxton.”

- (d) Item 1809 - Te Awahou Trust Project, Foxton

“THAT Council supports the Te Awahou project in principle and the inclusion of the Foxton Library, Visitor Information Centre and Service Centre into the project.”

“THAT Council agrees in principle to becoming a Settlor to the Te Awahou Trust Deed.”

“THAT Council nominates His Worship the Mayor, Brendan Duffy, and Mr Basil Vertongen, Chair of the Foxton Community Board, to the Te Awahou Trust Electoral College.”

“THAT the following resolutions of Council adopted 6 November 2006 be rescinded.

“THAT Council agrees in principle, subject to budget capability, with the recommendations of the Foxton Amenities Project Steering Group that:

- i) The existing Council Service Centre site be the preferred site for a new Foxton Amenity facility.*
- ii) That the functions to be included in the facility be a library, Council Service Centre and visitor information centre, with adequate toilets to service the needs of the facility; and, if possible, an arts centre and public toilets.*
- iii) That the existing façade and Council meeting room be retained in the new facility.”*

“THAT the Council consider a concept design for the exterior of the Service Centre site and endorse the concept allowing the Foxton Amenity Project Steering Group to proceed with further discussion and community consultation.”

“THAT a further report be made to Council at the earliest opportunity clearly detailing the applicable timelines and likely budgetary implications and funding sources for the conceptual proposal.””

Prepared

D G Ward
Chief Executive Officer

Item-445 Chief Executive Officer's Report to 30 November 2009

File No 4072

**To: The Chairperson and Members
Foxton Community Board**

From: Chief Executive Officer

Date: 30 November 2009

1. Purpose

- a. To present to the Foxton Community Board, for information, issues relating to the Foxton Community Board area.

2. Recommendation

- a. That Report 4072 be received.

3. Issues for Consideration

a. Foxton and Foxton Beach Recycling Centre Upgrades

Following discussion on this subject at the Board meeting of 19 October 2009 and subsequent consideration of Board recommendations to Council that were debated, and lost, at the Council 4 November 2009, I undertook an immediate upgrade of the façade of both of these facilities in late October 2009.

Our kerbside collection contractor has advised that the collection of recycling crates in the initial couple of weeks is higher than was anticipated - this is a very positive response from the community to the kerbside recycling initiative.

At its meeting of 4 November 2009 Council resolved that staff prepare a report on recycling volumes being received at the Foxton and Foxton Beach recycling centres by the end of first quarter of 2010.

(b) Foxton Pools

Following calls from sectors of the community to open the Foxton Pools earlier than in previous years, Council officially opened this complex on 7 November 2009.

In future reports to the Board I will incorporate a section specific to this facility, specifically identifying financial performance, attendance numbers, operational matters that need to be identified for information.

Early indications are that attendance levels are disappointing at weekends, albeit we acknowledge that the weather during spring has not necessarily been conducive to the use of an aquatic facility.

(c) Maintenance Works

Attached to this report is a scheduled prepared by staff detailing those proposed maintenance works proposed to be undertaken (or current works in progress) in the Foxton and Foxton Beach areas

Prepared

D G Ward
Chief Executive Officer

4. Attachments

- a. Foxton Board Proposed Maintenance and Current Works in Progress

ATTACHMENT A

Foxton Board Proposed Maintenance and Current Works in Progress

November 2009

Roading Reseals

A tender has been accepted, a meeting with the contractor has been held and weather permitting the contract will commence on 30 November 2009 and finished prior to Christmas 2009.

Road Name	Location		Start Name	End Name
DUSTIN STREET	Foxton Bch	URBAN	DEWE TERRACE	END OF SEAL
MACK STREET	Foxton Bch	URBAN	HOLBEN PARADE	SIGNAL ST
NELSON STREET	Foxton Bch	URBAN	TRAFALGAR STREET (FX BCH)	OCEAN BEACH ROAD
PRATT AVENUE	Foxton Bch	URBAN	TAYLOR STREET - ANDREW ST	THOMAS PL (AC join)
PRATT AVENUE	Foxton Bch	URBAN	THOMAS PL (AC join)	NASH PARADE
THOMAS PLACE	Foxton Bch	URBAN	PRATT AVENUE	HART STREET
THOMAS PLACE	Foxton Bch	URBAN	HART STREET	NASH PARADE
CUMMERFIELD ROAD	Foxton	RURAL	HICKFORD ROAD	END OF SEAL
MOTUITI ROAD	Foxton	RURAL	HICKFORD ROAD	HIMATANGI BLOCK ROAD

Footpaths

There are no footpath renewals planned for the Foxton area.

Parks and Property

Foxton River Loop Playground - Work on the new playground is now largely complete with only the tables and small items on the boat remaining. The public response to the playground has been really positive, with a number of local residents assisting with the planting on site and continuing to provide site care watering the plants and collecting litter.

State Highway Gardens - These should be completed by the Boards meeting.

Target Reserve - The felling of Target is now complete.

Foxton Beach Walkways - Work was further progressed on the walkway networks at Foxton Beach with the assistance of the Community Corrections Teams. The latest extension area has been under the pines at the southern end of Holben Reserve, along the edge of the estuary, back towards the camp.

Holben Reserve - Work is continuing installing swale drains along Holben Parade to aid the removal of water from the roads edge and to improve drainage on the reserve boundary. The lifting and thinning of the pines along Holben Parade is now complete.

Foxton Hall Entrance Ways - Work is planned to upgrade the entrance of Foxton Hall from Main Street. This work involves creating a more direct and open access into the Hall, rather than the current split arrangement.

As part of this work, Officers will work with the Foxton RSA to determine a process for the uplifting and moving of the dedication plaque at the Halls entrance.

Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves Management Plan - Signage complimented the implementation of the Foxton Beach Coastal Reserves Management Plan is soon to be completed, with Officers planning to meet with the Beach Wardens and again with MET on sign locations. A brochure for the Beach Wardens to pass to the general public and visitors will also be developed in the area, along with a brochure for householders detailing the changes.

Foxton Beach Motor Camp - Our Operations Manager is having ongoing discussions with various parties regarding the Foxton Beach Motor Camp to further develop the proposed scope of the work.

Foxton Beach Seawall - Work on the seawall landscaping is now complete. A local contractor is to be employed through Councils contractors Fulton Hogan Open Space management to assist with the day to day cleansing of the Foxton Beach carpark area during the summer period.

Headstone Height Restrictions - Officers have been working with local Foxton funeral director Kevin Anderson and local stone masons to review the current allowable headstone heights in the districts cemeteries.

Following a period of public consultation, a report on the matter will be presented to Council for the proposed amendments to monumental heights.

Water Supply

The new Foxton Bore currently being drilled off the northern end of Harbour Street is, in effect, an asset renewal. Works are progressing well at a depth of about 170 metres, aiming for a target depth of about 200m. Testing is being conducted on water samples at several depths to determine the optimum locations for the well screens.

Wastewater

Sewer network stormwater infiltration survey work is being conducted for a number of district systems, including Foxton & Foxton Beach. The work commenced at the beginning of October.

Investigation work is underway on the long term options for disposal of Foxton Wastewater effluent.

Property

Our Operations Manager is having ongoing discussions with various parties regarding the Foxton Beach Motor Camp to further develop the proposed scope of the work.

Item-446 Resource Consents Issued

File No 4073

**To: The Chairperson and Members
Foxton Community Board**

From: Regulatory Services Manager

Date: 30 November 2009

1. Purpose

- a. To receive the listing of land use and subdivision resource consent applications approved under delegated authority.

2. Recommendation

- a. That Report 4073 be received.

There were no Subdivision or Land Use Consents granted within the Foxton Community Board area during this time.

3. Issues for Consideration

- a. Below is a summary of all Resource Consents issued under delegated authority since January 2007 in the Foxton area:

	Jan 2007	Feb 2007	March 2007	June 2007	July 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Total for 2007
Land Use	4	5	Nil	11	11	7	6	3	1	48
Sub-division	2	2	Nil	5	5	6	1	0	3	24

	Jan/Feb 2008	March 2008	May 2008	June/July 2008	Aug/Sept 2008	Oct 2008	Nov/ Dec 2008	Total for 2008
Land Use	3	1	3	8	1	2	0	18
Sub-division	7	4	2	8	3	1	1	26

	Jan/Feb 2009	March/ April 2009	May/ June 2009	July/ August 2009	Sept 2009	Oct 2009	Total for 2009
Land Use	2	1	4	2	4	4	17
Subdivision	2	0	0	1	0	4	7

Prepared

T Thomas
Regulatory Services Manager

MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

“THAT the Foxton Community Board pursuant to Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolves that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.”

Confirmation of Minutes Ordinary Meeting 19 October 2009 (Minute Item 441)

Item 447 - Forbes Road Show Home

Item 448 - In Committee Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report to 30 November 2009

Reason for Confidentiality

These Reports are **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following grounds: -

48(1a) That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

Subject to sections 6, 8 and 17 of the Local Government Official Information Act 1987, the withholding of the information is necessary to:

7(2a) Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

7(2j) Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.