

1. REVIEW OF NGA HAU E WHA NATIONAL MARAE

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Corporate Plan Output: Grants to Community Organisations	

This report should be read in conjunction with clause 7 of the report of the Strategy and Resources Committee to the present meeting of the Council.

The Subcommittee appointed at the 4 December meeting of the Committee met on 8 December 2000 to consider the Nga Hau E Wha National Marae Trust Board's request for additional funding support. After reviewing the Deloitte's report, the members concluded that an immediate cash injection of \$50,000 was required to assist the Trust Board through its present difficulties. The Board has recently appointed a local chartered accountant as its financial adviser and the Subcommittee suggests that the additional grant be released to the financial adviser on the production of evidence of the Marae's immediate cashflow needs.

The Subcommittee noted that the Deloitte's report identified the appointment of a suitable manager as being one of the keys to the success of the future operation of the Marae. The Subcommittee was firmly of the view that it will be extremely difficult to attract a suitable person unless funding for the position is secure for a period of at least three years. Accordingly, the Subcommittee is recommending that conditional funding of \$60,000 per annum be provided by the Council for this purpose for a period of three years from 1 March 2001.

No funding is available in the grants budget for this additional expenditure and it will therefore be necessary to source it from the discretionary fund. The Director of Finance agrees with this.

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Recommendation:

1. That the Council:
 - (a) Provide a special grant of \$50,000.
 - (b) Guarantee a salary for a manager from 1 March 2001 at a rate of \$60,000 per annum for three years subject to the Trust Board agreeing to implement the recommendations of the Deloitte's report on governance, management and forward planning.
2. That consideration of any other assistance be deferred till the Annual Plan process.
3. That the special grant be released on certification by the Marae's Financial Adviser of the cashflow needs.