

3. FENDALTON LIBRARY/SERVICE CENTRE PROJECT: ENHANCEMENT/"BEDDING-IN" ITEMS

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval for enhancement/"bedding-in" items for the new building.

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A draft final account has been received from the main contractor, C Lund & Son Ltd. This indicates that the total project cost is currently \$156,700 under budget.

The financial report is attached.

A number of enhancement/"bedding-in" items have been identified by the staff using the building. These would enhance the usage of the building for users and staff and/or result in operational efficiencies. These include additional lighting to the library area; security/after-hours entry buzzers to doors; additional signage, lighting and markings to the car park; light dimming to the board and meeting rooms; sliding doors to the boardroom storage area (deleted during construction); and cupboard doors to the joinery unit between the public space/library workroom (noise from the public space is currently disrupting staff in the workroom).

The estimated cost of these items is \$48,000.

It is recommended that approval be given to spend up to \$48,000 on these enhancement/ "bedding-in" items and that they be funded from the under-expenditure on the project.

It is further recommended that once the items have been prioritised, they should be discussed and agreed with the Chairman of the Projects and Property Committee prior to the work being carried out.

Members of the Committee were of the opinion that, rather than spending the whole of the estimated surplus of \$48,000, expenditure on essential enhancements should be limited to a lower figure of \$30,000.

- Recommendation:**
1. That approval be given for the expenditure of up to \$30,000 on enhancement/"bedding-in" items for the project.
 2. That the Chairman and Councillor Baker be delegated authority to approve the prioritisation of the additional items.