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This newsletter is to provide all members of the COBoP network with an update on where we are at post-review – what's been happening and what's coming up.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Bay of Plenty local government Chief Executives and central government Regional Managers (COBoP signatories) **meetings** scheduled for

Friday 1st August at Rotorua District Council

Local Government Chief Executives'
meeting: 9am-12noon

Central Government Regional Managers'
meeting: 11am-12noon

All invited to LUNCH: noon-12.30pm

COBoP Signatories' meeting: 12:30 - 2:00pm
Agenda

**COBoP structure and processes post 2008 review
and**

Mark Dacombe, Dept of Prime Minister and Cabinet

Social and Economic Cluster meetings: start at 2.15pm

Chief Executives and Regional Managers please see emails for further detail

As this is the first event under the new COBoP structure, it is very important that as many Chief Executives and Regional Managers attend as possible. If you haven't already, please schedule this in your calendars now!

NEW LOOK GOVERNANCE GROUP

The most visible change since the review was completed is that the Governance Group has been considerably re-shaped.

The Governance Group now consists of four central government representatives, each representing a wellbeing 'cluster', and two local government representatives. These are:

- Geoff Williams, MSD – social cluster representative
- Henry Weston, DoC – environmental cluster representative
- Lionel Crawley, NZTE – economic cluster representative
- Wally Tangohou, TPK – cultural cluster representative
- Bill Bayfield, EBOP – local government representative
- Vaughan Payne, Opotiki DC – local government representative.

As an interim measure, Barbara MacLennan, DIA, is providing coordination assistance to the Governance Group until longer term resource requirements are determined and gaps filled. Barbara calls on various working group members to assist where appropriate and is an interim key contact for enquiries.

The new Governance Group has met three times this year on 18th April, 30th May and 24th June. Its focus so far has largely been on developing structures and processes for COBoP into the future. These will be put forward to signatories on 1st August. In the meantime, various sub-groups are continuing with work which was already underway.

The Working Group and each of the sub-groups provided brief reports to the Governance Group's April meeting, raising any issues requiring direction. Some have proven to be good case studies that are helping to clarify the role and function of the Governance Group and the wider network.

COBoP COORDINATION

In early April Brandi Hudson moved to a new permanent role with the Crown Forest Rental Trust managing the contracts for research and consultation required for Treaty claims in the Central North Island. Brandi had worked with COBoP as co-ordinator for fourteen months and had been instrumental in developing new relationships and processes within the network, and identifying key issues and challenges.

The COBoP Review identified a need for changes to the focus and reporting of the support role to the network. COBoP signatories have signalled levels of resourcing available to support COBoP going forward and, once the post-review structure and processes are finalised in August, the Governance Group will progress the ongoing human resource requirements.

THE WORKING GROUP

The Working Group last met on 5th May, with subsequent monthly meetings being postponed pending direction from the Governance Group on the COBOP structure and processes going forward.

SAFE COMMUNITIES SUB-GROUP

Julian Sewell, NZ Police, chairs this sub-group. Its purpose is to provide a collaborative focus for the safe communities' action points agreed to by the COBOP network in 2006.

A key focus area for this sub-group to date has been in regard to WHO Safe Communities designation, with work recently commencing on CPTED. In the current year planning will start to trial collaborative approaches to policy review e.g. gambling policies.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES SUB-GROUP

Heather Pearson, Lakes DHB, chairs this sub-group. Its original purpose was focused on Healthy Eating Healthy Action (HEHA). At that stage there were no significant regional funding streams for this work.

The sub-group completed the COBoP Workplace Wellness HEHA Project in 2007. The emerging focus is on the potential for alignment between local government and district health board long term plans around health outcomes, and potential opportunities for shared community engagement/consultation approaches around common agendas.

HOUSING SUB-GROUP

Bee Macalister, HNZC, chairs this sub-group. Its purpose is to work together to support the achievement of housing related community outcomes and objectives in the Bay of Plenty.

The sub-group recently completed a draft Background Paper on housing in the Bay of Plenty region, which drew together findings from relevant research projects and highlighted some possible actions to address issues raised. This paper was provided to the Governance Group at the last meeting on 24th June where it was agreed that next steps would be led by MSD.

A Healthy Homes Overview Report for the Bay of Plenty / Lakes region 2008 – 2012 has also recently been completed by the sub-group. A presentation led by Mike Underhill, CEO of EECA, Brian Pointon, BOPDHB, and Jo Hunt, Energy Options Ltd, was given to the BOP Funders' Forum to highlight the need for further insulation retrofit work and seek a consistent and medium term view of funding from trusts for Healthy Homes projects across the region.

ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION SUB-GROUP

Cheryl MacGregor, EBOP, has been chairing this sub-group. Its purpose was to carry out an economic analysis of the Bay of Plenty, to be used to feed into a regional economic development strategy, and to provide input into setting up a Regional Governance Group.

The Regional Governance Group has been set up and the Regional Economic Development Strategy is being drafted. COBoP Governance has agreed that there is an ongoing need for focused local-central government input into the Strategy and its implementation. Lionel Crawley from NZTE is leading on this development.

MONITORING AND REPORTING SUB-GROUP

Lizzy Wiessing, WBOPDC, chairs this sub-group and has recently advised that she is departing WBOPDC for a career in law. Lizzy has been an effective chair to the group over the past year, as well as being a key contributor to the monitoring and reporting work since its inception, so will be much missed.

The focus for this sub-group over the next few months is to document processes and the monitoring and reporting 'product' that has been developed over the past three years, including the masterlist of outcome indicators, the web-based system holding the data, and all processes that surround them. Any resource requirements will be identified as part of this process and will be raised in a report due to the Governance Group in September 2008.

Any queries can be addressed to Anne O'Malley, TCC, until a new chair is appointed.

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COBOP MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Tauranga City Council
Rotorua District Council
Taupo District Council
Kawerau District Council
Whakatane District Council
Opotiki District Council
South Waikato District Council

Environment Bay of Plenty
ACC
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
Child Youth and Family
Department of Corrections
Department of Internal Affairs
Department of Conservation
Ministry of Culture and Heritage
Ministry of Education
Te Puni Kokiri
Bay of Plenty District Health Board

Lakes District Health Board
Housing New Zealand
Department of Labour
SPARC
NZ Trade and Enterprise
NZ Police
Ministry for the Environment
Careers Service Rapuara
Ministry of Economic Development
Ministry of Youth Development
Ministry of Social Development includes
Family and Community Services