

To: Mayor and Councillors

From: Chief Executive

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Subject: **Chief Executives Monthly Report – March 2014**

Recommendation:
THAT the report be received.

1.0 Staff Matters

Sarah Scott has returned to her role as Business Unit Assistant Administrator within the Construction and Maintenance Business Unit. Sarah has been away on parental leave and is now back working part-time hours Monday to Friday with the C&M office team.

Meanwhile Katy Hurd has left for a period of parental leave as she awaits the birth of her second child. Katy works as Policy Analyst within the Planning and Environmental Services Department. We have Sara-Jayne Fisher relieving for Katy in a fixed term position.

Thelma Domacia has resigned from her position as Assistant Engineer in the Technical Services Business Unit. Thelma, who leaves at the end of March, has worked for Hauraki District Council for seven years.

2.0 Waikato Mayoral Forum

The Waikato Mayoral Forum held a meeting on Monday 17 March 2014 for the purpose of briefing all elected members in the Waikato region on the activities of the forum and on the status of the various work streams. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Cllrs Tubman, Leonard, Thorp, Bubb and McLean attended the meeting.

A copy of the Progress Report that was handed out at the meeting is attached as Appendix A for members information.

3.0 Waikato Means Business

At the Waikato Mayoral Forum presentation to Councillors on the 17 March 2014 the “Waikato Means Business: An Economic Development Strategy for the Waikato Region” was released. A copy of this strategy is attached as Appendix B.

This is a high level strategy and focuses on the key goals, objectives and strategic priorities for the Waikato region.

The next critical step is the preparation of an implementation plan and the Mayoral Forum have supported a recommendation of the Waikato regions Chief Executives that the development of a plan proceed.



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Chief Executive