

## 1) Agencies Present:

Opotiki District Council, MBIE, MPI, BOPRC, Priority One/BOPTI, Toi Te Ora Public Health, BOPDHB, Lakes DHB, Kawerau District Council, , DOC, Corrections, MOE, NZT&E, , Tauranga City Council, NZTA

**Apologies:** Housing NZ, MSD, Taupo District Council, TEC, Western BOP District Council, Rotorua Lakes Council, NZ Fire

## 2) Purpose:

- To discuss progress on action clusters for COBOP for 2017 and gain feedback as to COBOP Steering Group representation for the next term (2 years).

## 3) Action Cluster progress

Discussion on progress of potential action clusters for COBOP based on September 2016 highlighted areas  
Discussions and presentations summarised below:

Potential Action Area	Summary of Discussions/Decisions; Links to presentations
<b>Housing &amp; Health</b>	<p><i>Dr Jim Miller from Toi Te Ora (Chair of the Healthy Housing Forum/action cluster) and Brian Pointon (BOPDHB) gave an overview on the healthy housing issues for the region and the objectives of the Health Housing Regional Forum. COBOP supports this forum as an action cluster.</i></p> <p><i>Key points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10,000 homes in the region area classed as immediately harmful to people's health.</li> <li>Limited information on the condition of housing</li> <li>Over-crowding issues in Opotiki and Kawerau</li> <li>Work is underway in the region, but is often ad hoc and not coordinated</li> <li>EECA have extended the offer of up to 50% costs covered for retrofitting to low-income owner occupied houses. BOP landlords have not picked up on/used the amount of funding subsidies available for the region</li> <li>Around 1600 additional people die in the four winter months in NZ in comparison with the eight non-winter months; much of this is attributable to poor housing standards</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The dilemma between a regional strategic focus and a more practical local focus on healthy homes for this action cluster. What level do we work at?</li> <li>Linkages with business - how are the business community linked into fixing these homes</li> <li>Possibilities in Edgcombe re case studies of how improved housing (post flood) improves health</li> <li>Visibility of the healthy homes forum/cluster needs to lift</li> <li>TOIEDA have trialled a multi-sector approach to accommodation - forum could link to/learn from that</li> <li>Does the region have a good understanding of the scale of the problem and what can the forum do to raise this level of understanding into action</li> <li>What is the council role in addressing unhealthy housing - how can we work together, which communities and where</li> <li>Cross referencing conversations with MOE</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Idea to trial a putea of match funding for communities - co-investment conversations at a regional and local level</li> <li>• Potential of a joint campaign with landlords - all councils, regional council etc re EECA subsidies</li> <li>• Possible HH forum presentation to the CONNECT group (business reach with Chambers etc) to discuss linkages.</li> <li>• Possible linkages between the forum and KDC home ownership and renovation project in Kawerau</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation here:</b> <a href="http://www.cobop.govt.nz/vdb/document/517">http://www.cobop.govt.nz/vdb/document/517</a></p> <p><b>Actions following today:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Brian and Jim to take feedback back to the next HH forum meeting</b></li> <li>• <b>Toi Te Ora lead agency, supported by COBOP (members and strategic coordinator)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Employment/ Workforce development &gt;&gt; Towards a BOP Labour Market Strategy</b>	<p>Brendon Gardner (MBIE) and Greg Simmonds (Priority One/Bay of Plenty Intentions Group) presented on moving towards a Labour Market Strategy for the region. BOPTI have commissioned the University of Waikato to do a stocktake of all initiatives currently underway in the region as well as a gap analysis. This information will be available in mid-July and is a starting point to discuss the best way forward to addressing skills shortages and future needs for the BOP. COBOP members added to this by identifying all programmes and initiatives they know of in the region.</p> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Similar to housing, the labour market touches on everything concerned with an individuals, community, whanau/hapu/iwi and regional wellbeing as employment is an 'opportunity door'</li> <li>• Connection point for economic and social development</li> <li>• The labour market strategy will cover participation, skills, productivity, and sectors/communities as four key elements of the labour market. Actions will be broadly based around a Make, Buy, Fix approach</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation here:</b> <a href="http://www.cobop.govt.nz/vdb/document/518">http://www.cobop.govt.nz/vdb/document/518</a></p> <p><b>Actions following today:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Greg and Brendon to share Waikato Uni report with COBOP once published</b></li> <li>• <b>Possible workshop with COBOP agencies following this</b></li> <li>• <b>BOPTI lead forum in this area, COBOP to add value</b></li> </ul>
<b>Environmental Sustainability</b>	<p>Helen Neale (DOC) and James Graham (BOPRC) presented on the progress to date for the environmental action cluster. After 3 meetings the group has agreed that an action cluster in this area is needed.</p> <p>The group has also drafted objectives and draft actions (to be discussed at the next meeting in August). Key to this cluster has been timing; active participation and strength of councils linking to CG agencies working in this space. A practical group, there are some practical wins that could occur in this area in the next 12 months.</p> <p><b>Actions following today:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Group will meet again in August to define scope, objectives and set actions.</b></li> <li>• <b>Copy of final objectives sent to the RLF.</b></li> <li>• <b>Chair role for the group may change or rotate (currently BOPRC)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Community Safety</b>	<p>This group met in April the day before the flooding. Unfortunately, the group has not been able to reconvene since to progress discussions.</p> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Agencies at the first meeting indicated the local approach to community safety is</b></li> </ul>

	<p><i>the most successful approach</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Safer Communities is a model of collaboration between agencies and community at a local level. Jo has met with Michael Mills, Regional Coordinator for Safer Communities Foundation NZ</i></li> <li>• <i>Noted from Priority One that concerns about community safety in NZ have arisen through overseas media, particularly violence and theft against overseas visitors/migrants</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Actions following today:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Group will meet again in August to decide the need for an action cluster in this area.</b></li> </ul>
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#### 4) COBOP, Bay of Connections and CONNECT: Economic development linkages

- Jenny Milson (NZE), Lionel Crawley (NZE) and Greg Simmonds (for Bay of Connections) shared the linkages between these 3 networks
- COBOP economic cluster had merged with CONNECT before the COBOP review. This is effectively the new economic cluster for COBOP
- CONNECT as a 10 year old network has also recently reviewed its purpose and objectives, with the last (June) meeting focussed on potential areas to work together on
- CONNECT has a regional focus and includes all EDA's, Chambers of Commerce, Maori Business networks, CG and LG agencies (from COBOP) and more recently tourism. Potential to involve more diverse groups dependant on direction
- Bay of Connections has regional focus on the Regional Growth Plan and Sector Strategies.
- Lionel is also the COBOP rep on Bay of Connections Governance Group

##### *Discussion Points:*

- How to leverage the connections between the networks including the COBOP rep on BOC opportunities within COBOP
- More LG input to Bay of Connections sector strategies - can we do this through COBOP?
- Unlocking central government input to regional priorities and needs (pan-regional and sector)
- Linkages to the labour workforce important - community led, on the ground, what is actually happening
- Awareness of sector focuses and refreshed priorities (LG input into this?) and industry linkages
- Opportunities for LG and CG to directly engage with business (e.g. Corrections reintegration opportunities for offenders)
- Linkages to people, procurement and the environment - i.e. not expanding economic development at the loss of the environment
- Spotting things beyond good reporting; identifying opportunities
- Possible political implications to BOC sector strategies - LG linkages to local elected members and their understanding of BOC
- Tourism is a new area that CONNECT are looking at, has wide reaching connections across LG

**Presentation here:** <http://www.cobop.govt.nz/vdb/document/519>

##### **Actions following today:**

- **Inclusion of all COBOP agencies on the infographic produced by CONNECT (intersection of the 3 networks) - Jo/Jenny)**
- **Jo link Jenny and Kim Smith-Stephanus De Wet Corrections re presentation to CONNECT on offender reintegration and employment**
- **Jo contact Cheryl re COBOP presentation to BOC**
- **Jo contact Cheryl re COBOP input to BOC sector strategies - possible workshop?**

## 5) COBOP Steering Group Representation

The COBOP steering group term is for 2 years and is purposed to:

- Foster and oversee network processes that support local and central government to work together to achieve results for the Bay of Plenty
- Monitor progress in collaborative efforts towards local and regional community aspirations and priorities
- Be responsible for ensuring that the intent of the network is achieved
- Take responsibility for fronting any important matters affecting COBOP overall
- Jointly act as supporters for the action clusters
  
- We are at that point now to discuss if new agencies would like to be part of the Steering Group. Unfortunately, the May/June BOPCE's forum did not occur where COBOP had asked for a response from LG for a new Chair.
- The Steering Group requires 3 local government and 4 central government representatives

**Actions following today:**

- ***A memo will be sent to all COBOP member agencies/signatories at RLF level for expressions of interest in these roles***

## 6) General business

- COBOP Annual report due out soon
- Next RLF to include a post-election scan

## 7) Meeting Dates

- **Regional Leadership Forum Meetings:** October 20<sup>th</sup> – location TBA
- **Steering Group Meetings:** September 5<sup>th</sup> – location TBA

## 8) Further information - links

- [COBOP Terms of Reference 2017](#)
- [COBOP Structure and Roles 2017](#)

