

## 1) Agencies Present:

MBIE, BOPRC, Priority One/BOPTI, Toi Te Ora Public Health, Kawerau District Council, DOC, Tauranga City Council, NZTA, Housing NZ, MSD, Rotorua Lakes Council, NZ Fire, Whakatane District Council, ACC, Justice,

**Apologies:** TEC, Opotiki District Council, Taupo District Council, Western BOP District Council, MPI, Lakes DHB, Corrections, NZT&E, Bay of Connections, BOPDHB, MOE, EMBOP, DIA, TPK, MVCOT, WDC Marty Grenfell, BOPRC Mary-Anne Macleod, TTO Jim Miller.

## 2) Purpose:

- To build understanding and connection of local and central government priorities/changes post-election and LTCCP processes
- To agree support/direction for clusters continuing into 2018, and
- To feedback on COBOP's progress since the review including implementation of new action clusters

## 3) Speed networking activity

- Local government agencies invited to share changes/priorities for communities' post LTP process and Central government agencies and DHB's invited to share any potential changes/priorities post-election.
- Early days with confirmed Government change to Labour, NZ First, Greens coalition announced only yesterday. However, a good opportunity to network potential changes and to connect agencies. Agencies spent just over an hour networking with a number of agencies working in: housing; climate change and with Iwi.
- Agreement that despite a government change, COBOP is the perfect connection point for central and local government to move through any changes, new policy direction etc together.

## 3) Cluster workshops, updates, feedback

Overview of all clusters and progress [snapshot as at October 2017 here](#).

### Community Safety: Update from Jo Smith

- *This group met in August and September. The August meeting confirmed need and will for a regional cluster. The September meeting began looking at objectives for the group.*
- *First draft of objectives:*
  1. *Local and central government agencies working in social/community resilience/safety/prevention are connected and effective;*
  2. *Communities are enabled, connected, safe and socially resilient.*
  3. *The cluster recognises and responds cohesively and collaboratively to emerging challenges and opportunities to the region*
- *Objectives need to be agreed to by the whole group, actions discussed, a core group formed around these and a Chair for the cluster to provide leadership and connection point for all agencies in the cluster.*
- *Next meeting will confirm objectives and look at actions. Government agencies may have to wait for new policy direction to be able to commit to any actions.*

### Actions following today:

- **Group setting date for next meeting possibly November.**

#### **Housing & Health: Update from Janet Hanvey on behalf of Dr Jim Miller Toi Te Ora Public Health**

- A subgroup of the forum has been organising the Empowering Communities Workshop. The workshop is taking place on the **14 of November in Rotorua**. The focus of the workshop is to create a toolkit of practical resources (templates, guides, videos etc.) that can be shared with communities to build their capabilities and empower them to implement healthy housing initiatives for their people. As well as a clear set of wider actions for Lakes and Bay of Plenty Healthy Housing Forum and the healthy housing sector (i.e. opportunities for economies of scale coordination).
- Brian Pointon presented about the Forum at the CONNECT (business development focussed cluster) meeting in September. They were interested in learning more about the condition of housing in the Bay of Plenty. Feedback gained was that businesses may be open to supporting local initiatives.
- Toi Te Ora Public health continues to undertake actions focusing on housing quality.
- A presentation of the results of the qualitative research undertaken by Toi Te Ora was given at the 2017 Public Health Association Conference. The presentation generated media attention including Dr Jim Miller being interviewed.
- A communications plan is being prepared with the intention of undertaking a **media campaign in April/May 2018**. The media campaign will focus on parents of children living in high deprivation areas and utilise existing health information resources. The messaging will include actions people can undertake to improve their housing conditions which are free or of very low cost.

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

- **Feedback post 14 November Empowering Communities workshop - Barbara McKenzie (DIA)/Jo**
- **Agencies interested in media campaign (April/May 2018) to contact Jim Miller Toi Te Ora for more information**

#### **CONNECT (business development): Update from Jo Smith**

- NZT&E Jenny Milson has stepped down as Chair of CONNECT. Ged Casey (EBOP Chamber of Commerce), Greg Simmonds, Priority One, Cheryl Lewis (BOC), Jo Smith (COBOP) interim steering group to take CONNECT forward.
- CONNECT reviewed itself as a network after COBOP did. 10 years old, CONNECT seeking to repurpose on common ground for organisations working with businesses across the region.
- Focus is on regional prosperity through business agreed to in early 2017.
- Draft target areas to be discussed in June and further in November:
  1. Labour Workforce / Education & Training (link with BOPTI and HMOO work, could include housing and health, drug use issues for workers).
  2. Maori Economic Development (as above; links with HMOO and BOPTI)
  3. Tourism
  4. Transport
  5. Business Mentoring;
  6. Climate Change for business
- Key is the point of difference between CONNECT and work that is already happening under BOC, RGS, HMOO and local EDA's re business development, support etc.

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

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

- **Jo, Greg, Cheryl and Ged meeting 15 November to discuss next meeting agenda and way forward for CONNECT**
- **Next CONNECT meeting 5 December.**

#### **Employment/Workforce development: Update on BOP Labour Market Strategy from Greg Simmonds (BOPTI) and Brendon Gardner (MBIE), Awhina August Priority One**

- Brendon Gardner (MBIE) and Greg Simmonds (Priority One/Bay of Plenty Intentions Group) presented on the outcomes of the University of Waikato literature review of current initiatives and data in the BOP relating to the regional labour market.
- Draft labour market strategy currently underway (MBIE) with the first draft going to BOPTI group Mid-November. December available for comment to COBOP.

- Discussion on local solutions feeding into regional and the mobility of populations being important to those solutions.
- Awhina August, [Navigator for He Mauri Oho Oho](#) spoke on her role and its importance of being a regional connector. Awhina's role:
  - Connects Maori ecosystems
  - Look for investment opportunities with Maori Business networks
  - Is cofounded between TPK, BOC and Priority One
  - Has a strong rangatahi focus
  - Looks to initiate cross iwi, community and network initiatives in economic development.
  - Builds on work already done by her predecessors working with HMOO.
- He Mauri Oho Oho ["Our Youth, Our Future" Info-graphic here.](#)
- BOP Tertiary Intentions group [news here.](#)

**Presentations here:** [Towards a Labour Market Strategy Update for COBOP](#)

**Actions following today:**

- **Draft labour market strategy to BOPTI group mid-November - MBIE**
- **Draft labour market strategy to COBOP December - MBIE/Priority One**
- **Copies of the University of Waikato literature review available from Greg Simmonds Priority One.**

#### **Environmental Sustainability: James Graham (BOPRC), Helen Neale (DOC)**

- Helen Neale (DOC) and James Graham (BOPRC) presented on the progress to date for the environmental action cluster. After 4 meetings this year (March, May, September, October) the group is starting on actions.
- Have connected with [Sustainable Business Network](#) BOP as SBN are undertaking a sustainable procurement project with Toi Oho Mai for Councils. **ETA of research is April 2018.** Possible for recommendations to be considered acted on by this cluster?
- Have connected key funders (though not all) in this space: DOC, BOPRC (EEF), BayTrust, DIA. Already many connections and potential to work together to support community groups including BOPRC redesign of community resource kit "Helping Hands" to include more funding avenues for groups.
- Funders (BayTrust, BOPRC) of regional groups such as [Bay Conservation Alliance](#) and [Envirohub](#) key connection to potential of regional support involving other agencies (DOC, Councils, TPK, MPI etc).
- BayTrust have seconded a staff member from the [Centre for Social Impact](#) that can help groups design evaluative strategies to help with funding and project success.
- Key to this cluster has been leadership (DOC/BOPRC), commitment to collaboration (councils and govt agencies) timing and active participation.
- Rotorua Lakes Council have offered a workshop with the [UN Global Compact Cities](#) group for elected members and staff of Councils. This has been promoted through COBOP (direct emails to Council CE's and key staff). The workshop will focus on "collaboration and climate change." Potential for this cluster to pick up on what comes out of this workshop.
- BOPRC presenting a paper on a regional approach to climate change to the Mayors Triennial in December.
- Cluster has landed in 2 places for action: 1) our own backyard (as organisations) and 2) what we are doing with our communities

Participants then did a workshop activity on climate change/sustainability including the following questions and feedback:

#### **What are we doing ourselves as organisations?**

- Online agendas; online access for customers (e.g. [SmartyGrants](#)); Gone digital by default, mobility apps (less paper), digital approach 60% of all transactions online by [MyMSD](#) app; paperless tech approach to corporate work
- Advocating for sustainable transport solutions, Electric fleet, electric vehicle for Mayor; Sustainable buses and transport (for staff); A focus on vehicle use and fleet management tool to maximise numbers in the same car (staff); BOPDHB travel plan, active transport/public; e-bikes, LED lighting; EV's policies to incentivise; charging stations, reinventing alternative transport, electric buses; dairy

tankers

- Reducing footprint by co-location; redesigning buildings, defined by carbon footprint
- Recycling, waste minimisation; separated waste schemes, green waste/hazardous waste
- Supporting SmartGrowth and SBN to have conversations with the business community
- National Accountability Centre manage and lead all purchasing with a sustainability approach.
- Renewing consents (higher standards)
- LGNZ Mayoral climate change declaration <http://www.lgnz.co.nz/news-and-media/2017-media-releases/climate-change-a-top-priority-for-a-new-government-lgnz/>
- Food security/food policy for Councils
- Infrastructure/levels of service vs acceptance risk
- Increase in funding for cycleways

#### **What are we doing with our communities?**

- This is our core business; adaption: flood protection; consenting and compliance functions; mitigation: biosecurity, land management plans
- Zero waste programme, recycling initiatives
- [Para kore](#) initiative
- Environmental strategy
- Initiatives from [Whakatane Ki Mua](#) community visioning process
- Moving to online forms for consent processing
- A regional action plan "the what"
- Advocacy - influencing local government policies
- Food security
- Community resilience - cycleways
- Funding environmental projects
- Schools projects; plastic bags, bikes in schools, solar program, energy...
- Signatory to the UN Global Compact Cities program to drive communities to consider the carbon footprint
- Risk based - response to events; risk work escarpment Matata debris; storm water system improvements
- Opportunity to activate and engage the right people; youth and communities of interest

#### **What could we do together?**

- A toolkit; infographics for community - make the message simple together
- A BOP vision for regional sustainability including a joint commitment to a set of principles and a joint action plan (effective use of resources); common targets and outcomes; common measurements
- State of Enviro report - a place to share and interpret this data and use it as a base for decision making and discussions around the implications for "place"
- Measuring our Co2 output
- Increase our knowledge and understanding of this together.
- Central and local government transport sharing (good for collaboration too!)

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

- **Group will meet again in November after the UNGCC workshop**
- **UNGCC Regional workshop on "collaboration and climate change" for councils Monday 13th November, 1.30-4pm, East Rooms, Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre, Fenton Street, Rotorua contact [Anita.Galland@rotorualc.nz](mailto:Anita.Galland@rotorualc.nz) for registration.**

## **5) Direction for 2018**

- Almost a year since COBOP set the new direction for clusters (February 2017).
- New clusters taking time, working with the Power of Co collaboration cycle, taking the time is worth it.

- Overview of clusters and stage in collaborative process (October) handout given. Good way to review progress.
- No new cluster areas to date, continue with current.
- Potential for COBOP to seed fund initiatives arising from clusters.

**Actions following today:**

- **Steering Group meeting November - Jo to confirm**
- **Network feedback on progress - Jo to survey**
- **RLF February 2018 to discussion on new policy direction re new Government.**

## 6) General business

- COBOP updates for Mayors Triennial and BOPCE's Forum are available to all RLF members to update Ministries, Boards etc. These are on the COBOP website [here](#).
- Welcome to Janet Hanvey, Toi Te Ora on the COBOP Steering group representing Health, (LDHB and BOPDHB and TTO).
- Thanks to RLC for hosting this year's COBOP regional leadership forums. As Rotorua is central to most agencies, this is most appreciated.
- Thanks also to Corrections, BOPRC offices that have offered their VC capabilities for COBOP cluster meetings.

## 7) Meeting Dates 2018

Meeting dates for COBOP are scheduled around the Mayors Triennial, BOPCE's Forum and Bay of Connections Governance Group meetings. These will be confirmed late 2017, although an indication of month is below.

- **Regional Leadership Forum Meetings 2018:** *late February, June, October*
- **Steering Group Meetings 2018 TBC:** April, August, November

## 8) Further information - links

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

