



COBOP REGIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM SUMMARY

Monday 26 February 2018
Rotorua Lakes Council

1) Agencies Present:

BOPRC, Toi Te Ora Public Health, Kawerau District Council, Tauranga City Council, NZTA, MSD, Rotorua Lakes Council, NZ Fire, Whakatane District Council, ACC, Min Justice, TEC, Taupo District Council, Lakes DHB, BOPDHB, Corrections, EMBOP, DIA, Te Puni Kokiri

Apologies: Western BOP District Council, MPI, NZT&E, Bay of Connections, BOPDHB, MOE, MVCOT, BOPRC Mary-Anne Macleod, TTO Jim Miller, MBIE; Priority One/BOPTI; Housing NZ; DOC; Western BOP Council; Oranga Tamariki, Opotiki District Council, NZ Police

1) Purpose:

- Discuss policy and/or direction under new government; focussing on First 100 Days outcomes
- Discuss direction and potential of COBOP in 2018

2) First 100 days - key areas for discussion

Overview of changes or potential changes with new government. Discussion focussed on changes/potential changes, how this may affect our communities in the BoP, our response to this and potential to collaborate.

Families Package - Overview by Mike Bryant MSD

- See MSD presentation here: <http://www.cobop.govt.nz/vdb/document/590>
- Key difference between old and new governments is the language. The investment approach language is more around strengths, community potential, solutions and reducing benefit dependency to help people lead fulfilling lives. Minister seems interested in the issues, hearing community views and having conversations.
- Subsequent table discussion points below:

How may this affect our communities in the BOP?	What is our response to this? CG/LG?	Potential to collaborate or to coordinate efforts?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More money in communities • Potentially positive health outcomes - home heating • Poss increase fire risk from more people using electric heaters • Risk of rents increasing • Risk of addition income not being spent on accommodation • More income into homes with poverty challenges • May see a reduction in poverty related offences • Great to see energy payment - great health benefits • Won't assist with housing issues - i.e. increasing housing stock • May help with ability to get into a higher end rental property (healthier/more rooms/better heating) • Will assist with day to day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To look at the types of houses provided through KiwiBuild - will the increases in benefit be able to interact with the new builds? • Competing agencies for funding requires more collaboration (coordination?) • Coordination for fire alarms • Budget support still needed • This is a good change but still need to address benefit dependency - how does this work alongside other policies? • How do we help people to use this as a hand up rather than another hand out? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits when linked to cheaper GP access policy - need smooth processes for both agencies and people (MSD/Health/HNZ?) • Face discretionary money link to gambling, drug use and alcohol so not wasted (MSD/Health/HNZ?) • Smoke alarm installation partnerships (F&ENZ, HNZ, MSD, Health?) • Create a group to ensure that the support goes where it is targeted (MSD, Health, HNZ?) • What can sit alongside winter payment to sure it makes a difference? > opportunity to work with energy companies; HH forum linkages • Work required on increasing housing supply - lack of rentals will not be

<p>living expense such as food and clothing</p>		<p>significantly impacted by increasing accommodation supplements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How could we collaborate re compulsory home insulation to get max benefit from energy payment? HH forum
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Tertiary Education - Overview by Johnny Tramoundanous-Can TEC

- TEC purchase training courses nationally (University; Polytech; PTEs...) also research. More info here: <http://www.tec.govt.nz/>
- Careers NZ and TEC were merged under the old government. New Government is reviewing this structure and looking to integrate careers into TEC investment models. i.e. Careers counselling, pathways etc.
- A notable shift from incremental change to big and bold changes under this government. Also noted that new government is into transparency and quick turn-around. i.e. 6-8 weeks for a paper to be released to the public.
- Government also looking at reviewing MOE; NCEA; national standards, Charter Schools
- First 100 days promise of first year free fees for tertiary is implemented. More info here: <http://www.tec.govt.nz/fees-free-what-tertiary-education-organisations-need-to-know/what-fees-free-means-to-students/> This has gone quite smoothly. This also covers an Institute training people who are also in employment (training part time/nights).
- Under the old model student funding went through MSD/Studylink and then to IRD as students move out of study into work and pay off any student debt. New model is that TEC pay tertiary providers directly for this first-year free fees. Govt working on a longer term sustainable approach for the next few years with the goal of not increasing the burden on students or providers.
- Students are up \$50 per week
- TEC investment was previously sector based (Polytechs; Uni's; ITO's...). New govt looking for better efficiencies in the regions that meet regional issues (i.e. NEETS) so that TEC is meeting training needs and aligning with economic development plans.
- Other govt initiatives include a review of vocational/education pathways programmes; PTE's and Polytechs and a sector structure review including access to tertiary - how could tertiary education be more effective and efficient? A research review and strategy review pertaining to Maori/Pasifika tertiary
- There will be further engagement process with the regions as above.
- Other questions and discussion included how changes may affect apprenticeships; TEC partnerships with industry and work with the regional strategy
- Subsequent table discussion points and questions below:

How may this affect our communities in the BOP?	What is our response to this? CG/LG?	Potential to collaborate or to coordinate efforts?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to create better pathways from school to tertiary • More interaction with industry to foster meaningful training • Impacts on demographics (who studies where and what?) • Increased opportunity for local delivery of tertiary education, less burden on students and families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we lead from the bottom up? i.e. BOPTI pulls together the strategy for TEC support, but focussed from what will work locally for each district • Haring of info to ensure health workforce shortages are factored into the options • Opportunity for transport and infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen the education to jobs pathways • Create 'intern' pools with rotations through entities. Joint supervision and mentoring = decreased overheads but collectively grow capability and sector experience • How do we ensure various tertiary scheme are integrated? Including the 'pipeline' (school>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation programmes around the Bay - will they be allowed to continue, grow, develop, be organic? i.e. initiatives that link training and work born out of community initiatives • Potential to affect funding for REAP's to deliver community-based training? 	<p>around tertiary to 'line up'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joined up approach for pathways - we all agree we need to work as an ecosystem. COL Communities of learning > maximise this outside of groups of schools • Potential to strengthen tourism and forestry 	<p>training>work)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we ensure our systems are joined up e.g. Tertiary; WINZ; Housing? • Incentives/incentivising movement for youth to tertiary/apprenticeships • For tertiary to be successful we need to get secondary students engaged; trades in particular • Strengthen the capacity for TEC to support Toi Oho Mai in terms of analysis of industries needs and opportunities; currently a gap - link to the Tertiary Intentions Strategy • Support the TIS work and make comment on, support for the BOP Labour Market Strategy
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Climate Change - Stephen Lamb BOPRC

- No definitive action on this from Govt under the first 100 days yet. This overview looks at what govt is indicating and pulls together what is already happening locally/regionally.
- Local Government Leaders declaration states that we will: work on action plans; work with communities and work with government. It does give any blue prints of how.
- Mitigation is often seen as the central government space, adaptation as the local government space.
- Lots of issues around infrastructure, housing, water, waste water, community resilience, insurance.
- Stephen was asked about the freshwater quality focus of government. Although this is not his area, observations are that at this stage the focus is on trees and quality of water rather than any large-scale changes to agriculture.
- Questions to Stephen regarding aquaculture, salmon and trout farming. Refer to the [Bay of Connections Regional Growth Strategy](#).
- Key point is that conversations are still occurring and that these are multi-layered; multi-stakeholder difficult conversations to have.
- Discussion around support for local councils to have these conversations with their communities; including if LG should be the bodies that lead or support these conversations.
- Stephen's presentation here: <http://www.cobop.govt.nz/vdb/document/591>
- Subsequent table discussion points and questions below:

Where do the opportunities lie?	What roles for COBOP agencies?	Where can we be collective?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making it happen as an eco-system rather than in silos across the region • Infrastructure usage thought through collectively • Transport collectively/coordination • Coastal/low-lying communities; key information and sharing of solutions across the region • Investment discussions with councils and communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTP process as a discussion pathway - with community conversations and decision making • Continued linkages for good information between LG/CG • Use the network to share information and link initiatives that may add up in the climate change space • Using the crisis management response to open the conversation to have other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared group message to help the communities make decisions • Accessibility to core services - how can we combine? Does BOPLASS have a role to play in shared core services? • Linkages with economic growth, environmental and social outcomes - investment decisions as part of the bigger picture • Connections with local

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTP process as a discussion pathway; industry linkages with LTPs? • To stop development that doesn't work in 30-50 years-time based on the modelling; using the modelling for decision making • NZTA has a govt policy statement underway with a climate change focus - due early March 	<p>conversations - CD/EMBOP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding ways to link things; child poverty, housing, health, etc. • Responding local, thinking regional - how does my patch link with the other patches? • Connector between economic, social, environmental - utilise this 	<p>government; community aspirations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared tools and platforms; • Resourcing and collectively advocating together • Insurance Council/EQC linkages • Discussions about the Provincial Growth Fund • Linking climate thinking into how we are training people for employment: i.e. new practices vs old practices
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Housing - Apologies, Darren Toy HNZC

- Apologies from Darren today. General discussion on housing and govt plan to build more housing, affordability etc.
- Government Housing Stocktake information available here: <http://www.cobop.govt.nz/vdb/document/585>
- Consensus to pause discussions until further information obtained through from HNZ
- General agreement that housing is key to linkages with other topics talked about today: increase in benefits = potential to live in a healthier house (climate change affects on health and housing mentioned) = potential to access courses/employment. Housing as a social indicator of wellbeing discussed briefly.
- Healthy Housing Forum meeting tomorrow. COBOP supports this as an action cluster. The forum will be discussing outcomes and potential projects arising from a workshop held last November.
- <https://www.hnzc.co.nz/news/latest-news/>

Health - Janet Hanvey, Toi Te Ora Public Health

- Nothing new to report in this area yet, however there seems to be a move away from the reactive end of healthcare to the prevention end of population health.
- Climate change impacts on human health (mitigation focus) and child poverty a focus for the new govt as with the mental health enquiry/review.
- Mental health enquiry has a focus on resilient communities and well-being not just illness;
- Ministers are visiting the DHB's shortly
- There will be a new Director General for MOH, but no talk of a restructure as yet. However, the DHB's will undergo a form of structural reform (no details yet).
- Reminder to use your influence to get people to fill out the [2018 census](#). Census stats = information = potential funding.

3) COBOP direction discussion

Group shared some insights around the new government (noted below) and subsequent discussion on what this means for COBOP.

Insights and Observations on the new government	Key opportunities for COBOP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interventionist government vs a market led government • TPK is now inside of cabinet, previously outside • Irrespective of the party, appear to be talking as a government • Previous system was about reducing costs but seemed to run out of alternatives. BPS targets not met and now scrapped 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOP need to be front and centre if we are to secure CG resourcing through the Provincial Growth Fund. • This may mean location of a project is local, but regional thinking and connections help it get there (e.g. how Opotiki Harbour started); Ideas generated locally - BOP based CG support for these = cohesiveness

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>New govt open to change requiring a consistency of eco-systems; integrated thought across the Ministries</i> • <i>Decentralising and decision making key component of Labour led govts vs centralised. Appears to be a stronger appetite for risk</i> • <i>Launch of the Provincial Growth Fund. - all Ministers present</i> • <i>Economic and social development outcomes are being linked together</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I.D potential projects and test them through COBOP (using knowledge and connections of BOP CG based to ID other resources/strengths</i> • <i>Joined up investment approaches</i> • <i>Supporting the Tertiary Intentions Strategy and Labour Market Strategy is a no-brainer</i> • <i>Using the Living Standards Framework</i> • <i>Ideas include forestry/industry value add around housing and employment linkages; links to training and climate; corrections; health; social inclusion</i> • <i>Potential for impact around a housing community: smart design; affordability; urban design. SmartGrowth?</i> • <i>Looking at the ageing population - how we maximise connections around this</i> • <i>Best practice examples - opportunity to showcase projects to inspire and learn from each other; also showcase what was learnt from projects that didn't work so well</i> • <i>Link to capacity building support to get ideas on the table: Exult/Inspiring Communities; links with CONNECT; Regional Partnership; Callaghan etc...linkages with sectors outside of CG/LG</i> • <i>Value add by the connection across districts</i> • <i>Support the economic/environmental/social linkages with Bay of Connections and assist BOC to strengthen the enviro/social aspect of economic development (RGS).</i> • <i>Advocate for a joined-up approach to the Provincial Growth Fund.</i>
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4) 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:** *Early July TBC, 19 October*
- **Steering Group Meetings 2018:** 4 May, 10 August, 9 November

5) Further information - links

- [COBOP Terms of Reference 2017](#)
- [COBOP Structure and Roles 2017](#)
- Overview of all clusters and progress [snapshot as at October 2017 here](#).

