



# Minutes

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<b>Meeting:</b>	Whaikaha Executive Leadership Team Weekly Meeting (Management)
<b>Date:</b>	Monday, 19 February 2024, 1.00pm to 4.00pm (1.00pm to 1.45pm ELT only time)
<b>Location:</b>	Via Teams
<b>Attendees:</b>	Paula Tesoriero, Chief Executive (Chair), Ben O’Meara DCE Policy Strategy & Partnerships, Hayley Evans DCE Corporate, Ginny Baddeley DCE People & Culture, Ronelle Baker Kaihautū Chief Advisor Māori, Frances Hughes for Amanda Bleckmann Additional guests advised below for specific meeting topics
<b>In attendance</b>	Brian Coffey, Chief Advisor to the Chief Executive Lesley Holder (Secretariat)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Amanda Bleckmann DCE Commissioning Design and Delivery

<b>8</b>	<b>Proposed measures to manage demand within the 2023/24 Equipment and Modification Services Budget</b> <i>(Rachael Burt in attendance)</i>
	Paper was taken as read and the floor was open to discussion. s9(2)(a) [REDACTED] This was noted and was not considered a Conflict of Interest for these discussions.
	Discussion took place on specialised equipment and the significant impact that this type of support can have for the disabled person. To the recommendations, <b>ELT supported work proceeding to develop options with a paper (out of cycle) being submitted to the ELT Subcommittee Finance meeting.</b> Communications would be developed that advises that some short-term prioritisation is required this year in parallel with some long-term options being explored. <b>[Action: This item would also be included in the weekly update to the Minister advising pause on flexible funding].</b> <b>[Action: The Fiscal Sustainability Project required a full-time communications resource to be assigned full-time].</b>
9	<b>Changes to flexible funding</b> <b>Clarifying the escalation process for flexible funding</b>

	<p><b>decisions</b> <i>(Rachael Burt in attendance)</i></p>
	<p>s9(2)(a) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] These were noted and were not considered a Conflict of Interest for these discussions</p>
<p>9.1</p>	<p>Discussion took place on the paper. Clarification was sought what was meant by <i>'temporary'</i> in the first recommendation: a) Approve <i>temporary</i> changes to flexible funding options ... and what system would apply beyond June 2024.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the need to have a transparent <i>framework of decision-making</i> in place that would support decisions made. This framework should apply across all fiscal sustainability work.</p> <p>Discussion took place on equity (disproportionate impact may happen dependent upon where you live), versus ethics.</p> <p>Within the recommendations, specific wording contained within one of the recommendations, was not supported. This read: <i>funding for self-care services such as massages</i> ...was not supported for the <i>carer</i>.</p> <p><b>[Action: A revised paper be submitted back to the ELT Subcommittee Finance meeting, incorporating feedback provided].</b></p> <p><b>[Action: ELT Subcommittee Finance to commission the development of a framework of decision-making].</b></p>