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Meeting:	Whaikaha Executive Leadership Team Weekly Meeting (Management)
Date:	Monday, 19 February 2024, 1.00pm to 4.00pm (1.00pm to 1.45pm ELT only time)
Location:	Via Teams
Attendees:	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
In attendance	Brian Coffey, Chief Advisor to the Chief Executive Lesley Holder (Secretariat)
Apologies:	Amanda Bleckmann DCE Commissioning Design and Delivery

8	Proposed measures to manage demand within the 2023/24 Equipment and Modification Services Budget <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, ELT supported work proceeding to develop options with a paper (out of cycle) being submitted to the ELT Subcommittee Finance meeting. Communications would be developed that advises that some short-term prioritisation is required this year in parallel with some long-term options being explored. [Action: This item would also be included in the weekly update to the Minister advising pause on flexible funding]. [Action: The Fiscal Sustainability Project required a full-time communications resource to be assigned full-time].
9	Changes to flexible funding Clarifying the escalation process for flexible funding

	<p>decisions <i>(Rachael Burt in attendance)</i></p>
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<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 carer.</p> <p>[Action: A revised paper be submitted back to the ELT Subcommittee Finance meeting, incorporating feedback provided].</p> <p>[Action: ELT Subcommittee Finance to commission the development of a framework of decision-making].</p>