



# Rangitikei District Council

## Audit/Risk Committee Meeting

Order Paper – Friday 3 June 2016 – 9:30 a.m.

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The quorum for the Audit/Risk Committee is 3.

At its meeting of 28 October 2010, Council resolved that “The quorum at any meeting of a standing committee or sub-committee of the Council (including Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, the Community Committees, the Reserve Management Committees and the Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committees) is that required for a meeting of the local authority in SO 2.4.3 and 3.4.3.

## **1 Council Prayer**

## **2 Welcome**

## **3 Apologies/Leave of Absence**

## **4 Confirmation of order of business**

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, ..... be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

## **5 Confirmation of minutes**

### **Recommendation**

That the Minutes of the Audit/Risk committee meeting held on 22 February 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

## **6 Auditor-General's report to Parliament: Local government: results of 2014/15 audits**

<http://www.oag.govt.nz/2016/local-govt>

This report was presented to Parliament in April 2016. A memorandum is attached outlining issues raised in the report which are relevant to Rangitikei.

File: 5-EX-2-5

### **Recommendation**

That the memorandum 'Local government: Results of the 2014/15 audits – concerns relevant to Rangitikei District Council' be received.

## **7 Risk management and insurances**

A presentation is attached

File: 5-FM-6

### **Recommendations**

That the report 'Risk management and insurances' be received.

## **8 Considerations for project management**

A presentation will be made at the meeting.

## **9 Audit arrangements – 2016**

The draft arrangements letter for the 2015/16 audit is attached for consideration by the Committee

5-EX-2-3

### **Recommendation**

That the Audit/Risk Committee

EITHER sees no issue in the Mayor signing the final version of the proposed audit arrangements letter for 2016 [without amendment/as amended]

OR requests that further consideration be given to the following matters ..... and a revised draft of the audit arrangement letter for 2016 be provided to the Mayor for approval.

## **10 Proposed changes to the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 regarding certain categories of Māori land**

At its last meeting, the Committee asked to be informed about the implications of the proposed changes to the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, which the Minister for Māori development foreshadowed in an announcement on 11 February 2016.

These changes are in Schedule 1AA (part 16) of the Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill (attached), which was introduced into Parliament on 14 April 2016, had its first reading on 11 May 2016 and was referred to the Māori Affairs Committee. Submissions are due on 23 June 2016 (and the Committee's report is due with Parliament on 11 November 2016).

Clause 490 of this Bill amends Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (categories of non rateable land) by including land not exceeding 2 ha used for a cemetery, crematorium or burial ground/urupa and land used for a marae (and related areas). Clause 494 allows (but does not require) a council to adopt a policy on unused Māori freehold land and on write-offs of earlier rates. This is to be done by adding a new section 110A to the Local Government Act 2002. Clause 495 inserts a new Schedule 11A to that Act, setting out the matters which must be considered in demining such a policy.

The draft Bill will be considered by the Policy/Planning Committee and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa at their meetings on 9 June 2016 and 14 June 2016 respectively. Apart from the rating issues, the Council's main interest is in the provisions (in clause 319) regarding landlocked land. However, Te Roopu Ahi Kaa is likely to have a broader view on the Bill.

## **11 Internal Audit – programme update**

Arrangements have yet to be finalised over the appointment of an Internal Auditor.

**12 Late items**

**13 Future items for the agenda**

**14 Next meeting**

**15 Meeting closed**