



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting – Emergency meeting

Agenda – Tuesday 24 March 2020 – 1:00 PM

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Following the recommendation of the Chief Executive, Peter Beggs, this emergency meeting has been called due to the COVID19 pandemic situation. As such Council recognises it has set aside the public notification process for meetings.

Recommendation:

That Council endorse holding an emergency meeting on 24 March 2020 as recommended by the Chief Executive Peter Beggs to address the COVID19 pandemic situation.

5 Council decision-making during escalated response to COVID-19

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-OR-3-4

Recommendations:

- 1 That the memorandum 'Council decision-making during escalated response to COVID-19' be received.
- 2 That Council notes that during the period set for level 4 restrictions to apply under the national pandemic plan to contain COVID-19 staff availability will be limited and social distancing is a priority (both for meeting participants and the public who are in attendance), and agrees –
 - Council continues to meet on the last Thursday of each month, as scheduled, maximising the use of technology permitted by law (including accessibility by the public);
 - Council continues to meet in workshops as agreed between the Mayor and Chief Executive, maximising the use of technology; and
 - all scheduled meetings of Council committees, including Te Rōpu Ahi Kā, community committees, rural water supply management committees and reserve management committees – are cancelled.
- 3 That Council notes that lawful decision-making during the escalated response to COVID-19 may be unachievable and delegates to the Chief Executive all of Council's powers, duties and responsibilities that Council may delegate to officers, including the ability to enter into any contract or to authorise any level of expenditure, subject to

- I. the Council being unable or unavailable to hold meetings that comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Government Official Meetings and Information Act, and
- II. the Chief Executive exercising these additional delegated powers only in consultation with the Mayor (or, if the Mayor is unavailable, the Deputy Mayor or, if the Deputy Mayor is not available the Chair of the relevant Council Committee) and
- III. the Chief Executive reporting any decisions made under these additional delegations to the next available meeting of Council.

6 Council Meeting scheduled 26 March 2020

The Order paper for the Council Meeting scheduled 26 March 2020 is loaded to the website.

Recommendations:

That Council

7 Finance Performance Meeting scheduled 26 March 2020

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8 Council Public Excluded Meeting scheduled 26 March 2020

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