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DISTRICT COUNCIL
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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, 12 April 2021
Time: 11.00 am
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Deputy Chair: Cr Nigel Belsham
Membership: Cr Cath Ash
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Tracey Hiroa
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Waru Panapa
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Coral Raukawa



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Public excluded minutes are provided separately to Elected Members

The quorum for the Council is 6.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.1 provide: The quorum for Council is half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

1 Welcome

2 Apologies/Leave of Absence

3 Members' Conflict of Interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

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 late items at this meeting.

5 Adoption of Documents Supporting the Consultation Document for the 2021-31 Long Term Plan & Simultaneous Consultation

Author: Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy & Planning

REASON FOR REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present the supporting documents to the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan Consultation Document and the documents that will be consulted on simultaneously with the Long Term Plan to Council for adoption.

ADOPTION OF DOCUMENTS SUPPORTING THE LONG TERM PLAN 2021-31 CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Consultation on the Long Term Plan 2021-31 is focused on the Consultation Document, which in is designed to be presented in a concise and simple manner. It cannot contain or have attached to it a full draft of LTP Supporting Information such as policies or strategies. However, there are a number of documents which inform Consultation Document that Council are required to adopt separately (and prior to adoption of the Consultation Document). These documents include:

- Council's example properties – rating impacts
- Regional Spatial Plan
- Draft LTP 2021 – 2031 (including the Infrastructure & Financial Strategy)
- Report on Taihape Grandstand
- Economic Development Strategy
- Strategic Vision 2050
- Housing Strategy (summary and background document)
- Treasury Management Policy
- Roading Asset Management Plan & Roading Programme Business Case 2021-2041
- Three Waters Asset Management Plan
- Community and Leisure Asset Management Plan

The adoption of the supporting documents allows Council to adopt the Consultation Document to begin the legally prescribed consultation process. These documents will be made available for public consideration and comment alongside the 2021-2031 Consultation Document.

ADOPTION OF DOCUMENTS FOR SIMULTANEOUS CONSULTATION

Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2021/22

Council reviews and adopts a Schedule of Fees and Charges on a yearly basis. The Schedule of Fees and Charges has been reviewed with the following changes proposed that largely affect the Regulatory and Community and Leisure areas. Fees set by legislation or regulation are unchanged.

The Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2021/22 and consultation documents are attached.

Draft Significance and Engagement Policy

The Significance and Engagement Policy is the document that Council uses to determine the significance of decisions and community engagement. The Significance and Engagement Policy 2018 has been reviewed through Council's Long Term Plan workshops. Minor changes to the 2018 Policy were made including the inclusion of Mana Whakahono ā Rohe to views of those affected, adding criteria to the table under Section 3.7 for community well-being and climate change, and removing criteria for 'the potential effect on the delivery of the statutory core services'.

The draft Significance and Engagement Policy and submission form are attached.

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

The Revenue and Financing Policy sets out Council's approach to and sources of funding operational and capital expenses. The Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 has been reviewed through Council's Long Term Plan workshops. There have been a number of changes to the document focusing on making it more concise and readable.

The Draft Revenue and Financing Policy and submission form are attached.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2021/22 (Under separate cover)

Draft Significance and Engagement Policy (Under separate cover)

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy (Under separate cover)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That report 'Adoption of documents supporting the Consultation Document for the 2021-31 Long Term Plan & Simultaneous Consultation' be received.
2. That the supporting documents including:
 - Council's example properties – rating impacts
 - Regional Spatial Plan

- Draft LTP 2021 – 2031 (including the Infrastructure & Financial Strategy)
- Report on Taihape Grandstand
- Economic Development Strategy
- Strategic Vision 2050
- Housing Strategy (summary and background document)
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- Three Waters Asset Management Plan
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be adopted in accordance with section 93G of the Local Government Act 202 and be made available to the public as Supporting Information for Council's 2021-2031 Long Term Plan Consultation Document.

3. That Council adopts for consultation simultaneously with Consultation Document for the Long Term Plan 2021-31 the following:
 - Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2021/22;
 - Draft Significance and Engagement Policy 2021; and
 - Draft Revenue and Financing Policy 2021.

6 Adoption of the Long Term Plan 2021-31 Consultation Document

Author: Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy & Planning

REASON FOR REPORT

To present the Long Term Plan 2021-31 Consultation Document to Council for adoption for public engagement.

INTRODUCTION

Council is required to have a Long Term Plan at all times and is required to review the Plan every three years. The last Long Term Plan was adopted in 2018, with the 2021-31 Long Term Plan under development for the past eight months. The Long Term Plan sets out what projects and services Council will provide over the next 10 years and how they will be funded.

Community Engagement on the draft Long Term Plan is required to occur through the use of a Consultation Document which provides an overview of the key aspects of the draft Long Term Plan, including the key issues and options for addressing the issues, as well as, key matters from the Financial and Infrastructure Strategy. It is required to be presented in a way that is concise and simple to enable the topics to be easily understood by the community.

COMMENT

Consultation document

The theme of *Framing Our Future* has been used throughout the 2021-31 LTP development and engagement process. It is noted that Council undertook an early engagement process with the community in late 2020 and into 2021 to feed into the development of the draft Long Term Plan.

The Consultation Document provides an overview of Council's achievements, challenges and vision, the key topics to be consulted on, infrastructure and finances. The key topics to be consulted on include:

- Setting up free Wifi in our townships
- Investing in the restoration of the Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand
- Increased funding for Economic Development
- Increased funding for event sponsorship
- Joining the Local Government Funding Agency as a guaranteeing member

The Consultation Document content has been subject to an independent audit by Audit NZ. Mr Chris Webby from Audit NZ will be in attendance for the meeting to present the Audit Opinion. This opinion will be included in the Consultation Document (a legislative requirement s93C(4) of the Local Government Act) before the document is printed and released for public engagement.

Balanced budget

Council is required to have a sustainable balanced budget, where operating revenue is sufficient to meet operating expenses. Where considered prudent Council may set its operating revenues at a different level to its operating expenses, after having regard to the following factors:

- (a) *the estimated expenses of achieving and maintaining the predicted levels of service provision set out in the long-term plan, including the estimated expenses associated with maintaining the service capacity and integrity of assets throughout their useful life; and*
- (b) *the projected revenue available to fund the estimated expenses associated with maintaining the service capacity and integrity of assets throughout their useful life; and*
- (c) *the equitable allocation of responsibility for funding the provision and maintenance of assets and facilities throughout their useful life; and*
- (d) *the funding and financial policies adopted under [section 102](#).*

It is proposed to not have a balanced budget for the first few years of the Long Term Plan to provide time for its finance strategies to return Council to a sustainable balanced budget position. Moderate operating deficits are planned for years 1 to 3 of the Long Term Plan, followed by 2 years of marginal deficits (i.e. less than 1% of operating revenue) before recording operating surpluses. However, the deficits in years 1 and 2 will be offset by large capital grants Council expects to receive in this period so do not technically show as deficits. This is a better model than imposing large rate increases in the early years of the Long Term Plan.

CONSULTATION

The adoption of the Long Term Plan Consultation Document will trigger the start of the formal public consultation process on the Long Term Plan 2021-31. The engagement period is proposed to run from 12 April 2021 through to 10 May 2021. A large number of public meetings led by the Mayor and Elected Members have already occurred with communities throughout the District. Further meetings are also scheduled to occur during the consultation period. It is noted that further meetings may be scheduled as the Mayor indicated to many of the communities already visited that if there was sufficient interest, a further meeting could be held following the release of the Consultation Document. Hearings are scheduled for 12 and 13 May 2021, with deliberations on submissions scheduled for 9 June 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Report 'Adoption of the Long Term Plan 2021-31 Consultation Document' be received.
2. That the Rangitikei District Council adopts the Long Term Plan 2021-31 Consultation Document (subject to minor editorial changes and the inclusion of the Audit opinion) for public consultation.
3. That Council resolves that for the Rangitikei 2021-31 Long Term Plan it is financially prudent to set projected operating expenses at a different level than that required by section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 2002, having had regard to the four factors specified in section 100(2) of that Act.

7 Late items

As agreed at Item 4.

8 Next Meeting

Thursday 29 April 2021, 1.00pm

9 Meeting Closed