

# MINUTES



**RANGITĪKEI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
*Making this place home.*

## EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Monday, 30 October 2023

**Time:** 9.00am

**Venue:** Via Zoom and  
Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Present**

HWTM Andy Watson  
Cr Dave Wilson  
Cr Richard Lambert (Zoom)  
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa (Zoom)  
Cr Jeff Wong (Zoom)  
Cr Simon Loudon  
Cr Jarrod Calkin  
Cr Fi Dalgety (Zoom)

**In attendance**

Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive  
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer (Zoom)  
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy and Planning (Zoom)  
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community (Zoom)  
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager - Corporate Services  
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner  
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor  
Mr Chris Webby, Audit NZ

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## 1 Welcome / Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting and read the Council prayer at 9.00am.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/001**

Apologies received from Cr Duncan, Cr Carter, Cr Maughan and Cr Raukawa.

HWTM/Cr J Calkin. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

There was no Public Forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

## 6 Reports for Decision

### 6.1 Adoption of the 2022/23 Annual Report

Mr Tombs introduced Mr Chris Webby, Audit NZ who was in attendance for the meeting.

Mr Webby advised that a clean audit opinion was issued for the 2022/23 Annual Report and noted one emphasis of matter was issued relating to three waters and advised that all Councils received this emphasis.

In response to a question about the increased personnel costs, Mr Webby responded that he is seeing the increase in costs in a number of Councils, whether this be filling of vacant roles or the increase in salaries.

Mr Webby responded to questions about annual leave balances and that the risk does increase every year if this continues. Mr Ross noted this is an area staff are addressing and it is not specific to our Council.

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/002**

That the 'Adoption of the 2022/23 Annual Report' report be received.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/003**

That His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the letter of representation addressed to the Council’s auditor for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/004**

That the Annual Report 2022/23, with amendment, be adopted noting that the Audit Opinion and the final list of changes be incorporated.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/005**

That His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive be delegated to approve the Summary Annual Report 2022/23 once the final Audit opinion is received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

**The meeting closed at 9.13am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on .**

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**Chairperson**