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COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Date: 10 September 2026

Time: 9.30am

Venue: 46 High Street
Council Chambers
Marton

Present

HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Diana Baird
Cr Alan Buckendahl
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Graeme O'Fee
Cr Paul Sharland
Cr Jeff Wong

Apology

HWTM Andy Watson (for part of the workshop on other Council business)
Cr Sandra Field
Cr John Hainsworth
Cr Dave Wilson

In attendance

Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy
Ms Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager
Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships
Ms Petra Fleming, Governance Advisor
Mr Stephen Hill, electionz.com

1. Welcome

- 1.1 The workshop opened at 9.00am with Cr Buckendahl reading the Council prayer.

2. Representation Review

- 2.1 A presentation was provided by Stephen Hill from electionz.com
- 2.2 Elected members discussed the key aspects of representation reviews and the links with simplifying local government proposals.
- 2.3 It was noted that representation options would be provided to a future workshop.

3. Long Term Plan

Significance and Engagement Policy

- 3.1 A presentation was provided with an overview of Council's significance and engagement policy.
- 3.2 Elected members discussed the list of strategic assets, and key principles within the significance and engagement policy.
- 3.3 It was noted the next step would be to bring proposed changes back to Council for consideration.

Finance

- 3.4 A presentation was provided on rate differentials, an overview of the financial strategy, known increases for this Long Term Plan, building the budget, and considerations of funding mechanisms.
- 3.5 Elected members discussed advantages and disadvantages of different differentials, with further information to be provided on the forestry differential on the roading rate, the capex programme, the impact of removing waters and potential urban versus rural effects.

The workshop closed at 2.40pm.