

Rangitīkei District Council

Finance and Performance Committee Meeting

Order paper – Thursday 26 April 2018 – 9:30 AM



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Committee The quorum for the Finance and Performance Committee is 4

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 3 November 2016) 10.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. 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 Council Prayer

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

4 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.

5 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.

6 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held 29 March 2018 are attached.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 29 March 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Chair's Report

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

File ref: 3-CT-14-1

Recommendation:

That the Chair's Report to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 26 April 2018 be received.

8 Progress with strategic issues

Advocacy by His Worship the Mayor has continued for unlocking the Māori land-locked land in the north of the District.

The Hunterville/Tutaenui rural water pre-feasibility study is complete.

Progress continues with the proposed new civic/community centres in Bulls and Marton.

Consideration was given by the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 13 July 2017 to services provided by information centres (with a further report to Council's meeting on 27 July 2017).

Two workshop discussions have been held on economic development and District promotion and a potential budget envelope identified. A draft policy on using the legislative provisions for development agreements to incentivise housing and other developments was considered at the Finance/Performance Committee's October meeting and a revised draft considered at meeting in January 2018. A further workshop session will be arranged. Priorities for economic development are one of the key choices in the Consultation Document for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan. The Government's Provincial Growth Fund (announced in February 2018) is a potentially significant mechanism to stimulate development and growth in the Rangitikei.

In March 2018, Chorus advised an accelerated timetable for the roll-out of fibre in Rātana/Whangaehu, Marton, Mangaweka, Hunterville, Taihape and Bulls, to be completed by June 2022.

Rates modelling is part of the new financial modelling software being used as the basis of preparing the financial statements for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

The review of the revenue and financing policy is complete and included in the draft Long term Plan – analysis of all expenditure activities has now been undertaken in Council workshops.

Impact of forestry on roading has been considered in the roading asset management plan and in developing the Traffic and Parking Bylaw.

The Independent Assessment Board has released its report on the Council's operations under the Local Government Excellence Programme. Actions to effect the suggested improvements are in progress.

MW LASS collaboration has been used to provide insurance cover for below-ground infrastructure assets from 1 July 2017

Staff are continuing to manage the rangitikei.com website.

9 Financial Highlights and Commentary – March 2018

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 5 FR-4-1

Recommendation:

That the 'Financial Highlights and Commentary – March 2018' to the Finance/Performance Committee on 26 April 2018, be received.

10 Property sales – monthly update

An update report will be provided if available.

11 EECA audit of power use

The report is yet to be received.

12 Delivery of Infrastructure services (Infrastructure Shared Services) Quarterly performance report - 1 January to 31 March 2018

A report is attached.

File ref:

Recommendation:

That the 'Delivery of Infrastructure services (Infrastructure Shared Services) Quarterly performance report - 1 January to 31 March 2018' to the Finance/Performance Committee on 26 April 2018, be received.

13 Questions put at previous meetings for Council advice or action:

Rata Block

Clarification is being sought on Council's ability to dispose of the land, taking into account how it was originally vested in the Rangitikei County Council and the endorsement on the title for discharged carbon liability.

Turkington and Associates fees

John Turkington charges 5% on gross value of harvest yield.

FENZ equipment and servicing the Rangitikei District

FENZ have relocated the large water tanker to Feilding, with a smaller tanker assigned to Rangitikei. This is based on the best utilisation/availability of resources across the region, and is FENZ's decision to make.

14 Update on subdivision working group

A verbal update will be provided to the meeting.

15 Late Items

16 Future Items for the Agenda

17 Next Meeting

Thursday, 31 May 2018, 9.30 am

18 Meeting Closed