



Rangitikei District Council

Finance and Performance Committee Meeting

Agenda – Thursday 27 September 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

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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, ie 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 Public forum

4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

5 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.

6 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.

7 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held 30 August 2018 are attached.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 30 August 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

8 Chair's Report

A report is to be tabled at the meeting.

File ref: 3-CT-14-1

Recommendation:

That the Chair's Report to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 27 September 2018 be received.

9 Progress with strategic issues

Advocacy by His Worship the Mayor (including Ministerial discussions) has continued for unlocking the Māori land-locked land in the north of the District. In response to the direction from Judge Harvey, Council has formally indicated its desire to be an interested party to the

proceedings of the Waitangi Tribunal proceedings on landlocked land in the Taihape region. *This has been approved.*

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

Progress continues with the proposed new civic/community centres in Bulls and Marton. Tenders for constructing the Bulls centre *were* considered by Council on 30 August 2018, *and a preferred contractor identified for negotiation.*

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 was held on 23 August 2018, considering Wellington City Council's policy on rates remission for first home builders. A draft policy *was* considered by Policy/Planning Committee on 13 September 2018 *and is to be considered by Council for consultation at its meeting on 27 September 2018.*

Priorities for economic development were 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. The Economic Development Advisor role *has been advertised.*

Council submitted to the Horizons Regional Council long-term plan supporting the proposed establishment of a regional facilities fund. However, there were varying responses from other councils so the proposal will not proceed. However, at its meeting on 12 July 2018, the Assets/Infrastructure Committee considered a presentation on the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Sport Facility Plan and recommended to Council that it consider that plan as a tool to guide the future planning, development, management and operation of sports facilities in the Rangitikei and wider Manawatū-Whanganui region.

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. At the Digital Local Government Partnership Launch on 15 August 2018, the Minister for Government Digital Services indicated that the rollout of rural broadband would be completed by the end of 2021.

Rates modelling is part of the new financial modelling software which has been 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 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.

10 Monthly Financial Report

A report to be tabled at the meeting.

Recommendation:

That the 'Monthly Financial Report' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 27 September 2018 be received.

11 Update from subdivision working group

A verbal update will be provided.

12 Late Items

13 Future Items for the Agenda

14 Next Meeting

Thursday, 25 October 2018, 9.30 am.

15 Meeting Closed