



**RANGITIKEI**

DISTRICT COUNCIL

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# Finance/Performance Committee Meeting

# Order Paper

**Thursday, 27 September 2018,  
9.30 am**

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**Chair**

Cr Nigel Belsham

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Cr Lynne Sheridan

**Membership**

Councillors Cath Ash, Dean McManaway, Graeme Platt, Ruth Rainey and Dave Wilson  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson (ex-officio)

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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**

# Attachment 1



# Rangitikei District Council

## Finance and Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes– Thursday 30 August 2018 – 10:30 am

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**Present:** Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Cath Ash  
Cr Dean McManaway  
Cr Graeme Platt  
Cr Ruth Rainey  
Cr Lynne Sheridan  
Cr David Wilson  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**Also Present:** Cr Jane Dunn  
Cr Angus Gordon

**In attendance:** Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive  
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mr Ashley Dahl, Financial Services Team Leader  
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator  
Ms Selena Anderson, Governance Administration

**Tabled Documents**

<b>Item 7</b>	Chair's Report
<b>Item 10</b>	Progress with 2017/2018 Annual Report



## 1 Welcome

The meeting started at 10.40am. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Public forum

Nil

## 3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Nil

## 4 Members' Conflict of Interest

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

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

## 5 Confirmation of order of business

There were no late items and no scheduled change to the order of business.

## 6 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved minute number	18/FPE/118	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 26 July 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Ash / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 7 Chair's Report

The Chair took his tabled report as read.

The Chief Executive informed the Committee that the recruitment for the Finance General Manger is underway and likely to take 2-3 months. Mr Ashley Dahl currently has delegated authority and is performing the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) function.

Special mention was made of the support from Horizons Regional Council and the Horowhenua District Council who have assisted with preparing the annual report and the associated audit process, in particular Horowhenua CFO, Doug Law, and Horizons' CFO, Leanne McDonald.

The Chief Executive noted he has thanked both organisation's chief executives

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/FPE/119**                      **File Ref**

That the Mayor signs letters of thanks to Horizons Regional Council and the Horowhenua District Council's Mayors and Chief Executives

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/FPE/120**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-14-1**

That the Chair's Report to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 30 August 2018 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

## 8 Event Sponsorship Scheme Report

The Committee discussed the merits of requiring receipts from grant recipients in submitting their reports about the events which Council supported. It was agreed that the status quo is sufficient

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/FPE/121**                      **File Ref**                      **3-GF-11-3**

That the following Project report forms be received:

- Marton Rotary
- Samoan Community
- Te Reanga Morehu O Rātana Trust
- A & P Show

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

## 9 Progress with strategic issues

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

## 10 Progress with 2017/18 Annual report

The Draft full-year financial results and the statement of service performance was be tabled at the meeting.

The final audit starts on 10 September 2018. Adoption will be on 11 October 2018.

Mr Dahl spoke to the Draft Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense and the Draft Statement of financial Position, explaining the meaning of each line.

Mr Hodder spoke to extracts from the preliminary Statement of Service Performance noting the following key results from the recent residents' survey

- Customer satisfaction on roading has reduced which staff found surprising given the positive findings in the recent New Zealand Transport Agency Investment Audit.
- The main concerns from survey respondents about roading were the Marton Broadway project and the extent of patching across the network
- All areas in Community & Leisure Assets achieved 'better than last year' results.
- The mandatory measures set by Government for responsiveness to complaints (i.e. requests for service) in the 3 Waters require the calculation of the median time rather than the average time.
- Results of the survey and the verbatim comments have gone to the relevant activity managers to reflect in improvement plans.

Full reports will be presented to the next meetings of the Assets/Infrastructure and Policy/Planning Committees.

Some Committee members expressed hearing dissatisfaction with the response to requests for service.

#### **Undertaking**

#### **Subject**

Mr Dahl to write up notes of his report to be emailed to elected members along with the tabled documents.

#### **Resolved minute number**

**18/FPE/122**

#### **File Ref**

That the Draft full-year financial results and the statement of service performance provided to the 30 August 2018 Finance/Performance Committee meeting be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr McManaway. Carried

Cr Dunn arrived at 11.07am

Cr Gordon arrived at 11.17am

## **11 Update from Subdivision Group**

His Worship the Mayor reported that consent is underway for the subdivision on Bredins Line, Marton and that the Central House Movers house has been moved onto the property signalling Council's initiated subdivision in Bulls.

The Chief Executive is in discussion with developers interested in the Walton St and Haylock Park sites

**12 Late Items**

None

**13 Future Items for the Agenda**

Future subdivision at Koitiata

**14 Next Meeting**

Thursday, 27 September 2018, 9.30 am

**15 Meeting Closed**

11.29am

Confirmed/Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

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