



Rangitikei District Council

Finance and Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 27 February 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

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Present: Cr Nigel Belsham (Chair)
Cr Fiona Dalgety
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Tracey Hiroa
Cr Dave Wilson
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Jo Devine, Group Manager – Finance and Business Support
Ms Carol Gordon, Manager – Executive Office
Ms Nardia Gower, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

1 Welcome

Cr Belsham welcomed everyone to the meeting at 11.07am.

Due to the meeting commencing more than 15 minutes from its scheduled start time, the Committee was required to move a recommendation to accept the meeting start at a later time.

Resolved minute number **20/FPE/001** **File Ref**

That the Finance/Performance Committee formally accepts the late commencement of the meeting, noting that no members of the public were present or have been affected with this decision.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Carter. Carried

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for absence of Councillor Panapa be received and the apology for lateness for Councillor Gordon be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried

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 conflicts declared.

5 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed, there were no late items.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **20/FPE/002** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 12 December 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Wilson/Cr Carter. Carried

7 Chair's Report

The Chairs report was taken as read. Cr Belsham thanked Cr Dalgety for taking on the Deputy Chair position.

Resolved minute number **20/FPE/003** **File Ref**

That the 'Chair's Report' to the 27 February 2020 Finance/Performance Committee meeting be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Wilson. Carried

8 Terms of Reference

The revised Terms of Reference were taken as read.

Resolved minute number **20/FPE/004** **File Ref**

That the 'Terms of Reference' for the Finance/Performance Committee in the 2019-22 triennium be reviewed and confirmed.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Hiroa. Carried

9 Financial Snapshot - January 2020

Ms Devine spoke to the memorandum, highlighting the following:

- Subsidies and Grants are under budget
- Personnel costs are above budget due to the following – transition to a new Chief Executive, increase in regulatory resources with the demand for consents
- Behind in capital spend, though in a better position now
- Currently investigating materials to establish the most effective method for re-roofing and insulating Marton and Taihape Swim Centres
- Council has not drawn down any debt in the 2019/20 financial year

Cr Gordon arrived 11.23am.

Resolved minute number **20/FPE/005** **File Ref**

That the 'Financial Snapshot - January 2020' to the 27 February 2020 Finance/Performance Committee meeting be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Carter. Carried

10 Property Sales – Annual Report 1 January - December 2019

Ms Devine spoke to her report, with an annual perspective and a quarterly report. She noted a large increase with the urban sector now dominating over the rural sector.

Resolved minute number **20/FPE/006** **File Ref**

That the 'Property Sales – Annual Report 1 January - December 2019' to the 27 February 2020 Finance/Performance Committee meeting be received.

Cr Carter/His Worship the Mayor. Carried

11 Customer Experience Strategy

Ms Devine provided a brief background on the Information Services Strategic Plan and how it had moved beyond an internal focus. The analysis identified the need to look through the customer's eyes and how customers want to interact with Council, noting this is via multiple channels. The Customer Experience Strategy and the Information Services Strategic Plan were complementary.

After engaging with staff and holding workshops, there was now greater clarity on why customers come to Council. Implementation of both strategies are about to commence.

The Committee briefly discussed LIMs (Land Information Memoranda) and the implications of including information about hazards, including liquefaction and seismic faults. LIMs and building consents had been identified for electronic provision.

Resolved minute number **20/FPE/007** **File Ref**

That the 'Customer Experience Strategy' to the 27 February 2020 Finance/Performance Committee meeting be received.

Cr Ash/Cr Carter. Carried

12 Information Services Strategic Plan

The report was discussed in item 11.

Resolved minute number **20/FPE/008** **File Ref**

That the 'Information Services Strategic Plan' to the 27 February 2020 Finance/Performance Committee meeting be received.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Ash. Carried

13 Late Items

As agreed at item 6.

14 Future Items for the Agenda

Rates of depreciation for new assets

Debt ratios (benchmarks)

15 Next Meeting

Thursday 26 March 2020, 9.30am

16 Meeting Closed

11.56am.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: