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FINANCE/PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

(Tabled document – Chair's report)

Date: Thursday, 25 March 2021

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: Council Chamber

Rangitīkei District Council

46 High Street

Marton

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Cr Nigel Belsham

Deputy Chair: Cr Fi Dalgety

Membership: Cr Cath Ash,

Cr Brian Carter, Cr Angus Gordon, Cr Tracey Hiroa, Cr Waru Panapa, Cr Dave Wilson,

His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson.

Chairs report, March 2021 Finance & Performance Committee

Welcome to the Finance and Performance Committee meeting for March 2021.

In the agenda for this meeting there are a number of reports showing some strong trends within our district. The Property sales reports show a strong demand for houses and land with the prices being paid at record high levels. The demand for housing is at a level we have not seen before and this bodes well for the growth of our district. The amount of sub-divisions and building consent work is at an all-time high. This in turn creates its own challenges on resources not only within council operations, but also in contractor availability to perform the hands on work. These 'growing pains' whilst challenging to deal with at this time, will provide sustainability and prosperity for our district and its people into the future.

The Financial reports provided today show councils operations to be heading along reasonably close to budget. This time of year provides a hefty workload within the roading space and I'm sure the spend will have a swift catch up towards the end of the financial year. The 3 waters capital spend lags somewhat and I will be looking forward to some commentary on progress within that space at full Council today.

We have some information in today's agenda around where our rate collection (debtors) is at. It shows good progress for the February period and I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the Finance & Performance committee to thank all staff involved in the collection of these rates in the outstanding work that they do. It can be a challenging and thankless task, but the manner in which you undertake this work needs to be commended.

Thank you all for your attendance today and I look forward to everyone's valuable input into this meeting.

Nigel Belsham

Finance & Performance Committee Chair