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## Hunterville Community Committee

# Order Paper

**Monday, 16 June 2014 at 6.30pm**

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Charlie Lewis

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His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson, (ex officio)

Councillor Dean McManaway or any one other Councillor

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# Rangitikei District Council

Hunterville Community Committee Meeting

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## **1 Welcome**

## **2 Apologies**

## **3 Confirmation of minutes**

### **Recommendation**

That the Minutes of the Hunterville Community Committee meeting held on 14 April 2014 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

## **4 Council decision on recommendations from the Committee**

There were no recommendations presented to the Council meeting on 1 May 2014.

## **5 2015-25 Long Term Plan Engagement Strategy**

A report is attached.

File ref: 1-LTP15-3

### **Recommendations**

- 1 That the report '2015/25 Long Term Plan Engagement Strategy' be received
- 2 That the Hunterville Community Committee provides written feedback on the scope of the Engagement Strategy and the content and focus of the Communications Strategy.

## **6 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Hunterville ward.**

A memorandum is attached

### **Recommendation**

That the memorandum 'Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Hunterville Ward' be received.

## **7 Development of a Local Approved Products Policy**

The report provided to Council's Policy and Planning Committee's meeting on 15 May 2014 is attached for information. The Committee accepted the recommendations in the report. Local Government New Zealand has just released its policy template and guidance.

## **8 Frequency of meetings**

Council is considering the meeting frequency of Community Committees and Community Boards at its 29 May 2014 meeting. An update will be provided to the meeting in the form of a tabled document.

## **9 General business**

## **10 Date of next meeting**

## **11 Meeting closed.**

# Attachment 1



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# Rangitikei District Council

## Huntermville Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Monday 14 April 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

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### Present:

C Lewis (Chair)  
J England  
M Fenton  
K Kennedy  
J Signal  
J Watson  
Cr Ruth Rainey

## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed the Committee members to the meeting, in particular Cr Rainey who was covering for Cr McManaway.

## 2 Apologies

That the apologies for absence from Cr McManaway be received.

C Lewis/J Signal. Carried

## 3 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number            14/HCC/003            File Ref

That the Minutes of the Hunterville Community Committee meeting held on 17 February 2014 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

C Lewis/K Kennedy. Carried

## 4 Council decision on recommendations from the Committee

The Committee noted that there were no recommendations to Council from the last Committee meeting.

## 5 Code of conduct

Resolved minute number            14/HCC/004            File Ref            3-PY-1

1        That the memorandum 'Adoption of a Code of Conduct' be received

2        That the Hunterville Community Committee adopt the proposed Code of Conduct [as amended].

J Watson/J Signal. Carried

## 6 Small projects grant scheme

Resolved minute number            14/HCC/005            File Ref

That Erina True spends the balance of the Small Projects Fund Scheme on reams of paper for the printing of The Hunterville Bulletin.

J Watson/J Signal. Carried

## 7 Developing a Local Approved Products Policy under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2013

Resolved minute number                      14/HCC/006                      File Ref                      3-PY-1-2

- 1 That the memorandum 'Developing a Local Approved Products Policy under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2013' be received.
- 2 That the Hunterville Community Committee makes the following comments on the briefing paper Local Approved Products Policy under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2013:
  - The Hunterville Community Committee supports the Rangitikei District Council's current proposal in relation to sensitive sites (page 19). As a committee we would not be agreeable to an outlet that sells psychoactive substances operating in Hunterville.
  - We concur with the Rangitikei District Council's proposal to limit psychoactive sites to Taihape and Marton.

K Kennedy/J Signal. Carried

## 8 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Hunterville ward

Resolved minute number                      14/HCC/007                      File Ref

That the memorandum 'Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Hunterville Ward' be received.

K Kennedy/J Signal. Carried

## 9 General Business

The Hunterville Community Committee is seeking answers from council to the following:

- The variation in dates for rates to be paid.
- Will Horizons Regional Council be spraying the blackberry?
- Replacement of the demolished picnic table from outside the Centennial Hall.

The Hunterville Community Committee recommends the following:

- That K Kennedy approaches Clare Ridler from Horizons Regional Council regarding the blackberry spraying.
- Cr Rainey will contact the Rangitikei District Council's Financial Controller, or the Mayor, regarding the rates payment dates.



**Resolved minute number**                      **14/HCC/008**                      **File Ref**

That the Rangitikei District Council replace and install a suitable wooden picnic table outside the Centennial Hall.

M Fenton/J Watson. Carried

## 10 Further Business

### **Overhanging Trees onto footpaths**

The Hunterville Community Committee has concerns about trees and shrubs encroaching onto the towns footpaths, this is becoming a hazard for pedestrians. The Hunterville Community Committee recommends a request for service is lodged with the Rangitikei District Council and a notice be lodged with the Hunterville Bulletin. K Kennedy will lodge the service request with Rangitikei District Council and place the relevant notice in the Hunterville Bulletin.

### **Dog Owners Responsibilities**

The Hunterville Community Committee members are also concerned about dog owners permitting their dogs to foul footpaths and residents' lawns. Cr Rainey has volunteered to check the Rangitikei District Council's current policy on Dog Owner Responsibilities; she will speak with Cr Sheridan from Rangitikei District Council and communicate back to the committee.

The Hunterville Community Committee also requests a notice be placed in the Hunterville Bulletin, reminding dog owners of their responsibilities. K Kennedy will place the notice with the Hunterville Bulletin

### **Milne Street footpath repairs**

The Hunterville Community Committee request's that Rangitikei District Council respond to their request regarding repair of the footpath from 12 Milne Street to outside Relish the Moment Café.

### **Transit New Zealand Replacement of Trees from State Highway One**

The Hunterville Community Committee is still awaiting a response to our query about replacing the trees by Transit NZ from State Highway One. Cr McManaway communicated to The Hunterville Community Committee previously about this; at the time, the Hunterville Community Committee was advised Transit would replant the equivalent number of trees in Queens Park, along with a suitable plaque.

Maureen Fenton advised the Hunterville Community Committee she would be absent from the next meeting.

The committee wishes to thank Cr Rainey for her attendance and guidance at our meeting.

**11 Date of next meeting**

Monday 16 June 2014, 6.30 pm

**12 Meeting closed – 7.30 pm**

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Unconfirmed



# Attachment 2



**Rangitikei**  
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# REPORT

SUBJECT:           **2015-25 Long Term Plan Engagement Strategy**

TO:                 Huntermville Community Committee

FROM:             Carol Downs, Executive Officer

DATE:             28 May 2014

FILE:             1-LTP15-3

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## **1 Executive Summary**

1.1 This report is to provide an opportunity for the Huntermville Community Committee to comment on the draft communication plan and engagement strategy for Council's 2015-25 Long Term Plan and seeks their input into the consultation process.

## **2 Background**

2.1 Councils are required by the Local Government Act 2002 to prepare a Long Term Plan (LTP) and to review this every three years. Community engagement and consultation is a key part of the process in the production of Council's Long Term Plan. The Act strongly encourages early, meaningful consultation and includes the following statement in the purpose of the LTP:

- "provide a basis for accountability of the local authority to the community; and
- provide an opportunity for participation by the public in decision-making processes on activities to be undertaken by the local authority."

## **3 Communications Strategy and Engagement Strategy**

3.1 Attached is a draft Communications Strategy and Engagement Strategy for the Huntermville Community Committee to consider. The Council's Policy/Planning Committee were presented with this document, as a draft, at their meeting on 15 May 2014 and agreed to seek the views of Community Committees and Community Boards on the proposed approach.

3.2 The Huntermville Community Committee is now asked to provide input on this document and in particular to consider the focus and level of engagement that the Committee is seeking in the development of the LTP. It is important to have

a clear, well developed plan for both communication and engagement with all stakeholders, including the committees and boards that represent the community. Feedback on the draft plan and strategy is sought from the Committee.

#### **4 Recommendations**

- 4.1 That the report '2015/25 Long Term Plan Engagement Strategy' be received
- 4.2 That the Hunterville Community Committee provides written feedback on the scope of the Engagement Strategy and the content and focus of the Communications Strategy.

Carol Downs  
Executive Officer

# *Appendix 1*

## Communications Strategy for 2015-18 Long Term Plan

The Draft Long Term Plan (LTP) enables the community have their say on the work Rangitikei District Council proposes for the next 10 years, in particular the 2015-18 period.

Individuals and groups in the community are encouraged to attend public and stakeholder meetings and have their say via the submission process.

RDC proposes to use a number of channels to promote and encourage debate, including:

- Printed advertising (Rangitikei Line, Bulletin, all local community papers)
- Social media (u-tube clips highlighting key focus area of the LTP)
- Public meetings
- Targeted group and stakeholder meetings
- Displays at information centres, satellite offices, and libraries
- Presentations to any interested group, at their request, to discuss the draft Plan and encourage submissions
- All supported by media presence.

The focus on the public meetings and public interaction will be on significant key issues relevant to the public and stakeholders, these include (list not exhaustive):

- Economic development
- Impact of changes (if any) in roading funding
- Rational for the revenue and funding policy, in particular:
  - Funding mechanisms for urban reticulated water and wastewater
  - The merit of differential rates for activities currently funded through the general rate (.e roading, footpaths, information centres, district promotion)
  - The appropriate level of the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)
- Community improvements (upgrades at Bulls domain, Koitiata Community Hall, upgrade to skate park at Taihape).

### Consultation Document (Summary of the Plan)

The Local Government Act requires a Consultation Document be prepared, which should be a fair representation of the major matters in the LTP. This document will feature in Council's Rangitikei Line issue, at the relevant time. Copies will be made available at libraries, information centres, satellite offices. RDC will promote the Consultation Document and submission process in any appropriate publication.

### Advertising

The LGA requires public notice to be given to advise the availability of the Plan. Regular media releases will be provided to all local newspapers.



## Targeted Presentations

Presentations will be made to interested parties, key stakeholders, communities that request them and:

- Community Committees/Boards
- TRAK
- Sector and interest groups
- Early consultation on key issues pertaining to each sector.
- Staff will be kept informed at the regular staff/management meetings
- Councillors kept informed

## Key Actions (to be updated from project plan)

May – September 2014

October – December 2014

January – March 2015

Early consultation with councillors, key sector and interest groups, staff

Plenty of key, consistent messaging

Audience	Topic	Timing
Mayor and Councillors		
Community Committees/ Community Boards		
Council staff		
Residents and Ratepayers		
Key Stakeholders		
Media		

## Reporting

Regular reports will be provided to:

- Council
- Finance / Performance Committee
- RDC's Corporate Management Team (CMT) – reporting on progress, dates, key issues, deadlines and highlighting any involvement that might be required from them
- RDC's Management Team – report to be provided each fortnight giving a high level update on Project Plan, key milestones and progress.

## Availability of Document

Currently exploring options for providing digital documents on the RDC website and supplying the Plan on DVD. Hard copies will also be available.

## Engagement Strategy

Engagement is about involving the community in Council's decision making process. It helps to strengthen the relationship Council has with the community and provides an opportunity for the community to realise what they can expect to influence. Engagement does not replace the final decision-making power of Council; it enhances Council's capacity to make well-informed, acceptable and sustainable decisions.

### Aim:

This Engagement Strategy is written to ensure both stakeholders and the community have the opportunity to provide feedback and inform the decisions made by Council during the LTP process.

### Objectives:

- To ensure a commitment by Council elected representatives and staff to engage with the community in a meaningful and appropriate way about decisions that affect them
- To provide a consistent and flexible process for staff to guide the selection of the most appropriate method and level of engagement for any project or decision in the LTP
- To develop and maintain a high level of trust and confidence with the community and stakeholders to ensure an understanding of the shared vision for Rangitikei.

### Who We Engage With

RDC will engage with a broad range of people who make up the District and who have unique interests and a role to play in the District's future.

Stakeholders are recognised as groups who have an interest in Council's decision making and who are affected by Council's decisions. These individuals or groups may be identified as residents and voters, ratepayers, business owners, RDC customers, contractors or suppliers, community interest groups, agencies and hard to reach groups.

### When We Will Engage

In line with project plan - to be confirmed

### How We Engage

In any decision-making process, the level of engagement will vary depending on the nature and complexity of the project or decision.

Council will engage the community on issues that are of importance or interest to a specific part of the community and engagement will be targeted towards relevant groups.

## Levels of Engagement

There are five levels of engagement which outline the amount of involvement from both the Council and community within each level.

### Inform

There are situations when stakeholders and the community need to receive information to gain a better understanding of an issue or understand why a decision has been made. *Inform* is the appropriate level of engagement when the aim is to provide information about a decision or outcome, who it was made by and what the consequential impact on stakeholders and the community will be. For example, a fact sheet or letter is sent to stakeholders and the community.

### Consult

*Consult* is the appropriate level of engagement when input, views or feedback is sought from the community to better inform a decision-making process, or to help inform the direction of a proposed plan or project. *Consult* is selected when Council asks and listens to the community about ideas to improve something, to obtain views on a particular proposal, understand what would happen if Council made a certain decision, or when a number of possible options are provided and which option is preferred. For example, a local community are invited to provide feedback on a draft plan to upgrade a nearby park.

### Involve

*Involve* is the appropriate level of engagement when local input is required to identify issues early and inform Council's planning process. This level of engagement is selected when Council wants to include the community early in the planning process to ensure all concerns and aspirations are both heard and understood.

### Collaborate

*Collaborate* is the appropriate level of engagement when Council or staff mutually share the decision-making with various levels of government, community groups, key stakeholders or members of the public. *Collaborate* is usually selected where issues and solutions are unclear and Council works with equal power and partnership to find solutions that lead to an agreed outcome.

### Empower

*Empower* is Council's promise is to 'implement what you decide'. *Empower* is selected when our community and stakeholders are provided with the skills, information, authority and resources in order to make the final decision. Under the *Local Government Act 1999*, the only decision-making power which is entirely placed in the hands of the public is that of electing Council Members every three years.

## Public Participation/Consultation

Level of public input and impact	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
Objective	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, options, or solutions	To obtain public feedback on options or proposed decisions	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public and private concerns are understood and considered	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of preferred solution(s)	To place the final decision-making in the hands of the public
Promise to the public	We will keep you informed	We will keep you informed, listen to, acknowledge your concerns and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision	We will work with you to ensure your concerns and issues are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how the public input influenced the decision	We will look to you for direct advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible	To place final decision-making in the hands of the public
Tools available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fact sheets</li> <li>• Websites</li> <li>• Static displays</li> <li>• Newspaper adverts and inserts</li> <li>• Posters</li> <li>• Information kiosk (at info centres and libraries).</li> <li>• Fairs/events (stalls)</li> <li>• Blog</li> <li>• Councillors</li> <li>• Customer service</li> <li>• FAQs</li> <li>• Public meetings</li> <li>• Stakeholder meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All those as under INFORM</li> <li>• Special Consultative Procedure</li> <li>• Focus groups</li> <li>• Surveys e.g. survey monkey, questionnaires</li> <li>• Consultation document</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshops</li> <li>• Community Forum</li> <li>• Focussed conversations</li> <li>• Public meetings</li> <li>• Interviews</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Committees</li> <li>• Participatory decision-making</li> </ul>	

Level of public input and impact	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U-tube videos</li> <li>• Social media</li> </ul>				
External stakeholders	All public	All public	Interested parties. Key community groups e.g. community trusts, federated farmers, historical societies, grey power etc, iwi organisations, Audit NZ	Key stakeholders e.g. Community Boards, Committees, TRAK, other territorial authorities/local government sector, other groups/agencies where their involvement in delivering objectives are required e.g key community organisations	All public or key stakeholders e.g. Other groups/agencies where their involvement in delivering objectives are required e.g. key community organisations

# Attachment 3



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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Hunterville Community Committee

FROM: Samantha Whitcombe

DATE: 28 May 2014

SUBJECT: **Current Infrastructure Projects/Upgrades and Other Council Activities in the Hunterville Ward**

### **Water supply in the Hunterville Ward**

- 1 Scheme consumers are required to maintain storage of 48 hours consumption. The urban area needs to increase storage from the current 300m<sup>3</sup> to a minimum of 680m<sup>3</sup>.
- 2 Work planned for the next three months:
  - Supply and install UV reactor and filter control valves.

### **Sewerage and the treatment and disposal of Sewage in the Hunterville Ward**

- 1 Preliminary property investigations have been completed in Hunterville with smoke testing to follow. Contractor will forward compliance reports following completion of the smoke testing.
- 2 Work planned for the next three months:
  - Continued optimisation of plant capacity during periods of rainfall.
  - Preliminary investigation work to quantify and identify base flows for inflow and infiltration study of the reticulation network. Value of work is \$3,438.35.

### **Recommendation**

That the memorandum 'Current Infrastructure Projects/Upgrades and Other Council Activities in the Hunterville Ward' be received.

Samantha Whitcombe  
Governance Administrator





# Attachment 4



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# REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Local Approved Products Policy Update

**TO:** Policy/Planning Committee

**FROM:** Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst

**DATE:** 7 May 2014

**FILE:** 3-PY-1

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## **1 Background**

- 1.1 The Psychoactive Substances Act 2013 was adopted by the Government in response to growing concerns regarding the harm psychoactive substances are causing communities.
- 1.2 Most provisions in the legislation and regulation are controlled by Central Government, however, Section 66 of the Act enables local councils to implement a Local Approved Products Policy (LAPP). The policy enables Council to work with the community to identify where licenced retail outlets can be located.
- 1.3 A briefing paper was provided to the Policy/Planning Committee at its 20 March 2014 meeting. Comment was sought from the Committee regarding key aspects of the policy. Key comments included:
- The preferred location for the outlets would be in the main street of the CBD;
  - The preferred permitted towns would be Taihape and Marton only;
  - Psychoactive substances premises should be at least 50 metres from each other;
  - Sensitive sites should extend to hotels and off-licence premises.
- 1.4 Comment was also sought from the Community Boards/Committees, who were provided with the briefing paper, a covering memorandum and map of their town showing potentially sensitive sites.

## **2 Recommendations from Community Boards/Committees**

- 2.1 The Taihape Community Board commented that although opposed to any shops selling psychoactive substances, they acknowledged that this was not an option. The Board agreed with the Policy/Planning Committee's recommendation that premises be restricted to the main street in commercial zones within the Rangitikei District. However, the Board considered that

identifying sensitive sites is out of alignment with the risks posed by legal highs as compared with alcohol (for which there is no such strict location control on outlets) and that limiting sale to the main streets in commercial zones throughout the District provided sufficient restriction.

- 2.2 The Rātana Community Board commented that the LAPP should restrict premises to CBD areas where effective monitoring (CCTV) is available or likely to be installed (Taihape and Marton CBD's). They recommended that the LAPP should be so restrictive that only 1 outlet should be able to establish in each town. They also recommended that sports fields and Mārae be added to the list of sensitive sites and that separation distances from sensitive sites should be as restrictive as possible. The Board believes that, although Rangitikei needs to develop its own LAPP, consistency between neighbouring Districts should be pursued. For example: all provisions are the same for each Council's LAPP's.
- 2.3 The Bulls Community Committee commented that, due to the recent changes in legislation which now ban psychoactive substances until they can be proven to be of low risk, they would like to take a 'wait and see' approach.
- 2.4 The Hunterville Community Committee commented that they support the Policy/Planning Committee's recommendations regarding sensitive sites and would not support an outlet which sells psychoactive substances to operate in Hunterville. They agree with the proposal to limit the sale to Taihape and Marton.
- 2.5 The Marton Community Committee commented that they would like to see the most stringent LAPP lawfully possible is implemented so that the sale of psychoactive substances is limited and that vulnerable communities and sensitive sites are protected.
- 2.6 The Turakina Community Committee commented that they agreed in principle with the recommendations from the Policy/Planning Committee regarding the location of outlets selling psychoactive substances. However, the Committee recommended that the distance outlets should be from each other and sensitive sites should be 100m and that hotels and off-licence premises be included as sensitive sites. They noted that they would prefer a total ban of the products.

### **3 Comment**

- 3.1 Overall the Community Boards/Committee's agreed with the comments from the Policy/Planning Committee with the following amendments:
  - That the distance outlets should be sited from each other be increased to 100m, rather than 50m.
  - Sports fields and Mārae should be included in the list of sensitive sites.
  - The LAPP should be so restrictive that only outlet would be able to open in each town.
  - That consistency with neighbouring Districts policies be sought.

- That the identification of sensitive sites is not necessary.
- 3.2 These proposed amendments are not entirely convergent. In particular, the Committee will need to determine whether it is or is not necessary to identify sensitive sites in the policy. There is an argument that, because the first consideration in a decision to open a legal highs outlet would be commercial objectives, such a business owner would be unlikely to choose a site close to a school etc. The counter argument is that the community does not want that decision left to the owner of such a business.
- 3.3 Since the briefing paper was discussed by the Policy/Planning Committee and the Community Boards/Committees there has been a major policy change by Central Government. Associate Health Minister Peter Dunne has announced that all psychoactive substances will be banned until they can be tested and proven that they are likely to cause only a low amount of harm. Psychoactive substances have been banned from sale from midnight 7 May 2014. Information from LGNZ has commented that this change in policy direction will have no effect on LAPPs, as approved products will be available shortly after regulations for manufacturing have been adopted and a testing regime put in place.
- 3.4 LGNZ has also announced its intention to develop and release a toolkit to help councils deal with the issue of psychoactive substances. This will include a model LAPP which can be used as a template, a model bylaw for controlling the consumption of psychoactive substances in public places and a guidance note to help councils implement policies.
- 3.5 A further point to note is that Hamilton City Council has had their policy appealed. This was appealed because:
1. The appellant believes that it is illegal (arguing that it effectively bans all premises).
  2. The appellant argues that the distances from sensitive sites and other premises are unreasonable.
  3. The appellant argues that the outcome was predetermined as elected members had previously voiced their opposition to psychoactive substances on social media.
- 3.6 It is recommended that Rangitikei District Council defer implementing a LAPP until the outcome of the court has been resolved (this is likely to be in July). However, there is the possibility that due to the recent ban on all psychoactive substances by the Government, that the appeal will not be pursued. The court decisions for these cases will likely give other councils greater guidance on the level of restriction which local authorities can legally place on the retail sale of psychoactive substances.

3.7 With regard to developing policies consistent with other local authorities, Manawatu District Council is not currently developing a LAPP, however, Wanganui District Council is in the process of developing a draft policy. There is the potential to work with Wanganui District Council to develop policies which are similar.

#### **4 Recommendations**

- 4.1 That the report 'Local Approved Products Policy Update' be received.
- 4.2 That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that a local approved products policy for the Rangitikei District EITHER does OR does not specify sensitive sites and distances from these to restrict the location of retail outlets for psychoactive substances in the main street of the central business districts of Marton and Taihape.
- 4.3 That a Local Approved Product Policy is developed after the legal case against Hamilton City Council has been resolved, and the template LAPP is available from LGNZ.
- 4.4 That when a Local Approved Products Policy is developed, it takes into account the comments from the Policy/Planning Committee, Community Boards and Community Committees and draft or adopted policies in neighbouring councils.

Katrina Gray  
Policy Analyst