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Policy/Planning Committee Meeting

Order Paper

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The quorum for the Policy/Planning Committee is 4.

At its meeting of 28 October 2010, Council resolved that “The quorum at any meeting of a standing committee or sub-committee of the Council (including Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, the Community Committees, the Reserve Management Committees and the Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committees) is that required for a meeting of the local authority in SO 2.4.3 and 3.4.3.

1 Welcome

2 Apologies/Leave of absence

3 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.

4 Confirmation of minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 11 August 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

5 Chair's Report

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-1

Recommendation

That the Chair's Report to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 15 September 2016 be received.

6 Queries raised at previous meetings

Nil

7 Council-initiated District Plan Change – Update

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

8 The 2050 Challenge – future proofing our communities (LGNZ discussion paper)

At its meeting on 25 August 2016, Council considered the outcome of the Committee's discussion on this paper and asked the Committee to give the matter further thought before finalising feedback (on behalf of the Council) to Local Government New Zealand. The summary of the Committee's previous consideration and the LGNZ paper are attached.

LGNZ has asked for feedback by 23 September 2016.

9 External Risks to Roothing

At its meeting in October 2015, the Committee considered a discussion paper from Cr Gordon on external risk to roading assets, specifically the potential impacts of land management decisions taken by individual property owners. While logging of forests typically causes substantial damage to local roads (especially unsealed surfaces), Cr Gordon's paper had a much wider focus than that. At its March 2016 meeting, the Committee considered a staff report on risks to roading from flood damage, raising the possibility of a more proactive stance in identifying (and remedying) those sections of the network which have proved vulnerable to damage – such as battering to a smaller angle.

Both papers are attached.

10 Activity Management

- Community leadership
- Environmental services
- Community well-being

Recommendation

That the activity management templates for Community Leadership, Environmental and Regulatory Services and Community Well-Being (August 2016) be received.

11 Update on Communications Strategy

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-1

Recommendation

That the update on the Communications Strategy to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 15 September 2016 be received.

12 Update on Legislation and Governance Issues

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-OR-3-5

Recommendations

- 1 That the report 'Update on Legislation and Governance Issues' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 15 September 2016 be received.
- 2 That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that it adopts for consultation, using the special consultative procedure, a draft policy allowing those shops not already exempt under the Shop Trading Hours Act to open on Easter Sunday either throughout the whole Rangitikei District or within particular Wards of

the District, with consultation to be from 11 October 2016 to 11 November 2016, with oral hearings on 1 December 2016 and deliberations on 15 December 2016.

13 Better Urban Planning

The summary of the Better Urban Planning draft report is attached. A presentation will be provided to the meeting, with the intention of using the discussion to prepare a submission for Council's consideration at its meeting on 29 September 2016.

14 Investigation of Requested Speed Limit Reduction around Kauangaroa

The report from GHD is attached.

File ref: 6-RT-6-4

Recommendations

- 1 That the GHD report 'Kauangaroa Road – Speed Limit Development Rating Survey' be received.
- 2 That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that (having regard to section 156 of the Local Government Act 2002) the proposed change to the speed limit bylaw for an 80 km/h section around Kauangaroa is not likely to have a significant impact on the public and therefore consultation does not require the use of the special consultative procedure.
- 3 That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that it adopts for consultation, having regard for Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, the introduction of a new 80km/h speed limit along Kauangaroa Road from the western end of the Whangaehu River Bridge, with consultation to be from 11 October 2016 to 11 November 2016, oral hearings on 1 December 2016 and deliberations on 15 December 2016.
- 4 That the Policy/Planning Committee notes that there will need to be liaison with Whanganui District Council around the change in speed limit being on a boundary bridge.

15 Complaints Policy

At its last meeting, Council considered several complaints policies, including that from Auckland Council. Since then, the Office of the Auditor-General has published its report on how Auckland Council deals with complaints. This is instructive, given that Auckland Council set up its complaints system taking into account the best practice guidelines issued by the Office of the Ombudsman.

The Council's policy and the OAG report are attached.

The Committee is asked to consider whether the OAG's report points to aspects of a potential complaints policy for the Council in addition to those identified at the last meeting- i.e.

- simple and short;
- outlines the pathway/process that would be followed if a complaint is made;
- potential template for complaints/compliments; and
- integration with the Customer Service Charter developed by the Chief Executive.

A draft policy will be developed taking into account the meeting's discussion.

16 Earthquake-prone Buildings Policy and Survey

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-PY-1-6

Recommendation

- 1 That the report 'Earthquake-prone Buildings Policy and Survey' be received.
- 2 That, subject to new information being presented at oral hearings, the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that Council adopt [without amendment/as further amended] the proposed amendments to the Earthquake-prone Buildings Policy as outlined in Appendix 3 to reflect (a) its intent that no enforcement action will be undertaken for non-compliance with the current policy and (b) that the policy will lapse with the commencement of the Building (Earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Act on 1 July 2017.

17 Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre – project update

Draft concept and floor plans were available for public feedback during August, particularly at a well-attended public meeting on 8 August 2016. As a result, the Council has amended the floor plan to include a larger main hall seating 300 people. This has had an impact on the cost and on the subsequent fundraising targets for the proposed local fundraising committee. Work to progress local fundraising is in hand and an update will be provided to the Community Committee meeting.

In addition, the application to the Lottery Community Facilities fund was re-submitted at the end of August, reflecting these changes. The Bulls information centre/bus stop property will be marketed this month.

18 Maori Community Development Programme

File ref: 3-GF-10-7

The agreed work programme and final accountability report from the MOU arrangement with Ngati Hauiti is attached, for information. The operational arm of the iwi is Te Maru o

Ruahine Trust which runs from Rata marae. The work programme has supported building iwi capacity, connectedness and communication particularly as the iwi progresses its Waitangi Treaty settlement claims. It is hoped that the MOU to be developed in the future will consolidate the excellent working relationship between Council and the iwi that the initial funded work programme has instigated.

Recommendation

That the final accountability report for the Maori Community Development Programme 2015/16, delivered through the MOU arrangement with Ngati Hauiti, be received.

19 Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative

A memorandum is attached

File ref: 1-CO-4

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – September 2016' be received.

20 Late Items

21 Future Items for the Agenda

22 Next Meeting

This is the Committee's last meeting for the triennium

23 Meeting Closed