

Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Agenda – Thursday 14 September 2017 – 1:00 PM



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Committee The quorum for the Policy and Planning Committee is 5.

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 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.

4 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.

5 Chair's Report

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

File ref: 3-CT-15-1

Recommendation:

That the Chair's Report to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 14 September 2017 be received.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting from 10 August 2017 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-2

Recommendation:

That the [amended] Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 10 August 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Progress with strategic issues – Update

With priority 4 projects (Earthquake-Prone buildings), discussions with the community on the implications of the Act was deferred until the Guidance have been issued. Guidance has now been issued, but does not provide the expected clarity over 'priority buildings' there is however discretion available to territorial authorities in considering the outcome of consultation with their communities and what to consult on for instance routes of strategic importance. The methodology for identification of Earthquake-Prone buildings and Priority

Buildings has now been released. Further work to safeguard water and wastewater treatment plants was included in the 2017/18 Annual Plan programme.

A draft agreement for the continued delivery of Infrastructure Services by Manawatu District Council has been prepared, and is currently being finalised between the Chief Executives of both councils. The draft agreement builds on the original foundation of collaboration, but introduces a more structured arrangement and explicit performance framework. The agreement is expected to be finalised by the end of September 2017.

8 Low emissions economy – Issues Paper from the New Zealand Productivity Commission

The Productivity Commission has been asked to explore the issue of New Zealand's transition to a lower emissions economy. Overall, New Zealand has four emission reduction targets, with the long term target being to reduce emissions to 50% below 1990 levels by 2050.

The issues paper explores two key issues:

1. What opportunities exist for the New Zealand economy to maximise the benefits and minimise the costs of transitioning to a lower emissions economy, while continuing to increase incomes and well-being.
2. How New Zealand's regulatory, technological, financial and institutional systems, processes and practices can help to gain the benefits and reduce the costs of transitioning to a lower emissions economy.

The issues paper can be found on the [Productivity Commission's website](#).

A presentation will be provided at the meeting to assist in identifying key points for inclusion in Council's submission.

9 2017 Annual Residents Survey – Improvement Plan

A report is attached.

File ref: 5-FR-1-2

Recommendation:

That the report '2017 Annual Residents Survey - Improvement Plan' to the Policy/Planning Committee's 14 September 2017 meeting be received.

10 Update on Communications Strategy

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-1

Recommendation:

That the update to the Communications Strategy to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 14 September 2017 be received.

11 Update on Legislation and Governance Issues

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-OR-3-5

Recommendation:

That the report 'Update on legislation and governance issues' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 14 September 2017 be received.

12 Rates Remission for Maori Freehold Land Policy - Review

A memorandum is attached

File ref: 3-PT-1-18

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Rates Remission for Maori Freehold Land Policy - Review' to the Policy/Planning Committee's 14 September 2017 meeting be received.

13 Update on Youth Development Programme

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 4-EN-12-4

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Update on youth development programme – September 2017' be received.

14 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 2017' be received.

15 Questions put at previous meetings for Council advice or action:

None

16 Activity management

The Activity Management Templates (project reporting) for the following non-asset based groups of activities are attached:

- Community leadership
- Environmental services
- Community well-being

In accordance with Council resolution 17/RDC/055 which amended Standing Order 20.3 'Questions to staff', the following arrangement applies:

In the email advising Elected Members that the Committee Order Papers have been uploaded, they will be asked to email questions before the meeting to the relevant Group Manager (and copied to the Governance Administrator). The answers will be copied to all Elected Members, the Chief Executive and the Governance Administrator. The full email exchange will be tabled at the meeting. Outstanding questions will be noted in this document.

Questions may still be asked at the meeting. The minutes will record those which require further clarification or actions by staff and note whether this is to be by email before the next meeting (in which case it will be included as a document in the Order Paper) or through a report or agenda note at the next meeting.

Recommendations:

- 1 That the activity management templates for September 2017 for Community Leadership, Environmental and Regulatory Services and Community Well-Being be received.
- 2 That the memorandum 'Questions of Activity Management Templates' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 14 September 2017 be received.

17 Late items

18 Future items for the agenda

19 Next meeting

Thursday 12 October 2017, 1:00pm

20 Meeting closed