

Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Agenda – Thursday 12 April 2018 – 1:00 PM



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The quorum for the Policy and Planning Committee is 4.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 3 November 2016) 10.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

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 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting from 15 March 2018 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-2

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 15 March 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

6 Chair's Report

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

File ref: 3-CT-15-1

Recommendation:

That the Chair's Reports for April 2018 to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 12 April 2018 be received.

7 Progress with strategic issues – Update

With priority 4 projects (Earthquake-Prone buildings), Council agreed to undertake consultation on the location of priority areas in the urban centres over the period 7 October to 7 November 2017, with oral submissions being heard by this Committee at its meeting on 9 November 2017. As well as advising the Bulls, Marton and Hunterville Community Committees and the Taihape Community Board and making letter drops to all potentially affected businesses and property owners, there were public meetings held in Taihape and Marton. At its meeting on 30 November 2017, Council resolved not to adopt any priority areas under section 133AF of the Building Act 2004 and to send a strong message to

Government about the severe impacts of the legislation on the viability of many businesses and sustainability of the District's towns.

An application has been submitted to the Lotteries Heritage and Environment Fund for a grant towards a feasibility study on establishing the Marton Heritage Precinct Project as a collaborative initiative between private building owners and the Council. Funding of up to \$100,000 has been agreed to. Outcome of the application is expected in June.

Further work to safeguard water and wastewater treatment plants was included in the 2017/18 Annual Plan programme, and is continued in the draft 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

Regarding priority 5 projects, a new agreement for the continued delivery of Infrastructure Services by Manawatu District Council has been finalised between the Chief Executives of both councils. It builds on the original foundation of collaboration, but introduces a more structured arrangement and explicit performance framework. Quarterly reporting will be provided to the Finance/Performance Committee, starting April 2018.

A member of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa was appointed to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee (from its February 2017 meeting) with full speaking and voting rights. Discussions last year with the Komiti showed interest in this being extended to other Council Committees. At its meeting on 1 March 2018 Council resolved to formally extend the invitation to Te Roopu Ahi Kaa offering them a seat as contributing members to the Policy/Planning and Finance/Performance Council committees

The Policy/Planning Committee recommended to Council that the Significance and engagement policy be adopted for consultation at the same time as the Consultation Document for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan. At its meeting on 1 March, Council decided to defer that consideration until its meeting on 29 March, which it did.

A new Council brand is being implemented.

8 Update on Communications Strategy

An update is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-1

Recommendation:

That the 'Communications Strategy Update' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 12 April 2018 be received.

9 Representation review – pre-consultation

At Council's 29 March 2018 meeting, pre-consultation was approved regarding the Taihape and Ratana community boards, as well as, two options for representation (amended status quo and a 3 ward structure). Both maps were circulated to elected members prior to the meeting for comment. An engagement plan and survey have been prepared for consideration approval by the Policy/Planning Committee.

File 3-OR-3-8

Recommendations:

- 1 That the 'survey and engagement plan for pre-consultation on the representation review' provided to the Policy/Planning Committee's 12 April 2018 meeting be received.
- 2 That the Policy/Planning Committee approves the survey and engagement plan for pre-consultation on the representation review [as amended/without amendment].

10 Actioning the Māori Responsiveness Framework

A presentation will be given around suggested performance measures and targets, the integration of this framework within existing policies, and the options for funding reallocation.

File ref: 4-EN-8-3

Recommendation:

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council the adoption of the [amended] Maori Responsiveness Framework.

11 Draft Rental Policy for Community Housing

The Ministry of Social Development has only recently publicly notified changes in Accommodation Supplement payments (which will be part of the May 2017 Budget).

The draft Rental Policy will be presented at the next Policy/Planning committee meeting, 10 May 2018. This will allow sufficient time to analyse the effect of the changes on the proposal to upgrade and extend the housing stock.

12 Proposed Enforcement Strategy

A draft Strategy is attached for discussion. It has been prepared in response to the comment by the Independent Assessment Board that the Council lacked any regulatory or enforcement strategy. The assessors thought this was particularly important for effective animal control.

Prior to submission to Council, an executive summary will be prepared.

File ref: 2-RE-1

Recommendation:

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommend to Council that the proposed Enforcement Strategy be adopted, taking into account the following points..... and including an executive summary.

13 Legislation and Governance Update

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-OR-3-5

Recommendations:

- 1 That the report 'Legislation and Governance Update, April 2018' be received.
- 2 That a submission for Council's consideration at its meeting on 26 April 2018 be prepared on the Government Policy Statement – Land Transport 2018, having regard for the discussion at the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 12 April 2018.

14 Update on the Path to Well-being Initiative

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-CO-4-8

Recommendations:

- 1 That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – March 2018' be received.

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

Consideration to a local Sale and Supply of Liquor Policy, giving the Committee an indication of the process and cost of implementation and adoption

This issue is discussed in 'Councils face huge costs battling alcohol policy appeals' (Hawkes Bay Today, 5 April 2018, attached). It is an issue likely to be considered at the Local Government New Zealand conference in July.

Reserve Management Plans with consideration in particular to freedom camping

As Council currently does not have a freedom camping bylaw, there is no mechanism to exclude freedom camping from Council reserves. However, where camping grounds are established, freedom campers can be excluded if they do not pay the prescribed charges for the use of use of facilities.

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 March 2018 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 12 April 2018 be received.

17 Late items

18 Future items for the agenda

19 Next meeting

Thursday 10 May 2018, 1.00 pm.

20 Meeting closed