



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Agenda – Thursday 14 June 2018 – 1:00 PM

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The quorum for the Policy and Planning Committee is 5.

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

That the apology for the absence of Cr Platt be received.

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 10 May 2018 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-2

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 10 May 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 report for June 2018 to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 14 June 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 was submitted to the Lotteries Heritage and Environment Fund in February 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 had been agreed to between the parties. However, Lotteries declined the application. An approach will be made during this month to the Provincial Growth Fund.

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 Manawatū 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 is 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. New members were nominated (and subsequently accepted by Council) for Assets/Infrastructure and Policy/Planning 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. Following deliberation on submissions at Council's meeting on 31 May 2018, the policy was adopted.

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 14 June 2018 be received.

9 Legislation and Governance Update

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-OR-3-5

Recommendations:

- 1 That the report ‘Legislation and Governance Update, June 2018 be received.
- 2 That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign, on behalf of the Council, the submission as amended/without amendment] to the Parliamentary Justice Committee on the Local Electoral Matters Bill.
- 3 That the Policy/Planning Committee request retrospective approval from Council for making a submission to the Parliamentary Environment Committee on the Litter (Increased Infringement Fees) Amendment Bill and, on this basis, authorise His Worship the Mayor to sign, on behalf of the Council, such a submission so that it is received by the closing time.

10 Proposed work plans for the partnering organisations under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 2018/19 – 2021/22

File ref: 4-EN-10-2

Recommendations:

- 1 That the report on ‘Proposed work plans for the prospective partnering organisations under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 2018/19 – 2021/22’ be received.
- 2 That the Policy/Planning Committee endorses the draft proposed work plans [amended/without amendment] to Council for consideration on the 28th of June, 2018.
- 3 That the Policy/Planning Committee endorses the following payment schedule [amended/without amendment] for the partnering organisations to Council for consideration on the 28th of June, 2018:

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| Taihape | Taihape Community Development Trust Mokai Patea Services | One-year trial: \$20,000 One-year trial: \$6,500 |
| Marton | Project Marton | Three-year contract: \$30,500 in 2018/19 |
| Bulls | Bulls and District Community Trust | Three-year contract: \$26,500 in 2018/19 |

11 Review of Animal Control Bylaw 2013

The Animal Control Bylaw 2013 is due for review. A presentation will be provided at the meeting seeking elected members views on potential amendments to the Bylaw and providing officers recommendations on potential changes.

The current Bylaw is attached.

12 Considerations for the Community Housing Policy

A report is attached.

File ref: 6-CF-1-14

Recommendations:

- 1 That the memorandum 'Considerations for the Community Housing Policy' be received.
- 2 That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that a market rate rent should be set for Community Housing; doing so for 2018/19 at the Property Brokers figure of \$150, by way of:

EITHER

- expecting the additional rental contribution (\$15) to be borne by the tenant.
OR
- setting a transitional period for a proposed movement to full market rentals.
OR
- absorbing (on a reducing scale) the additional rental through a subsidy of power to tenants.

- 3 That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that:

- a rental limit of 33% of [EITHER net/gross] National Superannuation [EITHER should OR should not] be set for Community Housing tenanted by those receiving National Superannuation.

AND

- a three year period be set for the transition of tenants to bear the full costs of the market rental price.

13 Review of Procurement Policy and development of a Contract Management Policy

A presentation will be provided to the meeting.

14 Update on the Path to Well-being Initiative

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-CO-4-8

Recommendations:

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

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

Formal feedback process to Ministry of Primary industries on the new National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry

MPI will be having ongoing interaction with councils and the forestry sector, in particular about the impact of the policy on effectively and certainty of managing plantation forestry activities and on environmental outcomes. Much of this information will be collected through desk-based assessments by Te Uru Rākau, and through surveys, focus groups and interviews with councils relating to particular NES-PF processes and outcomes. They will be conducting this qualitative feedback collection on the following topics:

- completion of plan alignment
- the extent to which Regulation 6 (provision for stringency) is applied
- the setting of permitted activity monitoring charges
- the clarity, certainty and ease of use of the NES-PF and environmental risk assessment tools
- the adequacy of central government implementation support
- the usefulness of management plans
- compliance levels and factors that may be influencing these
- influence of the NES-PF driving practice change, and maintaining or improving environmental outcomes
- the impact of the NES-PF on efficiency and certainty of operations
- alignment of the NES-PF with other legislation and national tools under the RMA.

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 May 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 14 June 2018 be received.

17 Late items

18 Future items for the agenda

19 Next meeting

Thursday 12 July 2018, 1.00 pm.

20 Meeting closed