



# Rangitikei District Council

## Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Agenda – Thursday 14 February 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

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## **1 Welcome**

## **2 Public Forum**

## **3 Apologies/Leave of Absence**

## **4 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.

## **5 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.

## **6 Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 15 November 2018 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-15-2

### **Recommendation:**

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

## **7 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 Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 14 February 2019 be received.

## **8 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. Rangitikei was a participant in the September forum of regional mayors with the Minister of Building and Construction, Jenny Salesa, who undertook to review how the legislation affects rural towns. The initial formal assessments of building in Marton's CBD area started in September.

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 is being made 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 2018-28 Long Term Plan. The major project is the linkage of Marton to Bulls and subsequent discharge to land, which Council confirmed as its preferred option at its meeting on 30 August 2018.

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. This is one of the key priorities for the Principal Advisor – Infrastructure, Arno Benadie, who started on 3 September 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 Komiti has yet to nominate a member for the Finance/Performance Committee. Last year's appointment of a Strategic Advisor Iwi/Hapu will enable more meaningful relationships with Māori outside Te Roopu Ahi Kaa; the reorganisation of the delivery of youth programmes is securing greater interest and participation from this target group.

There has been substantial Council involvement with Marton's Centennial Park skateboard park extension and the Papakai Park development proposal in Taihape: both are community-led projects. Complementing this, Council has secured community engagement in projects it has led, notably the planting at Marton's B & C Dams.

A review of the arrangements to support young people in the District resulted in the appointment of a full-time Youth Co-ordinator (instead of two part-time co-ordinators) and the opening of new youth centre '(The Lobby' *in both Marton (in 2018) and Taihape (in 2019)*). The Rangitikei Youth awards were offered in both 2017 and 2018.

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 2018, 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. The agendas for the October 2018 meetings of Community Boards and Community Committees included clarification on Council's plans and process for town and District signage and sought their views on local icons to be included.

## **9 Update on Communication 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 February 2019 be received.

## **10 Legislation and Governance Update, February 2019**

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-OR-3-5

### **Recommendation:**

That the 'Legislation and Governance Update, February 2019' be received.

## **11 Amendment to Speed Limit Bylaw – western end of Hendersons Line, Marton – Consultation Documents**

At its meeting on 31 January 2019, Council approved consultation on amending the Speed Limit Bylaw for the western end of Hendersons Line, Marton, to Pukepapa Road as an interim intervention in terms of the New Zealand Transport Agency's Speed Management Guide, and authorised the Policy/Planning Committee to approve the relevant documents (including the engagement plan).

Those documents are attached.

File ref: 1-DB-1-7

### **Recommendations:**

1. That the draft amendment to the Speed Limit Bylaw concerning the western end of Hendersons Line (Marton), the Summary of Proposal, the Engagement Plan and Submission form be received.
2. That the draft amendment to the Speed Limit Bylaw concerning the western end of Hendersons Line (Marton), the Summary of Proposal, the Engagement Plan and

Submission form [as amended/without amendment] be approved, with consultation to occur from 21 February 2019 to 21 March 2019, with oral submissions heard at Council's meeting on 28 February 2019.

## 12 Mechanics of voluntary programme for de-sexing of cats

To be tabled.

File ref: 2-RE-1-8

### Recommendations:

1. That the memorandum 'Mechanics of voluntary programme for de-sexing of cats' be received.
2. That....

## 13 Submission to the Productivity Commission's Inquiry onto local government funding and financing

On 6 November 2018, the Productivity Commission published its issues paper on local government funding and financing. It can be found at:

<https://www.productivity.govt.nz/news/local-government-funding-and-financing-public-views-sought>

Comment is requested by 15 February 2019. A draft report will be published in June 2019 with submissions due in August 2019. The Commission's final report is due with the Government on 30 November 2019.

The issues paper poses 49 questions which the Commission sees as important to consider further. The Society of Local Government Managers and Local Government New Zealand have both prepared detailed submissions.

A suggested response from the Council is attached. At its meeting on 31 January 2019, Council decided that it should be considered by the Policy/Planning Committee at its February meeting and delegated authority to the Committee to authorise the Mayor to make a submission.

Rangitikei has offered to be included in the sample of councils which the Commission will study in greater detail to give it a better appreciation of the range of circumstances within local government. There will be a regional meeting with the Commission in Palmerston North on 2 April 2019 which the Mayor and the Chief Executive plan to attend.

File ref: 3-OR-3-5

### Recommendations:

1. That the draft response to the questions posed in the Productivity Commission's issues paper on local government funding and financing be received.

2. That, in terms of the delegation from Council to the Policy/Planning Committee, His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign (on behalf of the Council) the draft response [without amendment/as amended] to the questions posed in the Productivity Commission's issues paper on local government funding and financing

## **14 Approach for 2019 Annual Residents Survey**

To be tabled.

File ref: 5-FR-1-4

### **Recommendations:**

1. That the memorandum 'Approach for 2019 Annual Residents' Survey' be received.
2. That .....

## **15 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action**

None.

## **16 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report**

A report is attached.

### **Recommendations:**

- 1 That the report 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 14 February 2019 be received.
- 2 That the Policy/Planning Committee approves staff undertaking funding applications, on behalf of the Council to the:
  - Ministry of Youth Development Partnership Fund [AND]
  - Ara Taiohi for \$1000 for the Rangitikei Youth Awards 2019

## **17 Activity Management**

A report is attached.

### **Recommendation:**

That the report 'Activity Management' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 14 February 2019 be received.

**18 Late items**

As agreed in Item 5.

**19 Future items for the agenda**

**20 Next meeting**

Thursday 21 March 2019, 1.00 pm.

**21 Meeting closed**