

# Policy/Planning Meeting

## Tabled Documents

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**Item 7**

Chairs Report

**Item 11**

Activity Management



Today we see a very light order paper in terms of individual items, but we should not be complacent. Buried within are some items that will require massive change to the way we operate and possibly the policies that we enact.

Within the legislation and governance update sits one of the biggest changes to the way that local government provides services for its customers, I am referring to the "Water services bill" legislation that was introduced to parliament on week ago. Whilst the detail of who will be doing what in terms of provision of drinking water, it looks as if there will also be oversight of the other 2 links in the 3 waters chain by the central government agency "Taumata Arowai". We shall probably see considerable policy workload towards the end of this Triennium and a flow on effect in terms of capacity and workloads in the operational asset space. I would like to comment however that this change is all around the management of reticulated systems once the water has arrived at them. What it does not do is look at the sources of water prior to reticulation. This has given me pause for thought around our own contingency for water provision if the wheels fell off badly in our district due to some extreme climatic or geological event, both of which are likely. If we were to look at all of our urban areas almost all have a large water body beside them or directly underneath them that our services are connected either directly to or indirectly, except for our northernmost town of Taihape. It has 2 days' supply on-site in treated storage only, and is totally dependent on a 10-15 km pipeline that tracks through our farmed landscape sourced from a river (the Hautapu) that has a catchment that is almost totally dependent on rainwater recharge and is subject to summer low flows that increasingly trigger restrictions in volumetric take. With last summer's drought only just abated and the driest winter in record almost gone and climate change predictions for more of the same, I think now is the time to act in terms of bringing our systems up to speed, and also the minds of our ratepayers. Whilst we are in the beginning of our LTP workload for the next 3 years I would like to propose a small piece of work around what our contingencies would look like for water provision and what real engagement with our ratepayers would look like and be in real terms. I started this report by talking about the implication of central government legislative change would be on us, BUT the reality is in my opinion that our own failure to act on water availability locally may well be far more damaging to our reputation and ability to provide for our ratepayers if we do not act very soon in this regard.

Angus Gordon

Chair Policy and planning

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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP GROUP OF ACTIVITIES 2020/21						Jul-20
Major programmes of work outlined in the Annual Plan 2020/21						
What are they:	Programme/Activity	Status	Progress for this reporting period	Start Date	Completion Date	Planned for the next two months
Strategic Planning	Long Term Plan 2021-31	Commenced	Initial workshop held with Council and Project Team	Jul-20	Jun-21	Further workshop with Council and preengagement strategy
	Annual Report 2019 / 20	Commenced		Jul-20	Nov-20	Financial statements and State of Service Performance completed for Audit
	Delivery of programme of policy and bylaw review	Ongoing				Reported through the Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report
	Conduct Section 17A reviews waste transfer station					Extending current contract for two years. Section 17A will be completed before contract is tendered
	Develop progrmmames in response to climate change and COVID-19	On going	Multiple Councils in the Horizons region meeting to develop climate change risk assessment. Developing programmes to support COVID-19 response. Events being held across the			Managers from Councils to attend a regional meeting.
Council	Preparation of order papers that ensure compliant decision-making	Ongoing	Order papers prepared for Council, Council Committees, Community Boards, Community Committees			Order papers prepared as required. Focus on ensuring recommendations (other than simply receipt) contain rationale.
	Internal Audit programme	Pending	None			Determine work programme (for consideration at Audit/Risk June 2020 meeting)
	Engagement with sector excellence programmes	Confirmed	Preliminary discussion with LGNZ on expectations and timing. Council resolved to request postponement for twelve months.			No further action
	Draft submissions to government proposals and plans	As required	Local Government (Rating of Whenua Maori) Amendment Bill			Prepare submission if Select Committee invites this
Iwi Liaison	Te Rōpū Ahi Kā strategic plan (Maori Responsiveness Framework) – implementing actions	Ongoing				Reported through the Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report
	Review key outcomes from Maori community development programme for input into the 2021-31 Long Term Plan	In preparation following the	Staff participated in a Te Rōpū Ahi Kā workshop to discuss amendments to the Maori Responsiveness Framework.			Draft amendments to the Maori Responsiveness Framework to be reviewed by Te Rōpū Ahi Kā and Council as part of the Long Term Plan process
Carry forward programmes from 2019/20						
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Managing Risk	Legal Compliance Project -Four areas for updated analysis identified - Building consents, Enforcement, Health and safety, Resource consents		No progress to report.			No work planned.
Policy on Council's relationships with community organisations in the District			No progress to report.			Reassessment of need
Other pieces of work	Programme/Activity	Status	Progress for this reporting period	Start Date	Completion Date	Planned for the next two months
Annual Resident Survey 2020	Undertake Annual Residents Survey		Development of the final report with improvement actions			Implement improvement plans
Annual Resident Survey 2021	Undertake Annual Residents Survey - Scheduled for March - April 2021					
LTP	Kerbside Rubbish/Recycling		Put on hold pending Central Government position on recycling.	TABLED DOCUMENT		Monitor initiatives taken by MfE, MW LASS and Central Government

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES GROUP OF ACTIVITIES 2020/21						Jul-20
Major programmes of work outlined in the Annual Plan 2020/21						
What are they:	Programme/Activity	Status Year to Date	Progress for this reporting period	Start Date	Completion Date	Planned for the next two months
Building Accreditation Reassessment			Accreditation confirmed until 2021			N/A
Implementation of the Building (earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Act	Issuing notices of potentially earthquake-prone buildings		60 inspections done for this financial year (171/207 assessments now done)			1 day per week set aside for EPB assessments
Implementation of systematic monitoring of resource consents issued by Council			1 monitoring inspection undertaken			
Updating the District Plan to comply with the national planning standards			To coincide with next District Plan review			
Preparation for the electronic consenting			In budget for 20/21			
Carry forward programmes 2019/20						
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Implementation of the GoShift Initiative (i.e. electronic processing of building consents)	Implement Go shift following review of pilot programme		Budget allocation in 2020/21 and included in the Information Services Strategic Plan			Project planning
Other regulatory functions						
What are they:	Targets	Year to Date	Statistics for this month			Narrative (if any)
Building Consents	Report on number of building consents processed, the timeliness and the value of consented work	27 BC granted, 92.59% completed on time, value of work is \$2,100,500	27 BC granted, 92.59% completed on time, value of work is \$2,100,500			2 new houses valued at \$560,000, 2 relocated houses valued at \$38,000, new commercial building valued at \$254,000, alterations to Huntley dormitory valued at \$365,000 and alterations to Bulls Medical centre valued at \$250,000.All the rest of the work was house alterations /additions /fires and pole sheds etc.
	Code of Compliance Certificates, Notices to Fix and infringements issued.	35 CCC issued, 100% on time, 0 NTF issued, no infringements issued	35 CCC issued, 100% on time, 0 NTF issued, no infringements issued			
Resource Consents	Report on:					
	a) number of land use consents issued and timeliness	3 Land Use RC granted, 100% on time, 0 Permitted Boundary RC granted	3 Land Use RC granted, 100% on time, 0 Permitted Boundary RC granted			
	b) subdivision consents and timeliness	6 Subdivision RC granted, 100% on time	6 Subdivision RC granted,100% on time			
	c) section 223 and 224 certification and timeliness,	4 s223 and 4 s224 certificates granted	4 s223 and 4 s224 certificates granted			
	d) abatement and infringements issued.		0 Abatement & 0 Infringement			
Dog Control	Report on dog registrations current and unregistered, dogs impounded, dogs destroyed and infringements issued.	604 registered, 4474 Unregistered, 6 Impounded, 1 Deceased	604 Registered, 4474 Unregistered, 12 Infringements, 96 Impounded, 57 Deceased			
Bylaw enforcement	Enforcement action taken		none			
	Report on number and type of licences issued	1 Club Renewal, 1 New Off , 1 New On , 2 Manager Renewals, 2 Specials	5 Temporary Authorities, 29 Specials, 6 New On Licence, 1 New Off Licence, 3 Off Renewals, 3 Renewals On Licence, 34 Manager Renewals, 17 New Managers, 5 Club Renewals			
Building Warrant of Fitness renewals	Report on overdue BWOF, audits, Notices to Fix and infringements issued.	35 Renewals, 11 Overdue	No Audits			
Swimming Pool Barriers	Report on number of pool barrier inspections done, Notices to Fix and infringements issued.	0 done to date	0 done this month			

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