

Policy & Planning Chairs Report October 2023

Tena Koutou katoa,

Good afternoon and welcome to everyone both in chambers and online to our October Policy & Planning Hui.

As our first Hui since the departure of our past CEO, I would like to acknowledge and welcome our interim CE Kevin Ross to the table. We are fortunate to have someone of Kevin's experience with us and I look forward to his support to our council and the Rangitikei ratepayers and residents.

As we know our August Hui was focussed on the draft Community Spatial Plan and I am thankful that we were able to get from beginning to the end of the document with good feed in and feedback from council members with the guidance of our capable and committed staff.

This month's hui is no different with a number of kaupapa on the table for us to work through, which includes

- the review of the Strategic Framework document or "Kowhai" that has proven to be simple and effective resource to show at a glance what our council is about.
- our Policy /Bylaw programme is another important piece of work we will be looking at
- to recap on our Roadmap for the LTP on what we have done and what's still to come

I would like to mihi to all of those that attended the Significance and Engagement Workshop on Tuesday. I know that there were a number of lightbulb moments for myself and others and thank our facilitator, Elizabeth for her excellent mahi in this space...

As we know this Saturday 14 October is the last day where we can vote in the General Election. If you haven't voted yet, I would encourage you to take some time and participate.

Pearls of wisdom

"Do more than belong, participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe, practice. Do more than be fair: be kind.

Nga mihi mahana

Piki Te Ora Hiroa

Tiamana