

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 15 September 2020, 5.30pm

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Makayla Faalogo Ifo Vaa, Sophia Lewis, Te Arawa Ratana,

Cr Cath Ash and His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson

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Making this place home.



Rangitikei District Council

Youth Council Meeting

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The quorum for the Rangitikei Youth Council is 4 including 1 elected member.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.2 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 Youth Council Prayer

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

4 Public Forum

5 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

6 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.

7 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes from the Rangitikei Youth Council meeting held 18 August 2020 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-19-3

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Rangitikei Youth Council meeting held on 18 August 2020 [as amended/without amendment] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

8 Chair's Report

The Chair's report will be tabled.

File ref: 3-CT-19-3

Recommendation:

That the Chair's Report to the 15 September 2020 Youth Council meeting be received.

9 Council decision on recommendations from the committee

There were no recommendations from the committee to Council.

10 Council responses to queries raised at previous meeting

There were no queries raised at the previous meeting for council comment.

11 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-5

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update' to the 15 September 2020 Rangitikei Youth Council meeting be received.

12 Mayoral Update

A report is attached.

Recommendation:

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 15 September 2020 meeting of the Rangitikei Youth Council be received.

13 Youth Awards Review

Discussion item

14 Future Meetings for 2020

- 13 October - Marton
- December - Final Dinner (TBC)

Dates have been chosen to avoid School Holidays and NCEA end of year exams. As mock exam dates are announced the dates will be reviewed accordingly.

15 Late Items

As agreed at item 5.

16 Next Meeting

13 October 2020 5.30 pm, Taihape Area School, Taihape

17 Meeting Closed

Attachment 1



Rangitikei District Council

Youth Council Meeting

Minutes– Tuesday 18 August 2020 – 5:30 PM

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Present: Charly Skey Ward-Berry
Kathryn Fleming
Makayla Vaa
Lisa Cruywagen
Te Arawa Ratana
Sophia Lewis
Denzell Pei
His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson

Also present: Atawhai and Parent, Morgan, Caryse Clark - Taihape
Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor for Youth
Michael Andrews

1 Welcome

The meeting started at 5.40pm. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking them for attending.

2 Youth Council Prayer

Sophia Lewis read the Youth Council Prayer.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence of Korey O'Hara and Cr Cath Ash be received.

Sophia / Denzell. Carried

4 Public Forum

The Chair invites Mr Andrews to introduce the public attendees. The Chair welcomed the guests and invited them to partake in the meeting. Two accepted the invitation. Morgan and Atawhai.

5 Members conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

6 Confirmation of order of business

There were no changes to the order of business.

7 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number

20/RYC/011

File Ref

3-CT-19-3

That the minutes of the Rangitikei Youth Council meeting held on 21 July 2020 as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Makayla / Sophia. Carried

8 Chair's Report

The Chair welcomed everyone to the third official meeting of the year and expressed gratitude that all were able to attend amid exams and conclusions of internals. The Chair wished everyone well with their exams.

The Chair spoke on COVID-19 and the announcement from Jacinda Ardern on the continuation of current imposed alert levels. The Chair shared an experience of frustration through the

COVID uncertainty, encouraging everyone to keep on setting the example by looking after each other and being kind, not only to fellow youth, but in our wider communities during this time.

The Chair expressed excited interest in upcoming events, Meet the Candidates and John Turkington Youth Awards, thanking everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm to date, encouraging everyone to keep it up.

The Chair ended her report with a quote from Finding Dory. We're doing well team, Just keep swimming.

Resolved minute number **20/RYC/012** **File Ref**

That the Chair's Report to the 18 August 2020 Rangitikei Youth Council meeting be received.

Kathryn / Denzell. Carried

9 Council decision on recommendations from the committee

Miss Widdowson spoke to this item.

Miss Widdowson advised this item is written documentation that an amendment was made to the Youth Council's original recommendation to Council. Further providing an update on the current state of "Bloomers", Miss Widdowson said that it is believed the current tenants are on a week to week contract, and this is an avenue that is still being explored as a viable option.

Resolved minute number **20/ RYC/013** **File Ref**

That the amendments to Rangitikei Youth Council's original recommendation to Council and the update on viability of Bloomers be received at the Rangitikei Youth Council meeting on 21 July 2020.

Makayla / Awa. Carried

10 Council responses to queries realised at previous meeting

Mr Andrews introduced the guests Morgan and Atawhai, both from Taihape, who expressed their interest of joining Rangitikei Youth Council.

Miss Widdowson also spoke to this item, advising two people have been approached from Taihape in regards to joining Rangitikei Youth Council for the remainder of the year, waiting on responses.

Resolved minute number **20/RYC/014** **File Ref**

That the updates on further Rangitikei Youth Council members to the Rangitikei Youth Council meeting on 21 July 2020 be received.

Lisa / Denzell. Carried

11 Strategic Review of Rangitikei Youth Development

Miss Widdowson spoke to the memo, there were no questions. Youth Council as a whole agreed to put some thought into the document and feed back to Miss Widdowson within two weeks.

Resolved minute number **20/RYC/015** **File Ref**

That the 'Strategic Review of Rangitikei Youth Development' action to the 18 August 2020 Rangitikei Youth Council meeting be received.

Sophia / Lisa. Carried

12 Future Meetings for 2020

- 15 September – Taihape
- 13 October - Marton
- December - Final Dinner (TBC)

Dates have been chosen to avoid School Holidays and NCEA end of year exams. As mock exam dates are announced the dates will be reviewed accordingly.

13 Late Items

Miss Widdowson advised that the John Turkington Rangitikei Youth Awards 2020 evening event will not be able to go ahead due to the current COVID-19 alert levels. Two options were posed. A very small ceremony, no guests, nominators or sponsors present, livestreamed on social media OR a trail event moving around each school and presenting winners and runners up, while publicly celebrating all nominees and winners on social media platforms with photos and videos.

Rangitikei Youth Council all voted for the trail event. A meeting is set for Tuesday 25 August in Chambers to deliberate on how and what to do to make this event a success.

Miss Widdowson then sought advice from Rangitikei Youth Council regarding Meet the Candidates event. With the current COVID-19 alert levels and the move of the election and campaign trail dates, Rangitikei Youth Council recommended to postpone the event.

His Worship the Mayor asked for the floor and proposed a mock election as an event Youth Council could run in the future.

Undertaking**Subject**

Miss Widdowson to liaise with Project Marton around postponement and new date for Meet the Candidates event.

Resolved minute number**20/RYC/016****File Ref**

That the detailed late items to the 18 August 2020 Rangitikei Youth Council meeting be received.

Awa / Makayla. Carried

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 6.30pm

14 Next Meeting

15 September 2020 5pm workshop followed by the 5.30pm meeting, Taihape Area School, Taihape.

15 Meeting Closed

At 6.46 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

Attachment 2

Memorandum

To: Rangitikei Youth Council

From: Carol Gordon – Project Manager

Date: 28 August 2020

Subject: **Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update**

File: 3-CC-1-5

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Rangitikei Youth Council an update on the development of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

2 Context

- 2.1 Every Local Authority must at all times have a Long Term Plan (LTP) which covers a period of not less than 10 consecutive years and is formally consulted on using the special consultative process outlined in the Local government Act.
- 2.2 The purpose of the LTP is set out in section 93(6) of the Local Government Act and includes:
- Describes the activities of the Local Authority (LA)
 - Describes the community outcomes of the District
 - Provides integrated decision-making and co-ordination of the resources of the LA
 - Provides a long-term focus for the decisions and activities of the LA
 - Provides a basis for accountability of the LA to the community.

It also provides Elected Members the chance to make a major difference during their three year term.

- 2.3 Council has begun its process to develop and produce its Long Term Plan. A Project Team has been established, **Appendix 1** shows the makeup of the project team and their responsibilities.
- 2.4 So far Council has held three Workshops specifically on the development of the Long Term Plan, these were held on 23 July, 20 and 27 August.
- 2.5 An invitation has been made to the Chairs of each Community Committee, Community Board and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa to participate in subsequent LTP workshops, to provide input from their respective community.

2.5.1 Outcomes from Workshop 1 – 23 July

This workshop provided a full explanation of what an LTP was, its purpose, what information must be included, and the need to strike the right balance between “the

community needs and aspirations; services provided by Council and the willingness / ability to pay” of our community.

At this workshop Council agreed to engage early, on a more informal basis, with all sectors of our community to find out what’s important to them, and do this by going out to where our people are. This precedes formal engagement that needs to be done next year, using a formal Consultation Document (CD) and submission process.

Councillors also identified a list of “significant issues” that our communities could be facing and this list will be further developed to be included in the early engagement to generate discussion and opinions on where Council’s focus should be for the next 10 years.

Roading was also a focus for this workshop. The basis for the Asset Management Plan was presented to Councillors - this will be used for the initial application to the New Zealand Transport Agency for continuing co-investment.

2.5.2 Outcomes from Workshop 2 – 20 August

A large part of this Workshop focussed on the ‘forecasting assumptions’. These assumptions are produced using a risk and level of uncertainty approach. Councillors reviewed the previous assumptions (from the 2018-28 LTP) and suggested changes to these. These, along with demographic and population changes, will also inform the Financial and Infrastructure Strategy. The Government’s three waters reform programme announced by the Government presents a substantial uncertainty.

Councillors also started the review of the Revenue and Financing Policy – this Policy specifies how operating and capital expenditure will be funded from the sources available (i.e. general rates, uniform annual general charge, targeted rates, fees and charges, borrowing etc.). Work will now be done to review the current funding splits across some of the activities that Council carries out.

Early engagement was discussed and it was agreed this would be done using the phrase “Framing Our Future” with the objective being “To achieve greater input from all sectors of community to influence the Long Term Plan consultation to ensure the Rangitikei District Council has an LTP that incorporates the aspirations and needs of our various communities.” [Appendix 2](#) shows some of the colours and concepts which will be used as part of this engagement.

2.5.3 Workshop 3 – 27 August

This workshop expanded on a suggested outline for the early engagement process, based on the “Framing Our Future” concept that was presented in July.

The Council’s Performance Framework was also discussed, presenting the framework used for the 2018-28 LTP and an explanation of the mandatory measures and whether other measures would be included or altered for the 2021-31 LTP.

As part of the development of the LTP Council must consider whether Policies need to be updated, two policies were discussed at this workshop – these were, the Policy on development of Maori capacity to contribute to Council decision-making (also included as an item on this agenda) and the Significance and Engagement policy. The Development Contributions policy will be discussed at a future workshop.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the memorandum 'Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update' to the 15 September 2020 Rangitikei Youth Council meeting be received.

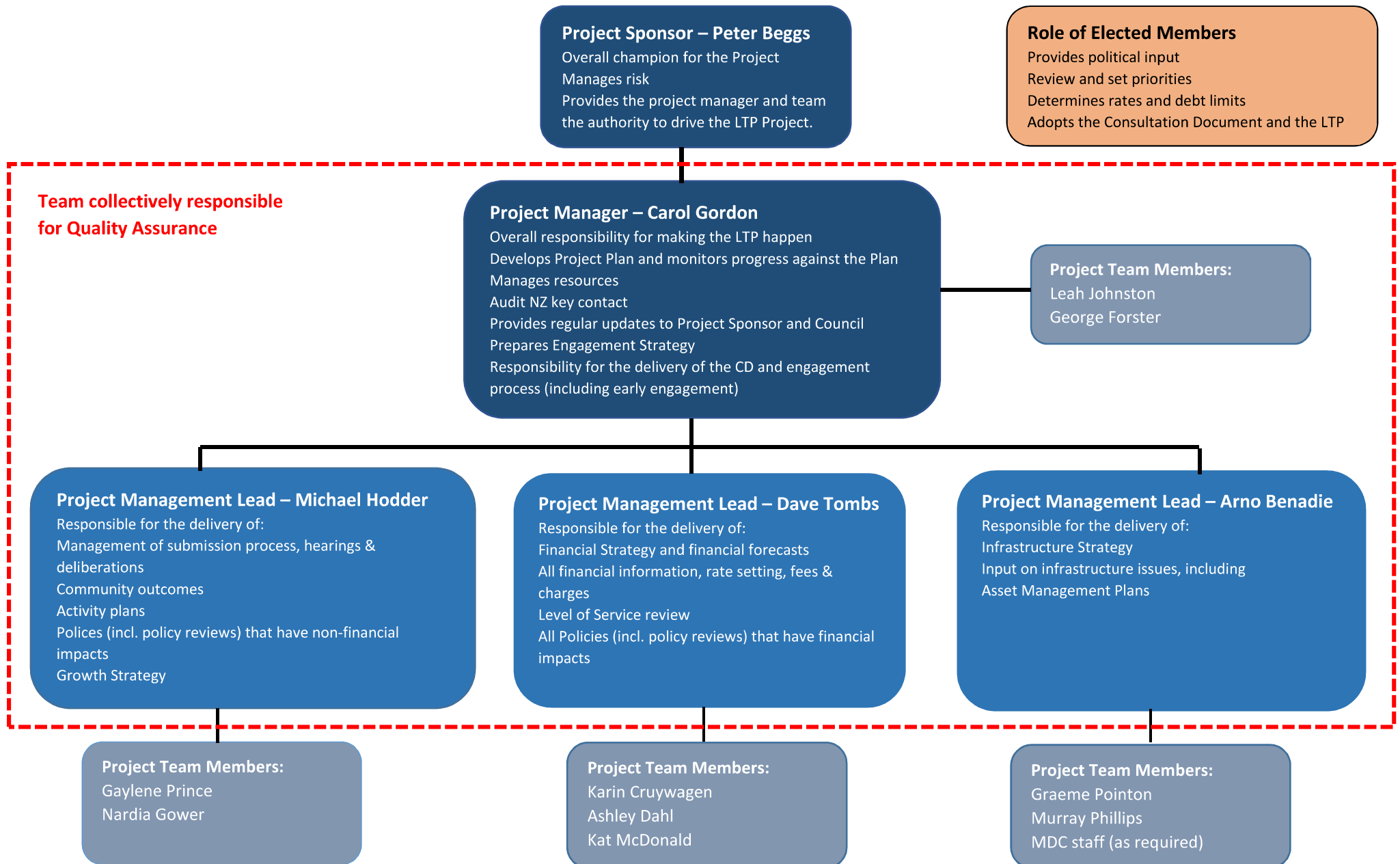
Carol Gordon

LTP Project Manager

Appendix 1

Long Term Plan 2021-31

Project Team Structure, Roles and Responsibilities



Appendix 2

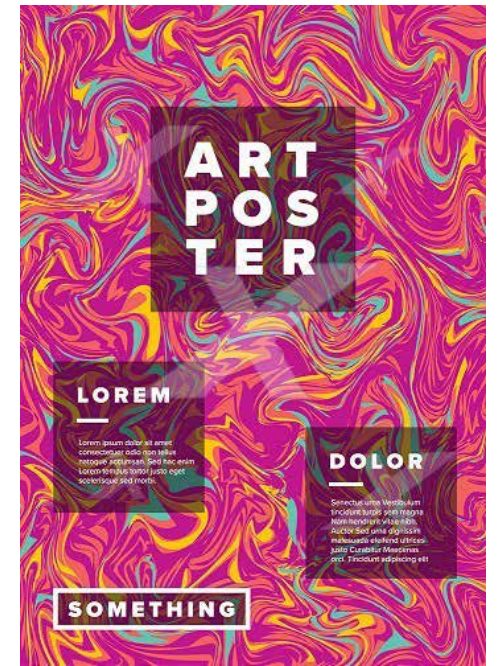
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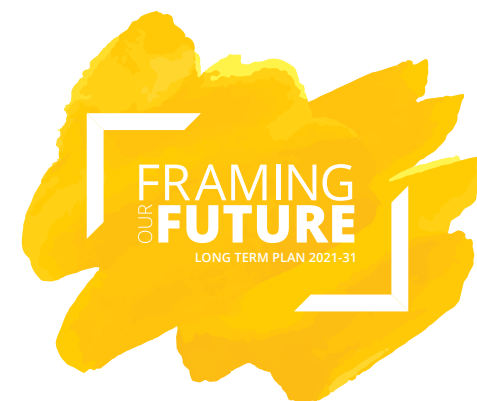
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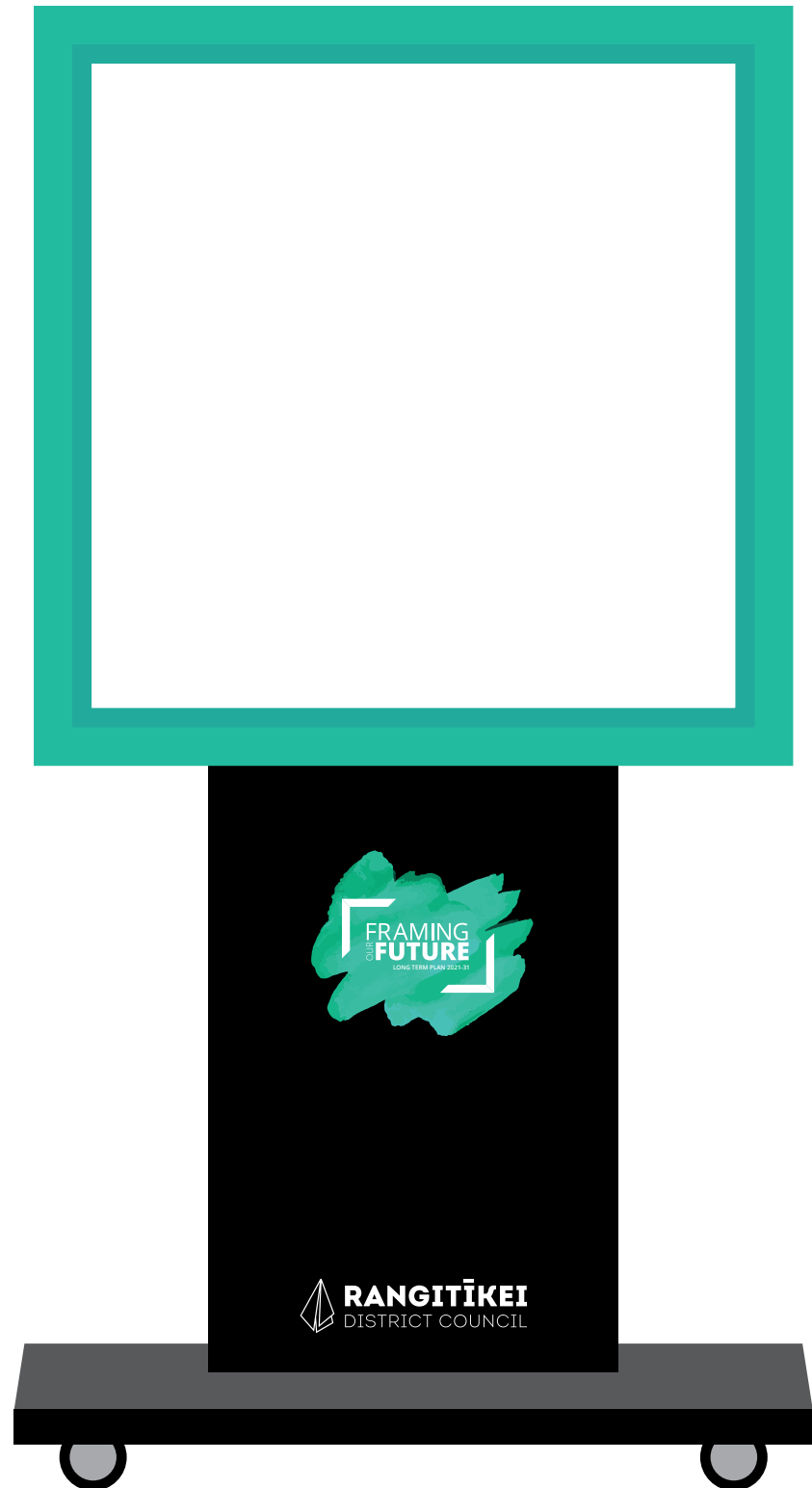














Attachment 3



Report

Subject: **Mayor's Report**

To: Council

From: Andy Watson
Mayor

Date: 21 August 2020

File: 3-EP-3-5

- 1 What a last fortnight it has been! There have been a series of announcements that have incredibly far reaching effects for our district.
- 2 I have spoken about the “three water” reforms that Government has initiated on several occasions. This is essentially the drive from Government to see waste water, drinking water and storm water being provided by a regional entity rather than individual councils. This would mean that the Council would hand over our assets such as wastewater plants and treatment stations to a conglomerate. Ratepayers would receive a bill in much the same way that you pay for electricity. All Councils are being offered a tempter from Government to start the collective conversation. For our Council that means a cash handout of \$4.8million. This money has very few tags associated with it, we should use it to improve our three water services on work that was not planned for in this year's annual plan and it could even be used for operational expenses. In exchange Council will agree to enter into a discussion with our regional partners and to provide the Government with data around the state and value of our three water networks. There is no compulsion to change our operation in the future. However in July next year we are required to make a decision as to the Rangitikei being into or out of an aggregated model. This is an enormous decision and it has major impacts, we would hand over our assets presumably in exchange for a shareholding in the new company and our share would be so small that we would in reality have very little say in the running of the company. Decisions would probably be made by a board in Wellington. How that board ran the company, which regional supplies were upgraded first and what the charges would be, would be out of our hands. Presumably the company would need to make a profit and make decisions around paying out any dividends. The difficulty is, that there is virtually no information on how it will work at this stage. As we are developing our LTP (long term plan) at the moment covering the next ten years, but focussing on the next three years heavily, we don't have the information to provide for detailed planning or to provide options for our communities to consider as part of the consultation process. If those core services were taken away from councils what would councils be expected to provide in the future, essentially what would be their role?
- 3 So why has the Government gone down this path? The conversation has been around for a number of years but was ramped up post the Havelock North water issue where potable water from a ground bore got contaminated and people fell ill in the hundreds. Government realized that this had been under investment by local authorities for many years and that there are many Councils who did not meet consents. This is true and our council is one of them. Essentially local authorities have been poor managers and had little knowledge of their assets. The liability or money needed to upgrade, runs into the tens of billions of dollars on a national basis and on a

council per capita basis rural authorities like ours face the biggest costs. Government believes that efficiencies would be gained by scale and that the large metro councils would be able to subsidise the smaller authorities. This is debateable, for it can be argued that we have seen little financial efficiency out of previous attempts to aggregate council functions both here in New Zealand and overseas. Local Government would probably also say that while there has been years of under investment, considerable gains have been made over the last few years against new standards imposed by both Government and Regional Authorities such as Horizons.

- 4 This is just the start of the conversation!!
- 5 Last week Government granted our Council \$9.1million, I repeat \$9.1million to fund the rail infrastructure and forestry development, dependant on resource consent in an area between Marton and State Highway One. We have seen the huge investment nationally by Government around the country. Our neighbouring councils have received tens of millions and finally on the last sitting day that Government had, it was our turn. This grant, which is not a loan, has taken literally years to win and I thank our new Chief Executive Peter Beggs for his part in making this happen. I would also like to thank the Government for recognizing the potential and the jobs that this will bring to our district. I would also like to thank and recognize Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa as a partner in the process.
- 6 Last week the Commissioner deciding the district plan application by Council released his decision in Councils favour to approve, subject to conditions, the plan change which will allow for the rail hub development. Again this has been a very lengthy process compounded by the pandemic and uncertainty as to exactly what the site could be used for in the future. We have a responsibility to work with the submitters around their concerns as part of the consenting process, we should not see this as purely a need to comply.
- 7 Once again the country is in some form of lockdown as the pandemic resurfaces in New Zealand. The regional authorities are stretched in dealing with this and our businesses continue to suffer. We have been fortunate that so far this year we have not had to deal with another type of major civil defence issue such as a flood because we would struggle to find the resources to deal with it.
- 8 Council has started work on our long Term Plan which will involve many discussions with sector groups and the community. One of the things we start with are the assumptions around what will be our population in the future and what will be the economic climate be over the next few years. The future for us looks strong we are undergoing rapid growth with hundreds of new houses, businesses are wanting to operate here and at a time where we need to borrow to invest, interest rates are at an all time low.

Andy Watson
Mayor