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ORDER PAPER

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 12 October 2021

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Town Hall
Te Matapihi
4 Criterion Street
Bulls

Chair: Sophia Lewis

Deputy Chair: Charly Ward Berry

Membership: Lisa Cruywagen
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Notice is hereby given that a Youth Council Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Te Matapihi, 4 Criterion Street, Bulls on Tuesday, 12 October 2021 at 5.30 pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome / Youth Council Prayer

2 Apologies

No apologies received.

3 Public Forum

No Public Forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

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, [enter item number](#) be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Youth Council Minutes

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The minutes from the Youth Council meeting held on 13 July 2021 are attached.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 13 July 2021, [**as amended/without amendment**], be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report - October 2021

Author: Sophia Lewis, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The Chair will provide a verbal report.

Recommendation

That the verbal Chair's Report – October 2021 be received.

8 Mayoral Update

8.1 Mayoral Update - September 2021

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

- 1.1 Finally we have moved down the dreaded Covid levels which I am sure is a huge relief to most of Auckland and everyone else too. The communities are crying out for a resumption of life as normal however to maintain a drop in levels we need to do the fundamentals well. Please follow the rules and make sure that you scan in, wear a mask in public spaces and if you are feeling even the suggestion that you could be affected by Covid please self-isolate and get tested. I would like to thank the number of people turning out for covid vaccinations and for the support that Iwi have provided along with the DHB's in making this possible in our communities. Because I haven't been able to get to Taihape first-hand, I don't fully understand the process there but certainly Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa have provided an incredible service in terms of the vaccination process here in Marton. There are still some people in our communities who haven't been vaccinated and while I understand some of their concerns around reactions, I think in the future there is quite likely to be a limitation on who can do what and go where and travel without effectively having some form of "vaccination passport". I would encourage people to consider this in their decision making.
- 1.2 Now that we have dropped in levels I am able for the first time really to go back into communities to meet with ratepayers, as are our Councillors. I have started that process by resuming spending time in Taihape and I will continue to do so in Bulls and other community spaces. Many thanks to Councillors for attending the numerous Zoom meetings over lockdown as we worked on rescheduling the many in-person meetings to online versions. There is now a thing known as "Zoom fatigue" and I recognise that the demand was quite onerous some days with back to back meetings. However, it has demonstrated that we can actually continue to operate quite efficiently this way and continue to do so in some cases where we are limited by numbers of attendees permitted on-site under Level 2.
- 1.3 We know that there are very serious community concerns around principal issues especially the Three Waters. Councillors and myself are only too happy to engage with you – we have asked that people fill out survey forms (we have had a good response to this so far) and we have said that as soon as we are able to, from the end of September onwards, we will be engaging in some form of letter drops with more information. We are still unsure of Government's position with regard Three Waters – I have publicly said that I suspect Government will mandate this and by mandate I mean that Government will make law to say these entities will come into force. Without all of the Councils being involved one would have to question the model seriously as to whether it could gain the efficiencies that are proposed. Sorry guys it's a case of watching this space while more continues to unravel in front of us.
- 1.4 Hopefully in the next fortnight we will be able to talk about such things as Bio Forestry Boards. With regards that we are awaiting a final decision to come out of mediation.

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- 1.5 One of the items before Council today is an update on the Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond spatial planning project. The Advisory Group is meeting monthly and there have been two meetings so far. I am enjoying being part of the development of this project and support the Chair of our Policy/Planning Committee, Councillor Gordon to be the Elected Member Project Lead. The initial Advisory Group meetings have been focused on the purpose, vision, values and the outcomes. It has been great to see the passion of the Advisory Group members who have the wellbeing of our people and communities at heart. While the project is currently in the background research and development phase, a key part of this project will be ensuring we understand the future land use and growth aspirations of our communities. The community engagement phase will begin in early 2022. The development of the Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond project shows the proactive approach Council is taking in response to the recent (and projected future) growth our district has experienced or will experience. Our communities will continue to change, and as Council, we will have to be courageous in our decision-making.
- 1.6 As part of the being able to get back out into the community I have been able to attend the next cycle of Junior Neighbourhood Support Awards amongst the local schools. I recently attended the Marton Junction School awards yesterday and will attend other local schools and kura during Term 4. The Junior Neighbourhood Support Program is about keeping our children safe and empowering them with some basic tools to help them stay safe at home, school and in the community. Students whose activities support community spirit and safety are recognised by receiving awards.
- 1.7 I have received a joint letter from Wairoa District Council and Tararua District Council (see Attachment 1) that has gone to all Rural Provincial Councils around the increase of forestry planting and the desire to develop a collaborative approach to the impact of those plantings on communities. Consultants have commenced work and this will be funded through a contribution of \$5,000 per Council. LGNZ has also committed to funding the project and will be a partner in this process. My recommendation is that Rangitikei District Council needs to be part of this work, noting our contribution will be \$5,000. Officers will look to see what democracy budget could be repurposed for this or it will show as an unbudgeted expense.

Attachments

1. **Forestry Letter to all Rural Provincial Councils**

Recommendation

That the Mayoral Update – September 2021 be received.

Mayors Engagement - September 2021

1	<p>Attended monthly ELT meeting for Mayoral Q&A session (Zoom)</p> <p>Attended Regional Leadership Group Zoom Meeting</p> <p>Attended online Hui regarding landlocked land in Te Tai Hauauru</p> <p>Attended MTFJ-MSD Community Recovery Programme Zoom Meeting</p>
2	<p>Attended Ngā Wairiki - Ngāti Apa Covid Vaccination Clinic to assist</p> <p>Attended MTFJ Core Group Zoom Meeting</p>
3	<p>Attended Three Waters Entity B Working Group Zoom Hui</p>
6	<p>Attended Pae Tawihiti Rangitikei Beyond Advisory Group Zoom Meeting</p> <p>Attended Regional Leadership Group Zoom Meeting</p> <p>Attended Three Waters Entity B Working Group Zoom Hui</p> <p>Attended Regional Chief's Zoom Meeting</p> <p>Attended Taihape Amenities Building User Group Project Zoom Meeting</p>
7	<p>Attended EM Joint Standing Committee Zoom Meeting</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Committee Zoom Meeting</p> <p>Attended Microsoft Teams Online Training</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
8	<p>Attended fortnightly discussion on Economic Development</p> <p>Attended fortnightly discussion – Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond 2050</p> <p>Attended Three Waters Survey Questions meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended 4 Weekly RDC/Police Zoom meeting</p> <p>Attended Centennial Hall Covid Vaccination Clinic to assist</p>
9	<p>Attended Audit & Risk Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Three Waters Workshop</p> <p>Attended Council Meeting</p> <p>Attended Council Destination Management Plan Workshop</p> <p>Attended Council Rates Remission Workshop</p>
10	<p>Attended Regional Leadership Group Zoom Meeting</p> <p>Attended Whangaehu Marae – Turia Bereavement</p> <p>Attended Te Runanga o Ngati Hinemanu Me Ngati Paki Ki Mokai Patea Hui</p>
12	<p>Attended Ngā Wairiki - Ngāti Apa Covid Vaccination Clinic to assist</p>
13	<p>Attended Three Waters Entity B Working Group Zoom Hui</p>
14	<p>Attended Bulls Covid Vaccination Clinic to assist</p> <p>Attended Three Waters Reform Proposals Refresher and Q&A Webinar</p>

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	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
15	Attended Better Business Case Meeting with CE and PMO Attended Three Waters meeting with Cr Duncan and CE Attended Destination Management Stakeholder Engagement Meeting
16	Worked from Taihape office Attended Three Waters Zoom Update for Mayors, Chairs & CEs Attended Destination Management Plan engagement meeting with Iwi
17	Attended Three Waters Facebook Live Session with Chief Executive
20	Attended Breakfast Meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended weekly catchup with Chief Executive Attended Junior Neighbourhood Support Awards – Marton Junction School Attended Three Waters – Entity B Working Group Zoom Hui Attended Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Committee Meeting Attended Marton Historical Society Meeting
21	Attended Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Zoom Meeting Attended Marton Rail Hub Project Board Meeting #9
22	Attended Three Waters Entity B Hui in Taupo
23	Attended Whanganui Community Foundation Annual Public Zoom Meeting
27	To attend Three Waters Entity B Working Group Zoom Meeting To attend Marton Christian Welfare Council AGM
28	To attend CEO Performance Assessment with Deputy Mayor To attend Cultural Popup – Marae/Hapu/Iwi boundaries and locations To attend weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor To attend Bonny Glenn Community Trust Meeting
29	To attend Junior Neighbourhood Support Awards – Ratana School To attend Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Committee
30	To attend Finance & Performance Committee Meeting To attend Councillor Only Session prior to Council Meeting To attend Council Meeting To attend Three Waters Zoom Update – Mayors, Chairs & CEs



2 September 2021

To Our Fellow Mayors

At the last Rural Provincial meeting a discussion was initiated by Tracey Collis, Mayor of the Tararua District Council and Mayor of the Wairoa District Council, Craig Little around the increase of forestry planting throughout New Zealand and the impacts on communities.

This discussion resulted in a letter being sent by the two of us to Rural Provincial Councils regarding developing a collaborative approach to the impact of forestry plantings.

Please accept our apologies as this letter was not in fact sent out as advised.

As a result, a group of likeminded Councils committed to work collaboratively on the similar issues we are facing around increased planting of forestry and wanting to ensure future sustainable land use in their districts.

Following our initial discussion, more Councils have indicated they would like to be involved and it has become apparent there is a need to offer the opportunity to other likeminded Councils in New Zealand.

Councils are currently doing a lot of good work individually, but we need to work together for the greater good of future land use. Forming a collaborative group gives us a strong voice to present a high-level document that the Government can use moving forward.

We already have Councils that have committed to this approach, and the two of us recognised the need to begin the process and have made a financial commitment by engaging Lawrence Yule and Malcolm Alexander of Yule Alexander. By starting the necessary work now, we hope to have the study complete by the end of the year which will fit in with the timing of the Government's legislation. LGNZ has also committed funding to this project and will be a partner in this process.

Key points and topics we need to work on collaboratively are:

- That the National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry (NESPF) regulations override powers district councils have.
- The work promised by the government around NESPF (pre-election) regarding classes of land use has not been carried out
- The negative impact of forestry plantations on our rural communities



- The impact of forestry on the four wellbeing's – social, cultural, economic, and environmental
- We need to be able to compare our current rating models in relation to different land uses
- The effects of forestry on soil quality, especially after forestry rotations
- The short-sighted vision around planting land in trees with no long-term plan.
- The future of carbon farming, especially once the carbon has been absorbed - what will happen to the land and trees - who will be responsible for the payment of rates?
- The environmental damage caused by forestry blocks, eg: waterways and water quality, slash, silting and pollen, pest control, fire risk
- The damage caused to our roading network
- The fact the Overseas Investment Office streamlines processes which make it easy for overseas investors to buy land in New Zealand to plant in forestry
- Impacts to other industries
- Looking at Capital Valuation on Forestry, i.e. trees aren't included in capital valuation, where orchard's trees are part of their capital valuation

It is reassuring to know we can work collaboratively on these land use issues to lobby the government and hopefully make change.

The commencement of this work has already been started by Yule Alexander Consulting and is being presently funded through a contribution of \$5000 per Council paid by the Councils which have already committed to this collaborative approach.

The Wairoa District Council is collating the data base for Councils involved and will be responsible for the administration of this group. All Councils involved in this initiative will receive regular reporting on how the funds are being spent.

If you would like to be part of this work that is being carried out, please contact Makere Jones on 027 349 0861 or by return email with your details and we will issue an invoice.

Yours sincerely

Craig Little
Mayor Wairoa District Council

Tracey Collis
Mayor Tararua District Council

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Rangitikei Destination Management Plan 2050

Author: Jen Britton, Community Projects Officer

Authoriser: Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community Services

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To provide a Project brief for the Destination Management Plan 2050 and seek guidance on Iwi engagement.

2. Context

- 2.1 A Destination Management Plan (DMP) will help us to shape and grow the visitor economy within our district, identify business opportunities, explore what barriers might exist for this growth, and put a plan together for our district to be sustainable and resilient into the future while keeping our community at heart.

- 2.2 This Project is a key action from the 2021-31 Long Term Plan and will uncover three key components in the development of the plan:

- Understanding of the Rangitikei experience – our ‘DNA’, future aspirations, and expectations of the visitor sector in the district, how we facilitate sustainable growth while understanding the infrastructure impacts of increased visitor growth and offer solutions to maintaining infrastructure, minimise negative impact to the community, and share our story with the visitor.
- Determine who our ideal visitor might be, what target segments resonate most with our district and how we attract the right visitor base while being aware of and protecting the interests of our residents.
- Identify business and experience opportunities that might exist in growing the visitor economy in our district to facilitate sustainable growth while considering urban and rural development, spatial planning, and key environmental factors.

- 2.3 Objectives

- **To deliver a Destination Management plan that:**
 - provides an integrated and achievable plan for Council to facilitate and encourage sector growth, sustainable and environmental tourism, and develop pride of place in our communities
 - provides a relatable plan for across Council and external stake holders can take ownership of
 - Identifies barriers for growth in the public/private sector.

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- **Run a process that:**
 - aids in improving relationships between Council, its stakeholders, and the community
 - gives Council a better understanding of aspirations in the community in relation to destination management
 - will be delivered within budget and on time.

Milestone	Timeframe/Deadline
Stakeholder Community/iwi Engagement	September – October 2021
Completion of draft Destination Management plan	December 2021
Review of draft Destination Management plan	January – March 2022
Adoption of Destination Management plan	April – May 2022

- 4.1 We have engaged TRC Tourism to co-create this work with us. Lead consultant Kylie Ruwhiu–Karawana is a tourism marketing specialist and has passion and expertise in values-based tourism, specifically Māori and Indigenous tourism experiences. She is also the lead consultant developing the Whanganui Destination Management Plan and the Ruapehu Destination Management Plan which offers the benefit of understanding the wider strategic context.
- 4.2 Staff will be present at the meeting ask for feedback on a few key questions and to talk about the pending engagement process.
- 4.3 Stake holder, community and Iwi engagement is scheduled to begin in September. Engagement is the first step in the development of the destination management and will be used as part of the development of the draft document.
- 4.4 Things we ask is:
 - What are your aspirations for the Rangitikei?
 - What do you value the most about the Rangitīkei?
 - What makes Rangitīkei unique?
 - Do you see and experience opportunities for the Rangitīkei
 - What are the barriers/challenges?
- 4.5 At its core the Destination Management plan is about people and place, it is a document for the district rather than just a strategy for council. Council wants to engage and have conversations with as much of the community as is willing to capture aspirations that reflect the people.

Recommendation

That the report 'Rangitīkei Destination Management Plan 2050' be received.

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9.2 Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond

Author: Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

1. Reason for Report

1.1 To provide an overview of the Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond project and seek feedback from Youth Council members about the key issues currently facing the district, discuss opportunities for involvement in the project and seek guidance on getting young people involved in the project.

2. Project Overview

2.1 The Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond project is the development of a spatial plan for the district. It will provide a spatial roadmap for how the Rangitikei will prosper to 2050 and beyond by:

- Providing clear objectives/outcomes for future land use and growth.
- Guiding infrastructure investment decisions and enable targeted future proofing.
- Reflecting community cultural, economic, environmental and social values and priorities.
- Informing and shaping the District Plan Review and Council’s other plans and strategies.
- Building confidence and identifying potential for industrial, commercial, and residential development.
- Achieving intergenerational equity and sustainable environmental development.

2.2 The development of a spatial plan is important for taking a strategic approach to the future and supporting informed long-term decision making. The project will include the development of outcomes/objectives for the district and settlements, and actions to achieve those objectives and includes consideration of residential, commercial and industrial development.

3. Project Schedule

Project Stage / Phase	Timeline
Background research / technical assessment	Now – December 2021
Develop Discussion Document	August 2021 – January 2022
Community Engagement	February – March 2022
Develop Draft Spatial Plan	April – May 2022
Community Consultation	June 2022
Adoption	August 2022

4. Project Status

- 4.1 The project is currently in Phase 1 – background research / technical assessment. An Advisory Group has been established. Background research into housing, residential land availability, business land supply and climate change has commenced.

5. Discussion Questions

- 5.1 Staff will be present at the meeting to ask for feedback on current issues and future goals for land use as well as to discuss parts of the project where the Youth Council members could get involved.
- 5.2 It would be useful for Youth Council members to think about the following questions prior to the meeting:
- What are the issues facing the area now, and into the future?
 - What are the opportunities for the future?
 - What is important that should be protected?
 - Thinking about 2050, what would a successful community look like?
 - What is the best way to reach young people in the district?

Recommendation

That the report 'Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond' be received.

ITEM 9.3

9.3 Festival for the Future Recap

Author: Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor - Youth

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This report will be tabled in the meeting.

Recommendation

That the tabled report 'Festival for the Future Recap' be received.

9.4 Youth Development Operational Report Aug-Sep 2021

Author: Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor - Youth

1. Reason for Report

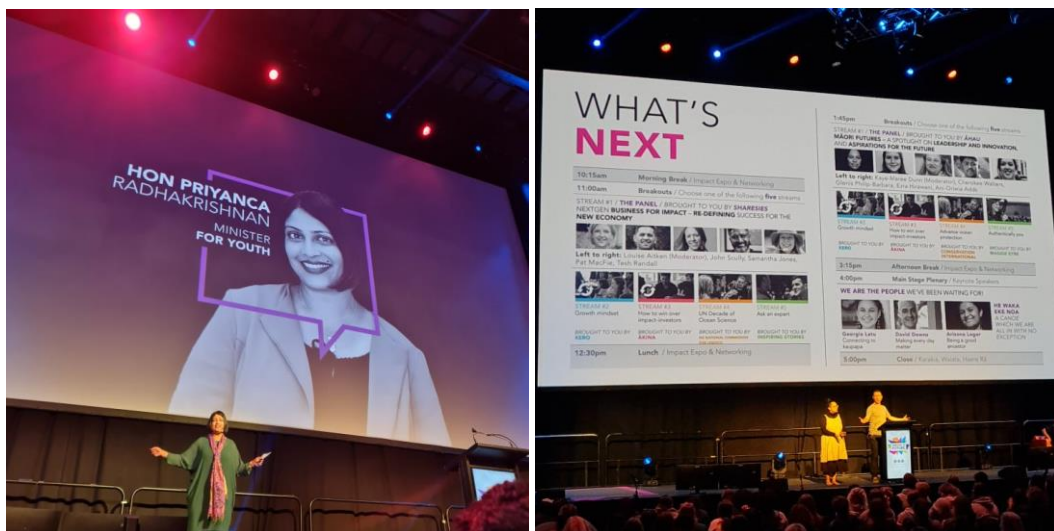
- 1.1 This report summarises the programmes and activities undertaken or initiated as part of Council's Youth Development during the period Aug-Sep 2021.

2. Festival for the Future

- 2.1 Organised and delivered by Inspiring Stories, Festival for the Future took place 30 July – 1 August at the TSB Arena, Wellington. Nine youth attended, seven of those being youth council members, along with the Strategic Advisor for Youth and another support adult. The three-day summit has been called New Zealand's most inspiring event. Festival for the Future is a carefully tailored fusion of inspiring speakers, workshops, entertainment, and a festival marketplace activation space for social innovation. Guest speakers included politicians, TV personalities, authors, business owners, and change makers with a particular focus on diversity and inclusion, climate, economy and sustainability for our future. The youth who attended thoroughly enjoyed the experience, igniting courageous conversations such as the rights of the LGBTQ+ community in New Zealand.



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3. Rangitikei Youth Council

- 3.1 The Rangitikei Youth Council meeting scheduled for September was suspended due to COVID-19 Alert Level 2, and the attendee number restrictions in place for Marton Council Chambers.
- 3.2 The upcoming 12 October meeting has been relocated to Te Matapihi Hall, to allow for the required 2-meter distancing should Alert Level 2 remain.
- 3.3 The Taihape and Marton Lobby's remain closed until Alert level 1.
- 3.4 The following activities were supported by Youth Council during this reporting period, adhering to COVID-19 Alert Level restrictions:
 - Community Twilight Netball Competition
 - Networking & building collaborative relationship with other organisations
- 3.5 Due to COVID-19 alert level 4 and 3 restrictions and occasional weather cancellations, this competition finish date has been extended to 10 October 2021, to ensure a full 10

week competition. Positive feedback has been received from the community, requesting the continuation of this initiative into the warmer months.

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TWILIGHT
NETBALL

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

FOR ALL AGES
Sunday Nights
from 6pm

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FIRST GAME | SUNDAY 20 JUNE

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10 WEEKS
Minimum 8 players in a team
up to 3 men per team

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4. Community network for Rangitikei youth

- 4.1 Council staff continue to liaise with Te Runanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, Te Oranganui, MOE and various other agencies building a framework to address gap areas in services, education, personal growth development, resilience building and accessibility for our youth within the Rangitikei. As initiatives are developed and offered, they will be reported through Councils Youth Development reporting framework 2021-22.
- 4.2 To improve communication and ongoing collaboration Council is re-establishing a Youth Advisory Group consisting of school representatives, iwi organisations and key agencies that work directly with youth in Rangitikei.
- 4.3 The Strategic Advisor for Youth, Kelly Widdowson, and the Community Development Manager, Nardia Gower, met with Craig Dredge, Principal of Taihape Area School and have scheduled further meetings with him, and his staff including plans to have to regular interactions within the school with student groups.
- 4.4 The Strategic Advisor for Youth has established connections with Gary Johnson and Kay Stoney who run separate youth programmes in and around Taihape township.

Recommendation

That the report 'Youth Development Update Aug-Sept 2021' be received.

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Placemaking

Author: Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor - Youth

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Ms Kelly Widdowson will speak to this item.

Recommendation

If required:

11 Meeting Closed