

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of the Horowhenua District Council will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 14 October 2020
Time: 4.00 pm
Meeting Room: Council Chambers
Venue: 126-148 Oxford St
Levin

Council

OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Mayor	Mr Bernie Wanden	
Deputy Mayor	Mrs Jo Mason	
Councillors	Mr David Allan	
	Mr Wayne Bishop	
	Mr Ross Brannigan	
	Mr Todd Isaacs	
	Mr Sam Jennings	
	Mrs Victoria Kaye-Simmons	
	Mr Robert Ketu	
	Mrs Christine Mitchell	
	Ms Piri-Hira Tukapua	
Reporting Officer	Mr David Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
Meeting Secretary	Mrs Karen Corkill	

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1 Apologies

2 Public Participation

Notification of a request to speak is required by 12 noon on the day of the meeting by phoning 06 366 0999 or emailing public.participation@horowhenua.govt.nz.

See over the page for further information on Public Participation.

3 Late Items

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the Council to consider any further items which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded.

Such resolution is required to be made pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the Chairperson must advise:

- (i) The reason why the item was not on the Agenda, and
- (ii) The reason why the discussion of this item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

4 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Open & In Committee Minutes - 9 September 2020

5.3 Open & In Committee Minutes - Extraordinary Meeting - 23 September 2020

6 Announcements

Outward Bound Scholarship Recipients

Scholarship Recipients, Soane Kiloni and Ake Tarawakatoa, accompanied by Horowhenua College Principal, Grant Congdon, will be in attendance to share their recent experiences at Outward Bound.

Foxton Community Board

There will be the regular update on behalf of the Foxton Community Board.

Public Participation (further information):

The ability to speak at Council and Community Board meetings provides the opportunity for members of the public to express their opinions/views to Elected Members as they relate to the agenda item to be considered by the meeting.

Speakers may (within the time allotted and through the Chairperson) ask Elected Members questions as they relate to the agenda item to be considered by the meeting, however that right does not naturally extend to question Council Officers or to take the opportunity to address the public audience be that in the gallery itself or via the livestreaming. Council Officers are available to offer advice to and answer questions from Elected Members when the meeting is formally considering the agenda item i.e. on completion of Public Participation.

Meeting protocols

1. All speakers shall address the Chair and Elected Members, not other members of the public be that in the gallery itself or via livestreaming.
2. A meeting is not a forum for complaints about Council staff or Council contractors. Those issues should be addressed direct to the CEO and not at a Council, Community Board or Committee meeting.
3. Elected members may address the speaker with questions or for clarification on an item, but when the topic is discussed Members shall address the Chair.
4. All persons present must show respect and courtesy to those who are speaking and not interrupt nor speak out of turn.
5. Any person asked more than once to be quiet will be asked to leave the meeting.

Proceedings of the Community Funding & Recognition Committee 22 September 2020

File No.: 20/400

1. Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Community Funding and Recognition Committee meeting held on 22 September 2020.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report 20/400 Proceedings of the Community Funding & Recognition Committee 22 September 2020 be received.
- 2.2 That the Council receives the minutes of the Community Funding and Recognition Committee meeting held on 22 September 2020.
- 2.3 That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 2.4 That the Horowhenua District Council ratifies the Round 1 2020/2021 Grant Allocations as follows:

Community Support Grant Allocations

<i>Foxton Beach Progressive Association Incorporated</i>	\$750.00
<i>The Hearing Association Horowhenua Branch Incorporated</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>Horowhenua Residents & Ratepayers Association</i>	\$600.00
<i>Levin Christian Care Trust t/a Living Well Counselling Centre</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>Wildlife Foxton Trust</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>Altrusa Inc. Levin</i>	\$500.00
<i>Pasifika For Tomorrow</i>	\$4,000.00
<i>Shannon Christian Food Bank</i>	\$2,500.00
<i>Te Whare Mahana Community Hub</i>	\$4,320.00
<i>St Vincent de Paul Society Levin Conference</i>	\$3,000.00
<i>Horowhenua Prisoners Aid and Rehabilitation</i>	\$978.00
<i>Ngā Piki Kōtuku o Punahau (Taiohi Kapa Haka)</i>	\$1,450.00
<i>Skills 4 Living (Horowhenua SuperGrans)</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Levin Spinners and Weavers</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>Levin and Districts Senior Citizens Assn Inc</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>Birthright Levin Inc</i>	\$1,800.00
<i>Special Olympics Horowhenua</i>	\$2,960.00
<i>Hope Kete</i>	\$1,303.48
<i>Cancer Society Of New Zealand Manawatu Centre Incorporated</i>	\$1,150.00
<i>Presbyterian Support Central</i>	\$692.18
<i>Children's Day Event Committee</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>Horowhenua District Neighbourhood Support Inc</i>	\$439.00
<i>Horowhenua Breathe Easy Support Group</i>	\$650.00
<i>Hāpai Te Hapori</i>	\$2,880.00
<i>Levin Citizens Advice Bureau</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Age Concern (Horowhenua) Inc</i>	\$1,700.00
<i>Weraroa Cricket Club</i>	\$2,500.00

English Language Partners New Zealand Trust (Horowhenua Kapiti centre)	\$1,400.00
Pounamu Country Music Club	\$2,000.00
Hokio Progressive Association	\$100.00
Total	\$56,672.66

3. Issues for Consideration

Ratification of the Community Support Grant is sought.

Attachments



There are no attachments for this report.

Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

Signatories

Author(s)	Neil Hirini Community Development Advisor	
Approved by	Cathryn Pollock Community & Social Development Manager	

Community Funding and Recognition Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Community Funding and Recognition Committee held in the Ante Room, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Tuesday 22 September 2020 at 3.30 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr P Tukapua
Members Cr D A Allan
Cr T N Isaacs
Cr S J R Jennings
Mayor B P Wanden
Reporting Officer Mr N Hirini (HDC Community Development Advisor)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs M Rogerson (HDC Community Development Advisor)

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cr Ketu, and from Cr Tukapua for lateness.

MOVED by Cr Jennings, Seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Interest were received from:

- Cr Todd Isaacs – Pounamu Country Music Club
- Cr Todd Isaacs – Weraroa Cricket Club
- Cr Sam Jennings – Levin Model Railway Club
- Mayor Bernie Wanden – Weraroa Cricket Club
- Mayor Bernie Wanden – Levin Model Railway Club

3 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Cr Jennings , Seconded by Cr Todd

That the Open and In Committee minutes of the meetings of the Community Funding and Recognition Committee held on 26 May 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 Announcements

There were no announcements.

5 REPORTS

5.1 Community Funding and Recognition Committee Round 1 2020/2021 Grants Allocation

Purpose

To present the Round 1 2020 / 2021 grant applications and Officer recommendations to the Community Funding & Recognition Committee for consideration. Grant applications are being considered from the following grant funds: Community Support Grant.

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Tukapua

THAT Report 20/397 Community Funding and Recognition Committee Round 1 2020/2020 Grant Allocation be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

THAT the Community Funding & Recognition Committee recommends that the Horowhenua District Council ratifies the Round 1 2020/2021 Grant Allocations as follows:

Community Support Grants

<i>Foxton Beach Progressive Association Incorporated</i>	<i>\$750.00</i>
<i>The Hearing Association Horowhenua Branch Incorporated</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>The Foxton Tourist and Development Association</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Horowhenua Residents & Ratepayers Association</i>	<i>\$600.00</i>
<i>Levin Christian Care Trust t/a Living Well Counselling Centre</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
<i>Wildlife Foxton Trust</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Altrusa Inc. Levin</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Pasifika For Tomorrow</i>	<i>\$4,000.00</i>
<i>Shannon Christian Food Bank</i>	<i>\$2,500.00</i>
<i>Tokomaru Early Childhood Centre Incorporated</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Te Whare Mahana Community Hub</i>	<i>\$4,320.00</i>
<i>St Vincent de Paul Society Levin Conference</i>	<i>\$3,000.00</i>
<i>Horowhenua Prisoners Aid and Rehabilitation</i>	<i>\$978.00</i>
<i>Ngā Piki Kōtuku o Punahau (Taiohi Kapa Haka)</i>	<i>\$1,450.00</i>
<i>Menzshed Foxton</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Levin Model Railway Club</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Manakau Medieval Market Charitable Association</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Skills 4 Living (Horowhenua SuperGrans)</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Horowhenua Events Centre Trust</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Levin Spinners and Weavers</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Levin and Districts Senior Citizens Assn Inc</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
<i>Heritage Horowhenua Charitable Trust</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Birthright Levin Inc</i>	<i>\$1,800.00</i>
<i>Special Olympics Horowhenua</i>	<i>\$2,960.00</i>
<i>Hope Kete</i>	<i>\$1,303.48</i>

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<i>Hāpai Te Hapori</i>	\$2,880.00
<i>Levin Citizens Advice Bureau</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Foxton Districts Budget Service</i>	Nil
<i>Age Concern (Horowhenua) Inc</i>	\$1,700.00
<i>Weraroa Cricket Club</i>	\$2,500.00
<i>Alzheimers Society Manawatu</i>	Nil
<i>Forgotten Felines Foundation</i>	Nil
<i>English Language Partners New Zealand Trust (Horowhenua Kapiti centre)</i>	\$1,400.00
<i>Pounamu Country Music Club</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>Hokio Progressive Association</i>	\$100.00
Total	\$56,672.66

CARRIED

6.30pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY FUNDING
AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....

Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board 28 September 2020

File No.: 20/450

1. Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 28 September 2020.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report 20/450 Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board 28 September 2020 be received.
- 2.2 That the Council receives the minutes of the Foxton Community Board meeting held on 28 September 2020.

3. Issues for Consideration

There are no items considered by the Foxton Community Board that require further consideration by Council.

Attachments



There are no attachments for this report.

Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

Signatories

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Approved by	Cathryn Pollock Community & Social Development Manager	

Foxton Community Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Foxton Community Board held in the Stuart Ellwood Room at Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, 92 Main Street, Foxton, on Monday 28 September 2020 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Mr D J Roache
Deputy Chairperson	Ms P R Metcalf
Members	Cr R J Brannigan
	Mr T J Chambers
	Mr J F Girling
	Ms N J Newland

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Mrs L Winiata	(Community Wellbeing & Engagement Manager)
	Ms C H Marheine	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor B Wanden

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were fifteen members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

1 Apologies

An apology was recorded for Councillor David Allan.

MOVED by Mr Roache, seconded Ms Metcalf:

THAT the apology from Cr Allan be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Ms Metcalf requested clarification around public participation as members of the community have been advised they could not speak to items in the Chairperson's Report. Officers advised they would check Standing Orders.

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declarations of Interest

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Mr Roache:

THAT there were two late declarations of interest leading into the discussion around the Foxton District Budget Services, from Ms Metcalf as the Treasurer of the Budgets Services and Mr Girling as the Chair of the Budget Services.

CARRIED

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Foxton Community Board held on Monday, 27 July 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

Mr Roache welcomed Sergeant Paul Adrian from the Foxton Police Station. Sergeant Paul Adrian provided the Board members with the current stats for traffic offences and infringement notices in the Foxton and Foxton Beach area. Mr Roache thanked Sergeant Paul Adrian for his update and asked if he would look to attend the Community Board meetings regularly to provide a Police update. Sergeant Paul Adrian confirmed he could attend the Community Board meetings on a three to six monthly basis, or as requested by the Community Board.

Mr Roache welcomed Mr Lindsay Sanson, President of the Foxton Tourism Development Association (FTDA). Mr Sanson thanked the Community Board for the invitation to attend the meeting and outlined the current work the FTDA was doing to revamp tourism for Foxton and Foxton Beach and spoke to the items in the report provided to the Community Board members.

Mr Roache expressed the Community Board's condolences to the families of Mr Thomas Robinson and Mr Dahlson Halidone. Mr Roache outlined the significant contributions both of these men made to the Foxton community throughout their lives.

It was noted there would be a closed briefing on NZMCA for the FCB and Councillors following the meeting.

7 Reports

7.1 Monitoring Report to 28 September 2020

Purpose

To present to Foxton Community Board the updated monitoring report covering requested actions from previous meetings of the Community Board.

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Ms Newland:

THAT Report 20/384 Monitoring Report to 28 September 2020 be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

Page 8 14/674 Target Reserve Strategic Plan

There was discussion around the re-activation of the Target Reserve User Group (User Group) and the Community Board representation. Mr Girling confirmed he is the Community Board representative on the User Group but did not attend the August meeting due to prior commitments. It was noted as the User Group has now been re-activated this item could be removed from the Monitoring Report.

Page 10 19/162 Holben Reserve

Ms Metcalf asked for clarification around the timing of the next briefing. Mrs Winiata confirmed this had been scheduled for the workshop in October 2020.

Page 10 19/456 Adoption of Standing Orders (Council Report)

Mr Roache questioned the title of this item and asked for it to be amended, and queried if the delegations review should be separate to the Freeholding Account Review. Mrs Winiata confirmed the item cannot be changed as this was a resolution of Council and that Council requested this be placed on the Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report.

7.2 Chairperson's Report to 28 September 2020

Purpose

To present to the Foxton Community Board matters relating to the Foxton Community Board area.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT Report 20/385 Chairperson's Report to 28 September 2020 be received.

THAT these matters or decisions be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

3.1 Parking at Forest Entrance – Cousins Ave

Mrs Winiata confirmed the signage would be relocated and made more visible, and the discussion on-site around the installation of barriers is not feasible due to the access required for maintenance vehicles. Mrs Winiata also advised Google maps was being contacted to change their direction to park on the berm.

3.2 Foxton Futures

Cr Brannigan raised the Foxton Futures Governance Board Terms of Reference and asked Community Board members to ensure alternates were only attending when the nominated member could not attend.

3.3 Budget Services Presentation

Mr Roache invited Mr Girling in his role as the Chair for the Foxton District Budget Services to present to the Community Board.

Cr Brannigan raised his concerns around this being perceived as a Conflict of Interest and suggested that Mr Girling should declare a conflict of interest.

Mr Roache asked Mr Girling to address the Community Board from the podium as he was speaking in another capacity, not as a Community Board member.

Ms Metcalf declared a conflict of interest as she is the Treasurer for the Budget Service.

Mr Girling outlined the issue being the current facilities the service operated out of were not compliant with Health and Safety requirements or in line with the

values of the service. Mr Girling confirmed the Service was applying for funding, but the funding avenue was not sustainable to secure a permanent facility from which to operate the service.

Mr Girling confirmed he was seeking support from the Foxton Community Board to support an LTP submission for Budget Services, asking Council for an allocation of \$10k per annum towards rent to secure a permanent facility.

Cr Brannigan suggested there needed to be further follow up with Council regarding support for this portfolio, before the Community Board agreed to support this request.

Mrs Winiata suggested the Community Development Team could undertake a comparison against other services and provide information at the next meeting on the previous support provided to similar services.

3.4 Foxton East Drainage Scheme

There was discussion around the Foxton East Drainage Scheme and the establishment of a Liaison Group, and the need for Horizons to meet with the affected parties to hear their concerns. Mrs Winiata confirmed the two HDC Kere Kere Ward Councillors were named as representatives on the Liaison Group meeting for the project and HDC had been contacted by Horizons seeking a representative from the Foxton Community Board to also sit on the Liaison Group. Cr Brannigan suggested Mr Roache should be the FCB representative due to his long term knowledge about the area.

Mr Roache and Cr Brannigan confirmed they could be contacted about this project and would be the voice and advocate for the landowners.

The Community Board requested the Foxton East Drainage Scheme project be placed on the Monitoring Report.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Mr Chambers:

THAT Mr David Roache be appointed as the Foxton Community Board Representative on the Foxton Scheme Liaison Group.

CARRIED

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mr Roache:

THAT the Foxton East Drainage Scheme Project be placed on the Foxton Community Board Monitoring Report.

CARRIED

3.6 Board Member updates

The Board Member reports from Ms Metcalf and Mrs Newland were taken as read. Mr Roache commented on a point in Mrs Newlands report about the Tararua Waste Water consent and reiterated the request from the Community Board to be notified of consents that may have an impact on Foxton and Foxton Beach.

3.7 Foxton Beach Progressive Association – Chairperson’s Report

Mr Melton requested his report be taken as read, and used his time to acknowledge and say thank you to the Foxton Beach residents, local schools, FBPA members, in particular Janine Smart who had worked hard on the Draft Foxton Beach Community Plan over the last twenty months and Mrs Ashley Huria from HDC for her support. Mr Melton commented on the fantastic process.

Mrs Winiata spoke on behalf of HDC about the process for the Draft Foxton Beach Community Plan and how this had been community led with minimal support from HDC. This had been an exciting project and pilot for other communities within the Horowhenua District, as well as other districts.

Ms Metcalf was supportive of the Draft Community Plan but suggested the need for a workshop/special liaison meeting between the FCB and FBPA before the community feedback session scheduled for Friday 9 October 2020, 4pm – 6pm at the Holben Beach Pavilion. Mr Girling noted his support for the plan and agreed with the need for further discussion prior to the community session. Mr Melton advised he would be happy to meet with members of the Community Board before the community session to discuss the draft plan in more detail, but asked that members contact him with a time and date.

Cr Brannigan did not agree another workshop was required and suggested the Community Board should attend the community session to provide feedback.

Cr Brannigan acknowledged Ted Melton and Janine Smart for the work put into the Draft Community Plan and requested clarification of the process around the next steps. Mrs Winiata confirmed following FCB endorsement of the draft plan, it would be taken back to the community for tidy up and finalisation, then submitted to Council for adoption at its November meeting.

Following further discussion around the need for a workshop for FCB and FBPA, it was agreed Community Board members who would like further clarification before the community meeting should contact Mr Melton to arrange a time.

MOVED by Ms Metcalf, seconded Mr Girling:

THAT the Foxtton Community Board endorses the Draft Foxtton Community Plan.

CARRIED

3.8 Foxtton Beach Freeholding Account

The Community Board discussed the asset list and requested clarification in relation to Hartley Street Reserve and whether this should be on the asset list, further clarification on the lease types of the top three properties on the list, and clarity on the properties for sale as per the highlighted section.

7.16 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE FOXTON COMMUNITY
BOARD HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....

Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee 30 September 2020

File No.: 20/452

1. Purpose

To present to the Council the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 30 September 2020.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report 20/452 Proceedings of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee 30 September 2020 be received.
- 2.2 That the Council receives the minutes of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 30 September 2020.

3. Issues for Consideration

There are no items considered by the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee that require further consideration by Council.

Attachments


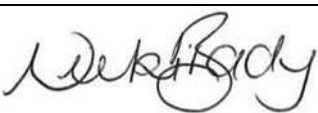
There are no attachments for this report.

Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

Signatories

Author(s)	Doug Law Chief Financial Officer	
Approved by	Nicki Brady Deputy Chief Executive	

Finance, Audit & Risk Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee held in the Council Chambers, Horowhenua District Council, Levin, on Wednesday 30 September 2020 at 4.00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Mr P Jones	
Deputy Chairperson	Mrs C B Mitchell	
Members	Mr W E R Bishop	
	Mr R J Brannigan	
	Mr B J Jackson	
	Mr S J R Jennings	(from 4.05 pm)
	Mrs V M Kaye-Simmons	
	Mrs J F G Mason	
	Ms P Tukapua	
	HWTM B P Wanden	

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Mr D Law	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
	Mr B Maguire	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Development)
	Mr K Peel	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Operations)
	Mrs L Slade	(Group Manager – People & Culture)
	Mr B Harvey	(Community Facilities & Events Manager)
	Mr J Paulin	(Finance Manager)
	Mr D Haigh	(Principal Project Manager)
	Ms M Leyland	(Consents Manager)
	Mrs V Miller	(Compliance Manager)
	Mr S Magi	(Information Services Manager)
	Mr A Chamberlain	(Financial Accountant)
	Mr D O'Regan	(Strategic Communications Lead)
	Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Young	(Chair, Horowhenua New Zealand Trust)
Mr R Turk	(Trustee, Horowhenua New Zealand Trust)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were four members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

1 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Councillors Allan, Isaacs and Ketu and Councillor Jennings had recorded an apology for lateness.

MOVED by Cr Jones, seconded Cr Wanden:

THAT the apologies from Councillors Allan, Isaacs, Ketu, and from Councillor Jennings for lateness, be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

The Chair advised that there had been several requests for public participation but these had been declined in line with Council's Standing Orders; however he was allowing Mrs Paton the opportunity to speak to the Infrastructure Operations – Activity Update – Foxton Beach Surf Club Upgrade project, as her comments could have financial implications.

Speaking to the Foxton Beach Surf Club Seismic Strengthening and Upgrade Phase 1, Mrs Christina Paton urged Council to revisit the Tonkin & Taylor report that had been prepared when the resource consent process was being undertaken as it raised issues about the location of the building and the car park and she suggested that needed to be taken into consideration before progressing with what was currently being proposed

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee held on Wednesday, 26 August 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

There were no announcements.

7 Reports

7.1 Horowhenua New Zealand Trust - Annual Report 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020

Purpose

For the Horowhenua District Council to receive the Annual Report 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 from the Horowhenua New Zealand Trust.

Chair of the Horowhenua New Zealand Trust, Antony Young, and Trustee Ron Turk, joined the table to speak to the report on the services the Trust provided as part of its contract with Council and to respond to any queries.

To provide context to their presentation, Mr Young played a short video which he said summed up what the Trust was trying to achieve, as well giving a PowerPoint presentation "Moving Horowhenua forward" which showed some of the initiatives being undertaken to meet the Trust's mission of Economic and Social Improvement, such as the Horowhenua Business Park, the regular Business After 5 events; with the most recent one being "Get-Go" - promoting employment and providing an avenue between employers and employees. An app for this would be launched in 2021.

Mr Young said what made the Trust effective was that the Trustees and the Trust's employees were driven to make things happen and were very excited by the possibilities for this district and how they could contribute. He thanked Mr Clapperton for the supporting the Trust and the work it was doing as they saw the relationship as a partnership.

Responding to queries:

- In terms of how local businesses had been affected by COVID-19, Mr Turk said the region had been lucky as it had a lot of agriculture which meant they had been able to carry on. There had been challenges in terms of how business could be conducted, but Zoom meetings were held within the industry to address these and there had been enough resources to overcome any obstacles.
- In relation to the internal goals set for the Trust, Mr Young said these were evolving and would be shared at a follow-up meeting.
- Mr Young said Get-Go was a very new initiative. An Executive Manager had been employed, who would start in January. HLC was on their radar, but they initially wanted to start with the schools as it was important to get their engagement and support. The Trust had received funding for three years and they were under pressure to make it self-funding and sustainable.

In expressing his thanks for the presentation, Mayor Wanden acknowledged those who had originally been involved in the formation of the Trust. Although it was still in its infancy, it was heartening to see the original vision for the Trust flourish and he looked forward to the challenges and opportunities for the district that were ahead.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

THAT Report 20/421 Horowhenua New Zealand Trust - Annual Report 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

THAT the Horowhenua New Zealand Trust's Annual Report 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020 to the Horowhenua District Council be received.

CARRIED

7.2 Community Facilities - Activity Update

Purpose

To provide the Finance, Audit and Risk (FAR) Committee with an update on the projects and activities being undertaken within Community Facilities which form part of the Communities, Partnerships and Business Group.

Speaking to the report, Brent Harvey provided the following updates:

- the high wind last week had caused further delays for the Hydroslide project;
- the Mahi Space was progressing well and Elected Members would have received an invitation to the opening next Wednesday;
- there had been a closure of the Foxton Pool due to an electrical problem.

MOVED by Cr Kaye-Simmons, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT Report 20/360 Community Facilities - Activity Update be received.

THAT these matters or decisions are recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

7.3 Infrastructure Development - Activity Update

Purpose

To provide the Finance, Audit and Risk (FAR) Committee with an update on the projects being undertaken by the Infrastructure Development Group.

Brent Maguire and Daniel Haigh joined the table to speak to the report and respond to queries.

3.1 Foxton River Loop Regeneration – Stage 1

- a video showing the work being done to move eels was played.
- it was confirmed that there were various options for the use of the excavated material when it was taken off site and all were being explored.

3.2 Horowhenua Alliance Review

- both Infrastructure Group Managers had together been undertaking a review of the Alliance Operations over the past few months.
- this report provided the highlights, with the theme being improvements in the team and, in particular, to get to grips with how the Alliance model really worked and the way it reported.
- the final audit report was being finalised now, and the combined response would come to the FAR Committee.

MOVED by Mr Jackson, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

THAT Report 20/361 Infrastructure Development - Activity Update be received.

THAT these matters or decisions are recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

7.4 Infrastructure Operations - Activity Update

Purpose

To provide the Finance, Audit and Risk (FAR) Committee with an update on the projects being undertaken by the Infrastructure Operations Group.

Speaking to the report and responding to queries, Kevin Peel commented:

- the Tiro Tiro Road roundabout was close to completion, with a break in the weather awaited to do the paving.
- he had located the report Mrs Paton had commented on and would check through it and report back to the Committee on his findings.
- he would arrange a site visit for Elected Members to the Foxton Wastewater Treatment plant.

Mayor Wanden advised that he had had the privilege of walking the Minister of Finance around Foxton and the Minister had been impressed that the Government's investment in the district was being well spent.

Responding to a comment from the Chair on the helpful graphs in the report, Mr Peel said it was the intention to include them for all the projects; it was a work in progress. The inclusion of the risks for each of the projects was also suggested. Explaining the reason for the risk identified with regard to OPEX Financials, Mr Peel said in the past some items had been coded incorrectly and they were looking at

addressing that going forward.

MOVED by Mr Jones, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT Report 20/362 Infrastructure Operations - Activity Update be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

7.5 Customer and Strategy - Activity Update

Purpose

To provide the Finance, Audit and Risk (FAR) Committee with an update on the projects and activities being undertaken within the Customer and Strategy portfolio of Council.

Noting the new format, Mrs Miller and Ms Leyland had nothing further to add to the report.

MOVED by Mr Jackson, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT Report 20/366 Customer and Strategy - Activity Update be received.

THAT this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

7.6 Two Month Report 1 July 2020 - 31 August 2020

Purpose

To present to the Finance, Audit & Risk Subcommittee the financial report for the two months to 31 August 2020.

Saying that this year was going to be unusual, Mr Law provided some examples, with one being the Capital Grants and Subsidy Income which was abnormally high because of the amount of Government funding received. Whilst at this stage things were tracking well against budgets, Mr Law said it was difficult this early in the year to identify any trends.

The Chair suggested it would be helpful to have some graphs which showed business as usual projects and special projects as Council was receiving an influx of Government funding which posed some risk and tracking of that would provide some assurance.

In terms of how officer time and resources were tracked for PGF-funded work, Mr Law said any staff working on projects provided timesheets so hourly rates were costed and tracked, and that could also be done for Crown infrastructure as well as Annual Plan projects. Mr Maguire also confirmed monthly tracking of projects and that information was readily available.

Formatting of the information provided in the report was discussed, with it suggested that members bring back ideas, other than colour coding and 'smiley faces', to make the information clearer.

MOVED by Mr Jones, seconded Cr Bishop:

THAT Report 20/409 Two Month Report 1 July 2020 - 31 August 2020 be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

7.7 Draft Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2020

Purpose

For the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee to review the Draft Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2020.

Mr Law noted:

- at the time the Agenda was published the Draft Annual Report was still very much a work in progress. Since then the draft report had been completed and it had gone to Audit NZ yesterday morning.
- Audit NZ representatives were due to be at Council for the next three weeks.
- Officers were now working on the LTP, which was somewhat of a struggle with everything that had happened this year.
- Audit had required Council to do a rather large questionnaire on the effects of COVID-19 on its books, which had taken some time to complete. The Audit directors would look at that and see if there was anything to be added to the audit; however, nothing had been reported back as yet.
- he believed the risks in the Horowhenua were lower than places like Auckland and Queenstown.
- by the next FAR meeting there should be some indication from Audit as to their position, though that may not include issuing their opinion.
- this year the deadline for reporting had been extended. Normally the Annual Report was required to be adopted by the end of October; but this had been extended and Council's meeting on 11 November 2020 would be the target date for the Annual Report's adoption.
- in terms of the cost of the Audit, these had gone up slightly since last year.

Responding to a query about the quality of the commentary in the Draft Annual Report which had been raised previously as an issue, Mr Law said Audit would look at those commentaries and decide whether they were adequate or not, or whether they thought they needed to be redone. If Elected Members had any observations to make on the quality of the commentaries, Mr Law said to please let him know.

MOVED by Mr Jones, seconded Mr Jackson:

THAT Report 19/363 Draft Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2020 is received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

7.8 FAR Committee - Actions

Purpose

To report back to the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee on requested actions.

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With a further report to come, it was requested that the Progress Status be amended from 'Completed' to 'Work in Progress'.

20/116 - Delegations Register Update

This item from the Council Monitoring Report – “to refer the delegated authority provided to the CE in terms of Authorisation of Operating and Capital Expenditure within Approved Budgets to the FAR Committee for further discussion – was raised and it was requested it be included in this Action Report as it was still to be progressed.

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Whilst it had been anticipated that this report would have come to this or the previous FAR Committee meeting, the updated interim audit letter which would have identified items that had or had not been completed had not yet been received. This would be followed up so there would be a reasonable programme to report against.

MOVED by Mr Jones, seconded Cr Jennings:

THAT Report 20/425 FAR Committee – Actions, as amended, be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

5.30 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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CHAIRPERSON:.....

Mayoral Report - September 2020

File No.: 20/417

1. Purpose

For His Worship the Mayor to report to Council on the community events and Council-related meetings attended

AND FURTHER

To provide Councillors the opportunity to give a brief verbal update on conference/forums attended, or the activities of those organisations/groups for which they are a Council representative.

2. His Worship the Mayor's Recommendations

- 2.1 That Report 20/417 Mayoral Report - September 2020 be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Mayoral Report – September 2020 Meetings and Events

September was a steady but busy month with an array of meetings and workshops with groups and individuals:

- Emergency Management Joint Standing Committee meeting
- Regional Transport Committee meeting
- Regional Chiefs meeting
- Ngāti Raukawa Hapū meeting
- Corrections Meeting
- Sarah Stewart, Manawatu Area Commander, NZ Police
- Visit to the Kellys for their 60th Wedding anniversary
- Children's Team – Local Governance Group meeting
- Visited 'Just Hope' community meal evening
- September Council Meeting
- Training for 'Making Good Decisions' accreditation
- Tokomaru Fire Station – Deputy Chief Fire Officer interviews
- Older Persons' Network meeting
- HLC Tour and Dinner
- Council Tour of Shannon and Tokomaru water treatment and wastewater plants
- Water Bylaw Hearing
- Opening of the Bulls Community Centre
- Foxton Community Board meeting and workshop
- Police Remembrance Day
- Neighbourhood Liaison Group meeting (Levin Landfill)
- Levin Town Centre Workshop
- Horowhenua NZ Trust meeting
- St Vincent de Paul Society
- Levin Probus Club
- Horizons Regional Council – Jobs for Nature (Arawhata Wetland Project)
- Levin Court re-opening
- Community Funding & Recognition Committee meeting
- Visit to the Dixons for their 70th Wedding Anniversary
- Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting

- Radio and newspaper interviews.

It was great to meet and greet five Government Ministers during the month of September. It was an opportunity to talk about the district's growth, challenges and future plans such as the Taraika development, Ō2NL and Provincial Growth Fund projects that are underway across the district.

3.2 Outcome of Local Government Vote on Remits

Local Government New Zealand's (LGNZ) member councils have passed nine (9) remits to direct LGNZ's policy advocacy.

A brief summary of each remit and the voting results are as follows:

1. Public transport support

Proposed by Greater Wellington Regional Council, the remit calls for LGNZ to advocate that the Government work with councils to maintain the financial viability of public transport during the recovery phase of Covid-19.

The remit was passed with 99 per cent support of the sector.

2. Housing affordability

Proposed by Hamilton City Council and Christchurch City Council, the remit calls for LGNZ to advocate for the Government to assist councils in delivering affordable housing through introducing legislation that would fully enable councils to address housing affordability in their communities through a range of value uplift and capture tools, establishing a working group on affordable housing, and developing an affordable housing National Policy Statement.

The remit was passed with 85 per cent support of the sector.

3. Returning GST on rates

Proposed by Hamilton City Council and New Plymouth District Council, the remit calls for LGNZ to advocate for the Government to use the appropriate mechanisms to enable the 15 per cent Goods and Services Tax (GST) charged on rates to be returned to councils to spend on local or regional infrastructure projects.

The remit was passed with 92 per cent support of the sector.

4. Natural hazards and climate change adaptation

Proposed by Hauraki District Council, the remit calls for LGNZ to advocate for the Government to undertake, in collaboration with all of local government, a comprehensive review of the current law relating to natural hazards and climate change adaptation along New Zealand's coastlines, and coordinates the development of a coastline strategy for the whole of New Zealand.

The remit was passed with 98 per cent support of the sector.

5. Annual regional balance of transfers

Proposed by New Plymouth District Council, the remit calls for LGNZ to work with Treasury, Statistics New Zealand and other Government agencies to develop an annual regional balance of transfers to show how much each region contributes in taxes and how much each region receives in government funding.

The remit failed with 71 per cent of the sector against.

6. Local Government Electoral cycle

Proposed by Northland Regional Council, Rotorua Lakes Council, Whanganui District Council and Hamilton City Council, the remit calls for LGNZ to advocate for Central

Government to conduct a referendum on a proposal that the electoral terms of both central and local government be extended from three to four years.

The remit was passed with 87 per cent support of the sector.

7. Water bottling

Proposed by Queenstown Lakes-District Council, the remit contains four parts, and calls for LGNZ to work with the Government to:

- A. Place a moratorium on applications to take and/or use water for water bottling or bulk export.
The remit was passed with 76 per cent support of the sector.
- B. Enable regional councils and unitary authorities to review inactive water bottling consents, with a view to withdraw the consent and discourage consent 'banking'.
The remit was passed with 86 per cent support of the sector.
- C. Undertake a holistic assessment of the potential effects of the current industry, its future growth and the legislative settings that enable councils to effectively manage those effects.
The remit was passed with 92 per cent support of the sector.
- D. Initiate a comprehensive nationwide discussion on the issue of water bottling (within the wider basis of water use) and implement any changes to the legislation and policy settings as required.
The remit was passed with 89 per cent support of the sector.

8. Quorum when attending local authority meetings

Proposed by Waikato District Council, the remit calls for LGNZ to advocate for an amendment to legislation to enable elected or appointed members, connecting remotely to a public council meeting, to be included in the quorum. This would provide an option for local authority meetings to be held completely remotely, if required.

The remit was passed with 93 per cent support of the sector.

9. Use of macrons by local authorities

Proposed by Waipa District Council, the remit calls for LGNZ to put in place a simplified process for the addition of macrons to council names, if requested by that council or its community.

The remit was passed with 96 per cent support of the sector.

10. Rates rebates for low income property owners

Proposed by Whanganui District Council, the remit calls for LGNZ to work with Government to lift the level of rates rebates available for low and fixed income property owners – with yearly increases taking into account the cost for inputs into local government services.

The remit was passed with 100 per cent support of the sector.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,

- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

Signatories

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Monitoring Report to 14 October 2020

File No.: 20/418

1. Purpose

To present to Council the updated monitoring report covering actions arising from resolutions from previous Council meetings and also requested Officer actions.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report 20/418 Monitoring Report to 14 October 2020 be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Attachments



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In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
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Signatories

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MONITORING – Substantive Council Resolutions						
Item No.	Meeting Date	Item Description	Resolved / Action	Responsible Officer	Progress Status	Officer Comment
19/199	12 June 2019	Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board 27 May 2019	<i>THAT as recommended by the Foxton Community Board, the Horowhenua District Council supports the development of a detailed design for a wetland at Holben Reserve and requests officers to progress to a detailed design through an RFP process.</i>	A Nelson	Ongoing Oct 2020	An initial concept design was presented at the Foxton Community Board meeting of 20 April 2020. An initial consultation has developed a detailed concept plan that is being refined by a second round of consultation likely to be completed by October 2020. The concept design is complete and has been submitted as part of the application made to the Freshwater Investment Fund (FIF) by Henley Hutchings on behalf of Council.
20/116	8 April 2020	Delegations Register – Update	The delegated authority provided to the Chief Executive in 7.1 Authorisation of Operating and Capital Expenditure within Approved Budgets to be referred to the FAR Committee for further discussion.	D Clapperton		Referred to Phil Jones, Independent Chair FAR Committee, Sept 2020. Also transferred to the FAR Committee Officer Action List

MONITORING – Substantive Council Resolutions						
Item No.	Meeting Date	Item Description	Resolved / Action	Responsible Officer	Progress Status	Officer Comment
20/91	6 May 2020	Draft Water Supply Bylaw 2020	That the Draft Water Supply Bylaw go out for public consultation prior to coming back to Council for adoption. Engagement with NZ Fire & Emergency to be initiated.	Asli Crawford	Ongoing	Submissions closed on 27 July. There were 6 submissions. The hearing on 24 September was adjourned to seek further legal advice.
20/91	9 September 2020		Engagement with NZ Fire & Emergency to be initiated.	Asli Crawford	Completed 29 Sept 2020	
20/306	12 August 2020	Proceedings of the Foxton Community Board 27 July 2020	<i>Funding for the Foxton Beach CCTV Project</i> <i>Due diligence to be undertaken by the CE prior to any funding being allocated.</i>	David Clapperton		Awaiting an agreement from the Horowhenua Camera Trust.
20/335		Three Waters Service Delivery Reform/Stimulus Programme	Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan to be confirmed and submitted by 30 September 2020	Mayor/ Chief Executive	Completed	Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan to be confirmed and submitted by 30 September 2020. Prior to sign off this was brought to an extraordinary meeting on 23 September 2020 to advise the projects and programme that would be delivered with the government funding.

MONITORING – Substantive Council Resolutions						
Item No.	Meeting Date	Item Description	Resolved / Action	Responsible Officer	Progress Status	Officer Comment
20/368	2 September 2020	Delegated Authority to Approve Operating Expenditure	<i>THAT the Horowhenua District Council gives delegated authority for the Chief Executive, or if he is unavailable, the Deputy Chief Executive, to sign the agreement with Council's preferred energy supplier following discussions with the Mayor and one other Elected Member (Councillor).</i>	David Clapperton	Completed	A contract with Contact Energy for electricity and Nova for gas been entered into which commences in 2021.

MONITORING – Officer Actions							
Item/ Report No.	Meeting & Date	Item/Report Description	Query/Action	Responsible Officer	Date to Action by	Progress Status	Officer Comment
20/310	12/08/20 09/09/20	<u>Adoption of Rates Postponement Policy</u>	GreyPower submission – refer to Community Wellbeing Committee – re comment that some seniors starved themselves. This is not something that had come to the CWC's attention. Needs to be further explored.	Nicki Brady		Completed	A Council Officer and the Chairperson of the Horowhenua Older Persons Network met with the Chairperson of GreyPower on 15 October 2020 to discuss the identified query. The investigation concluded that: - The statement was in relation to a study

MONITORING – Officer Actions							
Item/ Report No.	Meeting & Date	Item/Report Description	Query/Action	Responsible Officer	Date to Action by	Progress Status	Officer Comment
							outside of our district, but also was largely due to Covid-19 lockdown enquiries that GreyPower processed. - That there are not elderly people currently starving in our community as a result of the impact of rates, and it is not necessary to advance the inquiry any further.
20/281	09/09/20	<u>Draft Water Supply Bylaw</u>	Engagement on the Bylaw to be undertaken with Fire and Emergency NZ – Mitchell Brown – which would inform whether Crs want to do further work on the Bylaw before adoption	Kevin Peel Asli Crawford		Completed	Contact made with Mitchell Brown (29 th Sept. 20). Explained that the District Plan or any other avenue may be a better platform if Council's Level of Service outlined in section 5.12 is varied.
20/335	09/09/20	<u>Three Waters Service Delivery Reforms/Stimulus Programme</u>	Funding Agreement to be brought back to a public meeting prior to sign off on 30 September 2020			Completed	This was approved at an Extraordinary Council meeting on 23 September 2020
	23/09/20		Criteria to be defined for the allocation of funding under the Resource Maturanga Māori project. The opportunity to support the overall	David Clapperton	14 October 2020		To be actioned by 14 October.

MONITORING – Officer Actions							
Item/ Report No.	Meeting & Date	Item/Report Description	Query/Action	Responsible Officer	Date to Action by	Progress Status	Officer Comment
			resilience of marae to also be captured.				
20/345	09/09/20	<u>CE's Report – 3.1 Growth Dashboard</u>	Graphs at the top of the second page – the colours for Level 3 and Level 4 to be the same.	Ashley Huria		Completed	This will be addressed in future Growth Dashboards

File No.: 20/394

Population Assumption for the Long Term Plan 2021-2041

1. Purpose

To provide Council with information required to adopt the population growth assumption for the Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Long Term Plan 2021-2041 is required to disclose significant forecasting assumptions for population growth. This assumption is the basis for planning throughout the whole of the LTP document.
- 2.2 For the 2018 LTP, Council used the 50th percentile population projections prepared by Sense Partners in 2017. These assumptions identified much higher population growth than the district had previously experienced, a rate of 1.2% per annum from 2018 to 2028, and 1.1% per annum from 2028 to 2038. Actual growth since 2018 has been higher than this assumption, with an average growth rate of 2% per annum (StatsNZ, 2020), and tracking much closer to the 95th percentile of those 2017 projections.
- 2.3 The population projections used for the 2018 LTP have been updated by Sense Partners for 2020. This update shows stronger anticipated growth for the Horowhenua District than previously projected. All percentiles identify a growing population over the 20 year period between 2021 and 2041.
- 2.4 The forecasted population across all percentiles is provided in the table below.

	5 th percentile	25 th percentile	50 th percentile	75 th percentile	95 th percentile
Population 2041	40,748	44,437	47,956	52,479	62,716
Annual average growth	1.4% - 0.2%	1.6% - 0.7%	1.8% - 1.2%	2.1% - 1.7%	2.6% - 2.8%

- 2.5 Key considerations when deciding which percentile to use for future planning include; local knowledge and context; wider regional context; risks of over estimation versus under estimation.
- 2.6 Elected Members are provided with three options:
- Adopt the 95th percentile population projections from Sense Partners 2020.
 - Adopt an alternative percentile population projection from Sense Partners 2020.
 - Request Officers to provide additional information to inform Elected Member decision making.
- 2.7 The Officer recommendation is Option 1 – that Council adopt the 95th percentile to use as a basis for the LTP 2021-2041 assumptions.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That Report 20/394 Population Assumption for the Long Term Plan 2021-2041 be received.
- 3.2 That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.
- 3.3 That the Horowhenua District Council adopts the 95th percentile population growth assumption from the Sense Partners Socio-Economic Projections 2020 Update, as the population growth assumption for the Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

4. Background / Previous Council Decisions

- 4.1 The Long Term Plan 2021-2041 is required to disclose the significant forecasting assumptions that underpin the development of the document. One of these assumptions is for population growth. This assumption is important because it provides the basis for all activities to be able to plan for changes in demand.
- 4.2 For the Long Term Plan 2018-2038 Council adopted the 50th percentile growth assumptions prepared by Sense Partners. These assumptions identified significantly higher levels of population growth than anticipated in the Long Term Plan 2015-2025. At the time, the most up to date information from StatsNZ was from the 2013 Census, which did not project high growth for the district. The projections from StatsNZ projected the Horowhenua population growing as follows in the High growth scenario:
 - 2023 – 33,800
 - 2028 – 34,600
 - 2038 – 35,700
 - 2043 – 36,000
- 4.3 The assumptions adopted by Council for the Long Term Plan 2018-2038 projected a growth rate of 1.2% per annum from 2018 to 2028, and 1.1% from 2028 to 2038. These projections identified that by 2038 the Horowhenua District would have a population of 41,128, or an additional 7,575 residents over the life of the LTP. This growth assumption was a significant change, given known historical population growth had been static and was projected by StatsNZ to remain relatively static.
- 4.4 Since the adoption of the growth assumptions for the Long Term Plan 2018-2038, Horowhenua has experienced faster growth than anticipated, with an average rate of 2% per annum. The district's population is estimated to be 35,300 as at June 2019 (StatsNZ, 2020), a population that was not anticipated in the 2018-38 LTP population assumptions (50th percentile) until 2023/2024. The district's actual and estimated population growth from 2000 to 2019 is provided below (StatsNZ, 2020). This data shows an annual growth rate of 2% since 2014.

Year	Population	Growth
2000	30,700	0%
2001	30,600	0%
2002	30,600	0%
2003	30,600	0%
2004	30,600	0%
2005	30,600	0%
2006	30,600	0%
2007	30,600	0%
2008	30,700	0%
2009	30,800	0%
2010	31,000	1%
2011	31,000	0%

2012	31,200	1%
2013	31,200	0%
2014	31,700	2%
2015	32,200	2%
2016	32,900	2%
2017	33,700	2%
2018	34,500	2%
2019	35,300	2%

5. Discussion

Updated Population Projections

- 5.1 The population assumption to be used in the Long Term Plan 2021-2041 needs to be adopted by Council. Council has received updated projections from Sense Partners to use as a basis for decision making (attached).
- 5.2 The report by Sense Partners identifies that growth is being driven by strong domestic migration. The projections have taken into account population growth resulting from increased accessibility due to transport projects from the Wellington Northern corridor project being completed by the New Zealand Transport Agency.
- 5.3 The Sense Partners report prepared after the first Level 4 lockdown has taken account of Covid-19 in terms of assumed border closures, resulting in less outward and inward migration. It assumes a short and sharp economic shock, but does not account for the potential of more significant shifts in population growth dynamics.
- 5.4 The forecasted population and households across all percentiles are provided in Tables 1 and 2 below.

Table 1. Population projections (Source: Sense Partners, 2020).

	5 th percentile	25 th percentile	50 th percentile	75 th percentile	95 th percentile
Population 2021	36,414	36,494	36,554	36,613	36,708
Population 2031	40,500	41,824	43,050	44,485	47,355
Population 2041	40,748	44,437	47,956	52,479	62,716
Annual average growth	1.4% - 0.2%	1.6% - 0.7%	1.8% - 1.2%	2.1% - 1.7%	2.6% - 2.8%

Table 2. Household projections

	5 th percentile	25 th percentile	50 th percentile	75 th percentile	95 th percentile
Households 2041 (total) Est. 16,606 at June 2021.	19,066	20,506	21,959	23,793	27,815
Number of houses required per year (2021-2041)	123	195	268	359	560

5.5 Figure 1 and Tables 1 and 2 also identify the following population projections:

- The 5th percentile has slow population growth to approximately 40,748 residents and 19,066 households by 2041.
- The 25th percentile has a population that grows relatively slowly, with the population levelling out around 44,437 residents and 20,506 households to 2041.
- The 50th percentile has steady and linear population growth, with a population of approximately 47,956 residents and 21,959 households by 2041.
- The 75th percentile also has steady and linear population growth, at a rate higher than the 50th percentile, with a population of approximately 52,479 residents and 23,793 households by 2041.
- The 95th percentile shows a greater population increase, with the rate of growth increasing over time to reach almost 62,716 residents and 27,851 households by 2041.

5.6 The number of required houses per year over the 20 year period varies from 123 per year for the 5th percentile, through to 560 per year at the 95th percentile.

5.7 Figure 1 shows the population of the Horowhenua District from the Census in 2018, the 2019 population estimate, the assumption used from Sense Partners in the 2018-38 LTP (50th percentile) and the projections from Sense Partners that were updated in 2020. It shows that the district's population grew faster in 2019 than assumed in the 2018 LTP.

5.8 These projections are higher than those previously provided by Sense Partners and adopted as part of the 2018 Long Term Plan. They are also higher growth than projections from StatsNZ, who have not yet released population projections resulting from the 2018 Census, with the latest population projection data available still using the 2013 Census as a base.

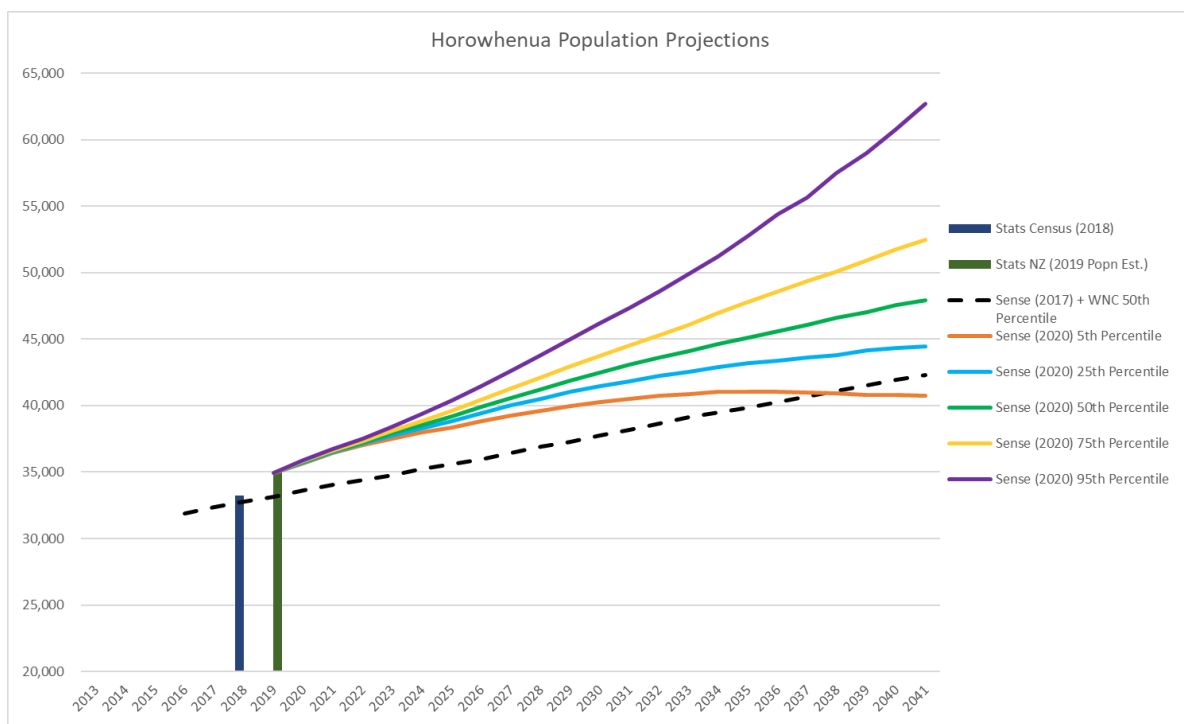


Figure 1. Horowhenua Population Projections (Source: Sense Partners 2020; StatsNZ, 2020)

Distribution of Growth

- 5.9 It is anticipated this growth would be distributed 89% Residential and 11% Rural. By 2041 this would require an additional 1,233 houses in the Rural Zone and 9,976 in the Residential zones (95th percentile). It is anticipated the majority of this growth would be focused in Levin (52%).

Area	Number additional houses by 2041	Share of growth
Levin	5,163	52%
Foxton Beach	998	10%
Foxton	748	8%
Waitāreere Beach	1,047	11%
Ōhau	761	8%
Waikawa Beach	461	5%
Manakau	387	4%
Shannon	337	3%
Tokomaru	37	0%
Hōkio Beach	37	0%

Considerations

- 5.10 Council is being asked to decide which percentile to use as the basis for future planning. In making this decision, there are a number of considerations which are useful for informing this decision making process:
- Local knowledge and context
 - Wider regional context
 - Risks of over estimation versus under estimation

Local knowledge and context

- 5.11 Since 2014, the district's population has consistently grown at 2% per year (StatsNZ, 2020). This growth is occurring even without the completion of all of the Wellington Northern corridor projects, which will increase accessibility between the Horowhenua and the Wellington Region.
- 5.12 Local indicators, such as building consent and resource consent data support this growth.
- Building consents issued increased from 339 in 2014/15 to 467 in 2019/2020, an increase of 27% during this period.
 - Resource consents granted increased from 111 in 2014/15 to 219 in 2019/20, an increase of 49% during this period.
 - The number of additional lots created in the Residential zone has also been increasing, with 7 created in 2014, increasing to 113 in 2018.
- 5.13 House values have also been increasing, with values increasing from \$354,134 for the 12 months to June 2019 to \$421,139 for the 12 months to June 2020 for the Horowhenua District. This is a significant increase from \$264,217 for the 12 months to September 2017.
- 5.14 The early signs following Covid-19 Level 4 lockdown are showing that the building and consenting activity levels are tracking close to or higher than the pre-Covid levels. The

number of new lots approved (receiving s224 approval) in the first two months of the 20/21 financial year have already doubled the number of new lots approved during 19/20.

Wider regional context

- 5.15 The Horowhenua District has been included as part of the Wellington Regional Spatial Plan project, which is planning for the location of future population growth in the region (approximately 200,000 residents). Levin has been identified in the draft Plan as one of the four key centres to accommodate growth.
- 5.16 This work aligns with the Wellington Northern Corridor Projects, which once constructed will mean Levin will be less than an hour's drive to Wellington. The Mackays to Peka Peka section is already complete, with Peka Peka to Ōtaki and Transmission Gully under construction. The Ōtaki to North of Levin project has been confirmed, with construction scheduled to start in 2025. The completion of these transport projects are likely to accelerate growth in the district.
- 5.15 Additionally, housing prices are still relatively affordable in Horowhenua in comparison to surrounding districts. Sales prices for the 12 months to June 2020 show \$421,139 in Horowhenua, compared with \$632,750 in Kāpiti Coast, \$476,250 for Palmerston North City and \$465,000 for Manawatū District (MHUD, 2020).

Risks of over estimation versus under estimation

- 5.16 There are risks for Council if population growth is over estimated or under estimated.
- 5.17 If population growth is over estimated, some projects dependent on growth thresholds may not need to be completed as early as indicated in the LTP. While Council will budget for projects in the LTP, if they are not needed, Council is not required to undertake them. Prior to infrastructure development, actual growth will be reassessed to ensure growth is tracking at the projected level and the services planned are needed. If not, budgets allocated would need to be deferred to subsequent years.
- 5.18 There would also be a risk that if the assumed growth component of a rates increase is too high, that the actual rates increase for current residents would be higher than anticipated. Additionally, in some circumstances, if growth is over estimated, there may be a longer lag on cost recovery for infrastructure projects that are required before growth occurs. For example, lead infrastructure for Taraika is required to enable growth, if growth is slower than anticipated, cost recovery will be slower. However, if Horowhenua is to capture projected growth, Council needs to ensure that there is capacity to do so, and that land use planning and infrastructure is implemented in time to meet demand.
- 5.19 Alternatively if the growth assumptions underestimate population growth, some projects that are dependent on growth thresholds may need to be completed earlier than budgeted for. This may mean infrastructure needed to support growth may not be constructed in time, or recalibration of capital works programmes need to occur through Annual Planning processes. Faster growth than assumed can also increase the need for re-work of Council's strategic planning. As a result of the district's growth occurring faster than previously assumed, Council's Growth Strategy 2040 that was adopted in 2018 is already being reviewed and updated.
- 5.20 Either way, as part of its annual planning process, Council will recheck growth assumptions to ensure the appropriate level of investment is occurring, and that the component of the rates increase allocated to growth is set at an appropriate level.

Comment

- 5.21 Council assumed the 50th percentile of the growth projections for the 2018-38 LTP which under assumed population growth. The 50th percentile for the updated growth assumptions has population growth at 1.8% per annum until 2029, decreasing to 1.2% per annum until 2039. These growth rates are currently lower than the district has experienced in the recent

past, and there is no indication growth is slowing down or is likely to slow down, even as a result of border restrictions associated with Covid-19.

- 5.22 The growth projections Council adopts will form the basis of the assumption for the 2021-41 LTP, and will also be extended for the 30 year period to inform the Infrastructure Strategy.
- 5.23 The 75th percentile growth rate aligns most closely with the current growth rate, a rate of 2.1% per annum, declining to 1.7% from approximately 2029. A key consideration for this scenario is whether by 2029, growth is likely to slow more than the district is currently experiencing, particularly when Ō2NL is expected to be completed in 2029. The Ō2NL project not only provides greater accessibility to Wellington, there will also be the relocation of residents in the road corridor.
- 5.24 The 95th percentile growth rates are higher than the district has experienced in the recent past, projecting a growth rate of 2.6% to 2029, increasing to 2.8% to 2039. There are currently no signs of growth slowing in the district and additional pressures likely, as the Wellington Northern Corridor projects not yet complete, and Levin identified as a key growth area in the Wellington Regional Spatial Plan.
- 5.25 As identified above, there is risk associated with both overestimation and underestimating projected population growth. Based on previous discussions with elected members, the 95th percentile has been recommended.

6. Options

- (a) Option 1 – adopt the 95th percentile to use as the basis for the LTP assumptions.

Elected Members decide to adopt the 95th percentile as the basis for the population assumption for the Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

- (b) Option 2 – adopt an alternative percentile to use as the basis for LTP assumptions.

Elected Members decide to adopt the 5th, 25th, 50th or 75th percentile as the basis for the population assumption for the Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

- (c) Option 3 – request further information.

Request further work is completed by Officers to inform decision making.

Officers recommend Option 1 as a decision on the population assumption is needed to inform planning and development of the Long Term Plan 2021-2041, and previous direction from elected members indicated support for the 95th percentile.

6.1 Cost

There are no direct costs associated with deciding which percentile to use as the basis for planning.

6.1.1 Rate Impact

There will be no direct rate impact as a result of this decision. However, this decision will influence budgeting and planning for Council's services based on population growth, which will have an impact on rates.

6.2 Community Wellbeing

It is important that Council plans for a realistic population to ensure community needs are met for the provision of Council services.

6.3 Consenting Issues

There are no direct consenting issues resulting from this decision. However, this decision will inform planning for the renewal or application of consents associated with the delivery of Council's services.

6.4 LTP Integration

This decision will form the basis of key assumptions that will be applied throughout the Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

7. Consultation

No community consultation has been undertaken. It will form part of the supporting information that will be consulted on as part of the Long Term Plan 2021-2041 consultation in early 2021.

8. Legal Considerations

There are no direct legal considerations. The population assumption will be incorporated into the Long Term Plan 2021–2041, in particular will become one of Council's significant forecasting assumptions as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

9. Financial Considerations

There are no direct financial considerations. Planning for the population percentile agreed will have implications for the budgeting of when projects occur.

10. Iwi Considerations

There are no Iwi considerations.

11. Climate Change Considerations

There are no direct climate change considerations. When planning for the population assumption decided, the implications of climate change will be considered.

12. Environmental Considerations

There are no direct environmental considerations to consider. When planning for the population assumption decided, a range of environmental considerations will be considered.

13. Health & Safety Considerations

There are no Health & Safety considerations.

14. Other Considerations

There are no other considerations.

15. Next Steps

The population percentile decided by Council will be used as the basis for planning the delivery of Council's services in the Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

16. Supporting Information

<p>Strategic Fit/Strategic Outcome</p> <p>The growth assumptions are a key underlying assumption of the LTP.</p>					
<p>Decision Making</p> <p>This decision has a strong influence for Council's planning for the provision of future services, therefore needs to occur before the development of the rest of the LTP. This decision does not need to be consulted upon.</p>					
<p>Consistency with Existing Policy</p> <p>Not applicable.</p>					
<p>Funding</p> <p>Not applicable.</p>					
Risk Area	Risk Identified	Consequence	Likelihood	Risk Assessment (Low to Extreme)	Managed how
Strategic	The population grows faster/slower than assumed resulting in the need to bring forward or delay projects.	Minor	Very Likely	Moderate	Regular tracking of how the population is changing. Significant adaptation will occur through Annual Plan process.
Financial	The population grows faster/slower than assumed resulting in differences to rates income and services required to be delivered.	Minor	Very Likely	Moderate	Sensitivity testing will be undertaken before investment decisions.
Service Delivery					
Legal					
Reputational					


Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

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Horowhenua Socio-Economic projections

Summary and methods

Projections update report, May 2020





HOROWHENUA SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS SUMMARY AND METHODS

Summary of projections

This update report presents long term population and economic projections for Horowhenua District.

Strong growth expected

Horowhenua's population is projected to grow:

- by 1.8% per year, over the next 10 years
- more quickly than the national population (1.2% per year)
- more quickly than the average of the past 10 years (1.5% per year)
- more slowly than the average of the past 6 years (2.1% per year).
- substantially more quickly than in our previous projections (0.5% per year).

TABLE 1: POPULATION PROJECTIONS¹

Population	5th percentile	25th percentile	50th percentile	75th percentile	95th percentile
2019	34,956	34,956	34,956	34,956	34,956
2029	39,983	41,022	41,896	42,941	44,968
2039	40,822	44,138	47,006	50,913	59,010
2049	39,542	45,188	51,862	59,250	79,243
2059	37,741	45,443	55,626	69,501	105,044
2068	35,301	45,185	59,172	78,168	131,741

Population growth, compound annual average growth rate	5th percentile	25th percentile	50th percentile	75th percentile	95th percentile
2019					
2029	1.4%	1.6%	1.8%	2.1%	2.6%
2039	0.2%	0.7%	1.2%	1.7%	2.8%
2049	-0.3%	0.2%	1.0%	1.5%	3.0%
2059	-0.5%	0.1%	0.7%	1.6%	2.9%
2068	-0.7%	-0.1%	0.6%	1.2%	2.3%

¹ The percentiles presented in Table 1, and elsewhere in the report, are calculated by simulating population change while varying the main drivers of population growth, such as immigration rates. These simulations are calibrated based on historical variations. This produces a range of results which is summarised by ranking the projections and presenting them according to their ranking or percentile.



Growth driven by strong domestic immigration

Horowhenua's strong population growth is driven by a continued substantial inflow of migrants from other parts of New Zealand.

We are forecasting a net inflow of 650 domestic migrants per year over the next 10 year. This is a substantial upward revision, from 270 migrants per year in our 2019 forecasts.

In our 2019 forecasts we noted that

"it appears that domestic migration into Horowhenua has been higher than we or other experts, such as Statistics New Zealand, would have predicted three or four years ago. This is likely to be due to a combination of factors including:

- *improved accessibility from the expressways that have been built to the south of the District*
- *increased costs of living, especially house price inflation, in most urban centres including Palmerston North and Wellington*

We also noted that we did not yet have sufficient up-to-date data, such as from the census, to account for observed increases in domestic migration.

Since the 2018 census data has become available and estimates of Horowhenua's population have been revised up yet again, it has become even more apparent that we needed to revise our projection methods and so we have done this.²

Our forecasts of Horowhenua's population growth are also affected by assumptions about the effects of border closures on outward international migration. An extended period of border closures is expected to boost Horowhenua's population growth as fewer people leave the district to move overseas.

COVID-19 brings new sources of uncertainty

While our previous projections were subject to several significant sources of uncertainty, such as policy change and a deficit of data³, these 2020 projections must contend with the effects of a global pandemic.

Our forecasts assume the following effects from COVID-19:

² The census led to substantial increase in estimates of Horowhenua's population. Although, ironically, our new projections of domestic migration are only partly based on census data. The census data on internal migration has been rated as "very poor", after the question relating to prior address was dropped from the census in favour of linking data between censuses.

³ At the time of our previous update (July 2019) problems with the 2018 census meant that data from the census was not yet available. Even now, a substantial amount of census data has not been publicly released, even though it has been more than 2 years since the census. This means that estimates and forecasts of the following variables should be considered provisional and subject to revisions once census data is available: households (number and type), labour force status (i.e. labour force participation and unemployment status), household incomes.



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- international borders closed to migrants for the 12 months to March 2021⁴
- a sharp but reasonably short-lived economic shock, based on the New Zealand Treasury's Budget Economic and Fiscal Update (May 2020), where:
 - the national unemployment rate rises to 8.3% in June 2020, from 4.0% in 2019, and then falls to 7.6% in the June quarter 2021
 - real GDP growth falls 4.6% in the year to June 2020 and -1.0% in the year to June 2021 before recovering in 2022

We tend to the view that these economic assumptions are optimistic. However, as they are Budget numbers, they provide a useful benchmark – especially at a time when forecasters are revising their views daily.

These economic shocks are expected to cause average household incomes to decline, on average, over the next 10 years.

TABLE 1: GROWTH IN AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOMES, AFTER INFLATION

Annual average growth between dates					
	5th percentile	25th percentile	50th percentile	75th percentile	95th percentile
2019	--	--	--	--	--
2029	-1.5%	-0.8%	-0.4%	-0.1%	0.5%
2039	0.7%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%
2049	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
2059	0.7%	1.0%	1.0%	0.7%	1.1%
2068	0.5%	0.2%	0.4%	0.7%	0.6%

It is quite possible that these COVID-related economic shocks, or larger ones, could cause a significant shift in population growth dynamics in Horowhenua and throughout New Zealand. Importantly, the uncertainty ranges in our projections do not account for the possibility of such shifts. That being so, the level of uncertainty quantified in our near-term projections is under-stated.

Given this unquantified uncertainty it would be unwise to speculate about potential further positive effects on population growth from transport projects (such as Transmission Gully and the Otaki to Levin link) – as was done in our previous projections.

That said, our revised projections are higher than previous forecasts that accounted for the effects of transport projects. Recent population growth in Horowhenua has, at least partly, results from increased accessibility due to roading projects. This lift in attraction to Horowhenua is now factored directly into the population growth forecasts.

⁴ We assume closure to 95% of all migrant flows i.e. immigrants to New Zealand and emigrants from New Zealand.



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Our 2020 forecasts for Horowhenua will feed into the development of scenarios for future growth and economic development. These scenarios, which are yet to be produced, will consider the potential for alternative futures for Horowhenua based on economic trends and the potential for positive or negative economic shocks.



Comparisons against Statistics New Zealand projections

The population projections presented in this report are higher than Statistics New Zealand projections for the Horowhenua released in 2017. The differences are summarized in Table 5.

**TABLE 5: COMPARISON WITH STATISTICS NEW ZEALAND PROJECTIONS
POPULATION PROJECTIONS ('MEDIUM' SCENARIOS)**

	Year	Age: 0-14	Age:15-39	Age:40-64	Age:65+	All ages
Statistics New Zealand	2013	6,020	7,490	10,380	7,280	31,170
	2018	5,900	8,060	10,250	8,050	32,260
	2023	5,800	8,050	9,660	8,920	32,430
	2028	5,680	7,940	8,950	10,000	32,570
	2033	5,580	7,320	8,660	10,860	32,420
	2038	5,310	6,850	8,580	11,310	32,050
	2043	4,990	6,630	8,520	11,350	31,490
Sense Partners	2013	6,020	7,490	10,380	7,280	31,170
	2018	6,300	8,500	11,000	8,500	34,300
	2023	7,270	10,045	11,306	9,319	37,940
	2028	8,298	11,002	11,536	10,437	41,273
	2033	9,088	11,395	12,288	11,441	44,211
	2038	9,169	11,966	13,116	12,333	46,583
	2043	9,045	12,874	14,143	12,868	48,929

ANNUAL AVERAGE GROWTH RATES

	5 Years to:	Age: 0-14	Age:15-39	Age:40-64	Age:65+	All ages
Statistics New Zealand	2018	-0.4%	1.5%	-0.3%	2.0%	0.7%
	2023	-0.3%	0.0%	-1.2%	2.1%	0.1%
	2028	-0.4%	-0.3%	-1.5%	2.3%	0.1%
	2033	-0.4%	-1.6%	-0.7%	1.7%	-0.1%
	2038	-1.0%	-1.3%	-0.2%	0.8%	-0.2%
	2043	-1.2%	-0.7%	-0.1%	0.1%	-0.4%
Sense Partners	2018	1.0%	2.5%	1.1%	3.1%	1.9%
	2023	3.0%	3.3%	0.5%	1.8%	2.0%
	2028	2.6%	1.9%	0.4%	2.3%	1.7%
	2033	1.9%	0.7%	1.4%	1.9%	1.4%
	2038	0.2%	1.0%	1.3%	1.5%	1.1%
	2043	-0.4%	1.5%	1.5%	1.0%	1.0%

The difference between Sense projections and Statistics New Zealand's projections are differences in views about international migration and different assumptions regarding rates of domestic migration into Horowhenua. Our assumptions about fertility and mortality rates are very similar.



Method

These projections should be interpreted as potentials. The projections do not, for example, take account of national or local policy changes which can affect actual population and economic growth.

Demographics

The method used to produce the population projections is a conventional population projection model, with a few relatively novel aspects.

The model simulates populations by age, by sex by District.

Fertility and mortality rates are projected using the same methods that Statistics New Zealand uses to project age- and sex-specific mortality rates.^{5, 6}

International migration is predicted at the national level using a model of migration which accounts for trends and patterns in growth in arrivals from different types of countries in conjunction with changes in outward migration and economic conditions in New Zealand and Australia (unemployment rates and real exchange rates).⁷

Ages of migrants and domestic destinations of international migrants are determined based on observed historical probabilities that migrants are of a given age and the propensities these migrants must move to particular parts of New Zealand (in this case Districts).

Internal domestic migration is based on age- and origin- and destination-specific probabilities of observed migration in each of the censuses from 2001 to 2013⁸ and experimental origin-destination domestic migration data for the period 2013-2017. So, each District's inward domestic migration reflects the size and age distribution of other Districts from which it traditionally sources migrants.

At the household level, living arrangements are based on methods used by Statistics New Zealand. Each age and gender has an observed historical (Census-based) probability of residing in a different household type. The probabilities used here are national-level probabilities.⁹

⁵ Demography package for R, by Rob J Hyndman with contributions from Heather Booth, Leonie Tickle and John Maindonald.

⁶ Actual data on age-specific rates at the district level are limited and so these are inferred using splines to interpolate between ages where age-group data is available.

⁷ To be precise, the model is a mean of forecasts from 3 different types of models: a set of univariate time series model, a vector-autoregression, and a vector-error correction model with economic components. The latter includes cluster analysis of arrivals from different countries which allows grouping of countries into 4 different groups which tend to move together.

⁸ The number of observations here is limited but the probabilities have proved to remain remarkably stable over time.

⁹ Except that, in the national context, projections for Auckland include adjustments to reflect the large numbers of multi-family households in Auckland. This overall approach, using national 'living arrangement



Economic projections

The economic projections are based on a 'growth accounting' method, whereby growth is predicted based on growth in the working age population, labour force participation rates, unemployment rates, and productivity.

Here labour force participation rates are modelled at the national level and district rates are estimated based on typical age-specific deviations from national rates.¹⁰

Unemployment rates are also modelled at the national level and age-specific deviations from national rates are used to model persistent differences in unemployment rates at different ages in different districts.

The model used to predict unemployment rates at the national level takes account of changes in labour force growth and other economic factors on unemployment rates. It also includes a measure of labour productivity.¹¹ Predictions of productivity growth come from this model.

There is no attempt to model district-level productivity growth, rather districts are assumed to face random fluctuations in productivity which move around the national average.

Industry projections are based on a model of trends in industry shares of GDP. At the district level, industry output is then projected using historical correlations between movements in national output and district output. So, the district's fortunes are attached to national trends, but also reflect local cycles and comparative advantages.

Randomness

To run simulations and produce ranges for projections we use the observed errors in our models and underlying variation in the variables we are modelling to produce 'prediction intervals'. In each simulation, we draw randomly from these prediction intervals.

Not all variables are subject to this randomness directly¹² and some variables do not fluctuate a great deal. The most volatile components of the projections are: migration, productivity, and industry GDP growth shares.

type rates' is a weakness in this modelling method but is accepted for the time being in the absence of better data to discriminate 'living arrangement type rates' by district.

¹⁰ The national rates are modelled using logistic growth curves which help to capture the rising, but ultimately limited, rates of participation of older age groups.

¹¹ The national model of unemployment rates is a vector auto-regression of unemployment, CPI, labour force, interest rates, and earnings per hour ('labour productivity'). The use of vector auto-regressions helps ensure that we extract underlying trends in variables and means that the model can capture the effects of economic cycles over a 1- to 2-year horizon. After that the model reverts to trends. Although randomness is added to reflect uncertainty, there are no economic cycles in the model beyond the first 1 to 2 years.

¹² All age-specific probabilities used in the model are fixed, for example.

