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# Council

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 4.00 pm.

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### PRESENT

<b>Mayor</b>	Mr B P Wanden
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	Mrs J F G Mason
<b>Councillors</b>	Mr D A Allan
	Mr W E R Bishop
	Mr R J Brannigan
	Mr T N Isaacs
	Mr S J R Jennings
	Mrs V M Kaye-Simmons
	Mr R R Ketu
	Mrs C B Mitchell

### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
	Mrs N Brady	(Deputy Chief Executive)
	Mrs J Straker	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Mr D Law	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Mr D McCorkindale	(Group Manager – Customer & Strategy)
	Mr B Maguire	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Development)
	Mr K Peel	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Operations)
	Mrs L Slade	(Group Manager – People & Culture)
	Mrs A Huria	(Projects Coordinator – Customer & Strategy)
	Mrs C Pollock	(Acting Community Wellbeing & Engagement Manager)
	Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr S Lucy	(Audit Director, Audit New Zealand)
Ms T Whiti	(accompanying Cr Ketu)

### 1 Apologies

An apology was recorded for Cr Tukapua (on Parental Leave).

MOVED by Cr Wanden, seconded Cr Brannigan:

*THAT the apology from Councillor Tukapua be accepted.*

**CARRIED**

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## 2 Late Items

There were no late items.

## 3 Declarations of Interest

### 5.1 Adoption for Consultation: Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021

Crs Isaacs and Bishop.

## 4 Announcements

Mr Clapperton noted that the Independent Auditor's Report had been circulated prior to today's meeting and would be included in the documentation being received today.

## 5 Finance

Having declared an interest in the following item, Crs Isaacs and Bishop withdrew from the table.

### 5.1 **Adoption for Consultation: Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021**

#### **Purpose**

To present the draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 to Council for adoption for public consultation.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

*THAT Report 21/76 Adoption for Consultation: Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 be received.*

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

**CARRIED**

Mrs Brady and Mr Clapperton responded to queries raised as to whether the process that had been undertaken had been sufficiently robust to ensure the draft Development Contributions Policy, if adopted, would not have any detrimental effects and whether it was compatible with Council's existing Strategies and Policies.

Following Elected Members expressing their views in some detail as to the pros and cons of the draft document, it was:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded Cr Mitchell:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 for public consultation to occur simultaneously with the Long Term Plan 2021-41 Consultation Document.*

**CARRIED**

Cr Jennings recorded his vote AGAINST the motion.

Crs Isaacs and Bishop re-joined the table.

## 6 Strategy and Development

### 6.1 **Adoption of Supporting Information to the Long Term Plan 2021-41 Consultation Document**

#### **Purpose**

To present the Supporting Information underpinning the Consultation Document for the Long Term Plan 2021-41 for adoption.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Isaacs:

*THAT Report 21/78 Adoption of Supporting Information to the Long Term Plan 2021-41 Consultation Document be received.*

*THAT this matter or decision is recognised as significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.*

**CARRIED**

Mrs Huria (Projects Coordinator – Customer & Strategy), Mrs Straker (Chief Financial Officer), and Mrs Brady (Deputy Chief Executive), joined the table to speak to the report and respond to any queries. Requesting the report be taken as read, Mrs Huria advised some minor updates to the documentation, also noting the inclusion of the Auditor's Report in the Draft LTP 2021-41 Consultation Document (page 54).

MOVED by Cr Mitchell, seconded Cr Allan:

*THAT the supporting documents including the Financial Strategy, Infrastructure Strategy, Activity Statements, Financial Statements, Significant Forecasting Assumptions, Statement on Council Controlled Organisations, Statement on the Development of Maori Capacity to Contribute to Decision Making, Significance and Engagement Policy, Rates Remission Policy and Revenue and Financing Policy be adopted and made available to the public as Supporting Information for Council's Long Term Plan 2021-41 Consultation Document.*

*THAT if necessary, the Group Manager Customer and Strategy, in consultation with the Chief Executive, be authorised to correct any minor errors or omissions in any of the supporting documents before they are publicly notified.*

**CARRIED**

Cr Jennings recorded his vote AGAINST the motion.

Subject to the word 'stakeholder' being replaced with 'partner' in 5.5 Engaging with Māori in the Significance and Engagement Policy, following discussion and agreement with Cr Ketu, it was:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the Significance and Engagement Policy 2021.*

**CARRIED**

MOVED by Cr Mitchell, seconded Cr Brannigan:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the draft Rates Remission Policy for public consultation, which will occur concurrently to the Long Term Plan 2021-41 Consultation Document.*

**CARRIED**

Audit Director, Mr Lucy, joined the table to speak to the Independent Auditor's Report which had been tabled and which would be included in the Draft LTP Consultation Document, particularly in relation to the fact that this was a 'Qualified Opinion', where in the recent past Council's Audit Opinions had been unqualified or unmodified. Mr Lucy explained the basis for the qualified opinion, which included assumptions related to the funding of Tara-Ika Infrastructure and he also drew attention to uncertainty over three waters reforms, uncertainty over the delivery of the capital programme and Infrastructure assets condition information.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Mitchell:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the draft Revenue and Financing Policy for public consultation as part of the Long Term Plan 2021-41 consultation process.*

**CARRIED**

Cr Jennings recorded his vote AGAINST the motion.

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Mitchell:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council resolves that it is financially prudent after considering the matters set out in Section 100(2)(a)-(d) of the Local Government Act, to operate in deficit for 2023/24, given that this will be recovered over the first 10 years of the plan.*

**CARRIED**

Crs Jennings and Bishop recorded their vote AGAINST the motion.

## 8.2 Adoption of the Long Term Plan 2021-41 Consultation Document

### Purpose

For the Horowhenua District Council to adopt the Long Term Plan 2021-41 Consultation Document for public consultation.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Isaacs:

*THAT Report 21/77 Adoption of the Long Term Plan 2021-41 Consultation Document be received.*

*THAT this matter or decision is recognised as significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.*

**CARRIED**

Following Elected Members providing their views in relation to the documentation and process and exhorting members of the community to get involved in the consultation opportunities to provide much needed direction, it was:

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Deputy Mayor Mason:

*THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the Long Term Plan 2021-41 Consultation Document for public consultation.*

*THAT, if necessary, the Group Manager Customer and Strategy be authorised to correct any minor errors or omissions in the documents prior to public notification.*

**CARRIED**

Cr Jennings recorded his vote AGAINST the motion.

5.35 pm

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

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AT AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....