

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

Date: Wednesday 30 March 2022
Time: 5:30 pm
Meeting Room: Council Chambers
Venue: 126-148 Oxford St
Levin

Council

OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Mayor	B P Wanden
Deputy Mayor	Deputy Mayor J F G Mason
Councillors	Cr D A Allan
	Cr W E R Bishop
	Cr R J Brannigan
	Cr T N Isaacs
	Cr S J R Jennings
	Cr V M Kaye-Simmons
	Cr R R Ketu
	Cr C B Mitchell
	Cr P Tukapua

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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 Announcements

File No.: 22/121

7.1 Changes to COVID-19 Vaccine Pass Requirements for Council Facilities

1. Purpose

To agree a mechanism to amend the Council's COVID-19 Vaccine Pass requirements in response to the Government's announcement on 23 March 2022 of a change to the COVID-19 Protection Framework, and to adopt a principles based approach to any future COVID-19 related restrictions.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report 22/121 Changes to COVID-19 Vaccine Pass Requirements for Council Facilities be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.
- 2.3 That Council removes access restrictions to Council facilities from 11.59pm 4 April 2022 which it imposed from 21 February 2022 in response to the COVID-19 Protection Framework
- 2.4 That Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Mayor, the authority to remove or impose access restrictions to Council facilities in response to any future COVID-19 Protection Framework changes.
- 2.5 That Council direct the Chief Executive to apply the following principles when imposing or relaxing any future COVID-19 access restrictions:
 - Any restrictions are in line with but no more restrictive than the Government guidelines or restrictions, and;
 - Restrictions are in place for least amount of time, and;
 - Alignment with any staff COVID-19 policy, and;
 - Options are provided for people affected by any restrictions to able to access Council services.

3. Background / Previous Council Decisions

On 9 February 2022, Council agreed to a number of measures in response to the developing COVID-19 situation and the Government's COVID-19 Protection Framework.

Council resolved the following:

THAT the Council approves to require from 21 February 2022 to align with the staff consultation, for a valid My Vaccine Pass to be produced by the public for entry to the Council Civic Building (126 Oxford Street, Levin), Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, Te

Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, Shannon Library, Levin Aquatic Centre, Foxton Pool and Shannon School pool for the duration it is managed by Aquatics Horowhenua.

THAT the Council adopts this policy for all 'in-person' participation at formal Council meetings and Committee meetings, Hearings and official Council Workshops as set out in this report to apply from 21 February 2022 at all Council venues.

THAT the Council notes the process the Chief Executive is taking in regard to establishing a policy for COVID-19 vaccinations of staff.

THAT the Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor, to make further decisions on restricting entry to all Council facilities should this be considered necessary for the safety of staff and the community.

THAT the Council requests that the Chief Executive reports to Council on the options for use of Rapid Antigen Tests for people who wish to use our facilities without a vaccine pass.

On 23 March 2022 the Government announced a change to COVID-19 Protection Framework (the traffic light system). These changes from 11.59pm Friday 25 March 2021, under the current traffic light Red setting, are:

There will be no limits for outdoor activities, such as gatherings and events, and food and drink businesses. My Vaccine Passes must be used until 11:59pm on 4 April.

There will be a 200-person limit for indoor gatherings and events — My Vaccine Passes must be used until 11:59pm on 4 April.

If My Vaccine Passes are not used, the gathering limits remain unchanged.

You do not need to wear a face mask outdoors.

Other face mask rules remain unchanged — face masks are still required in most indoor settings.

There is no requirement to scan in or for a business to display a QR code poster or have mandatory record keeping.

Further changes are the removal of requirements for use of My Vaccine Passes from 11.59pm on Friday 4 April 2022. Additionally the current traffic light setting will be reviewed on 4 April 2022. A full description of changes are attached at appendix A.

4. Discussion

Council implemented its response to COVID-19 from 21 February 2022 in response to the COVID-19 Protection Framework and underlying local conditions at the time. The development of the pandemic in our region was uncertain, and Council allowed for the Chief Executive to introduce further restrictions, in consultation with the Mayor should it be necessary for the safety of staff and the community.

At that time it was the will of the Council that in implementing these restrictions that these restrictions should be in place for as short a time as possible.

The situation has now changed. The Government is signaling a relaxation in restrictions, whilst remaining vigilant to any future outbreaks.

The current Council stance, whilst in line with the COVID-19 Protection Framework in place at the time, will now be more stringent in some areas than required by the revised COVID-19 Protection Framework from 11.59pm 25 March 2022, and in all areas from 11.59pm 4 April 2022.

It would be prudent for the Council to review its current settings to align them with the revised COVID-19 Protection Framework. In doing so, it would also be prudent for Council to be mindful of, and prepare, for any future eventualities.

To this end we do not recommend that Council revoke its resolution of 9 February 2022. Instead we are recommending that Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor, to relax or further strengthen restrictions to match any COVID-19 Protection Framework settings. The Chief Executive Officer would formally advise Council of any changes at the next available meeting of Council.

We propose that in exercising the delegation, the Chief Executive Officer would take a principles-based approach. We propose the principles are:

- Any restrictions are in line with but no more restrictive than the Government guidelines or restrictions, and;
- Restrictions are in place for the least amount of time; and
- Alignment with any staff COVID-19 policy; and
- Options are provided for people affected by any restrictions to be able to access Council services.

Agreeing to a principles based approach enables the organisation to respond quickly to any future Government announcements in relation to COVID-19 Protection Framework settings. These principles set the boundaries within which Horowhenua District Council will implement or remove any restrictions.

Confirmation of statutory compliance

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

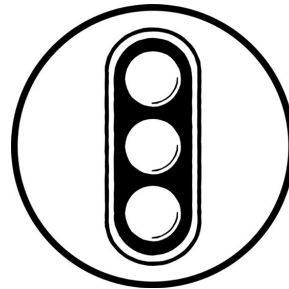
- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their advantages and disadvantages, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind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

5. Appendices

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Approved by	David Wright Chief Executive Officer	
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Changes to the traffic light system

At 11:59pm on Friday 25 March 2022, our traffic light system is changing.

Why we are changing the traffic lights

Now is the right time to review the restrictions we have in place, with the Omicron outbreak nearing its peak.

A number of the tools that we developed to fight COVID-19 were designed to protect an unvaccinated population from earlier variants of the virus.

Our focus now is to make life simpler and closer to normal, but retain the things that we know are most effective at reducing the spread of COVID-19 and protecting people.

So, from 11:59pm on Friday 25 March, we will update our traffic light settings. The COVID-19 Protection Framework will be simpler. It will help us manage life with Omicron while reducing the impact of future outbreaks.

Next review of the settings

New Zealand is at the Red setting.

The next review of the traffic light settings is on 4 April. It will review what colour each area of New Zealand sits in.

My Vaccine Pass

From 11:59pm on 4 April 2022, there will be no requirement to use My Vaccine Pass. Until 4 April, where My Vaccine Passes are not used, the current restrictions remain — but after this time, the new capacity limits will apply to everyone.

After 4 April, businesses will still be able to use the system if they would like to.

At Red

- There will be no limits for outdoor activities, such as gatherings and events, and food and drink businesses. My Vaccine Passes must be used until 11:59pm on 4 April.
 - There will be a 200-person limit for indoor gatherings and events — My Vaccine Passes must be used until 11:59pm on 4 April.
 - If My Vaccine Passes are not used, the gathering limits remain unchanged.
 - You do not need to wear a face mask outdoors.
 - Other face mask rules remain unchanged — face masks are still required in most indoor settings.
 - There is no requirement to scan in or for a business to display a QR code poster or have mandatory record keeping.
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At Orange

- There will be no limit for outdoor gatherings.
 - There will be no limit for indoor gatherings.
 - You do not need to wear a face mask outdoors.
 - Other face mask rules remain unchanged.
 - There is no requirement to scan in or for a business to display a QR code poster or have mandatory record keeping.
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At Green

- There will be no restrictions.
 - We encourage you to keep up good health behaviours.
 - There is no requirement to scan in or for a business to display a QR code poster or have mandatory record keeping.
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Worker vaccine mandates

From 11:59pm on 4 April 2022, some government vaccine mandates for workers will be removed.

Workers that will still be covered by a government vaccine mandate include:

- health and disability sector workers
- prison staff
- border and MIQ workers.

Vaccine mandates remain in place for these sectors because workers in these areas have a high level of contact with people at risk of developing serious illness from COVID-19. For border workers, there is a high risk of exposure to new variants.

Businesses will be able to voluntarily introduce workforce vaccination requirements if appropriate to the workforce.

Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Wednesday 9 February 2022 at 4.00 pm.

PRESENT

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	(Via Zoom)
	Mrs Christine Mitchell	
	Ms Piri-Hira Tukapua	
Reporting Officer	Mr David Wright	(Chief Executive)
	Mr Grayson Rowse	(Principal Advisor - Democracy)
Meeting Secretary	Miss Jody Lygo	(Democracy Support Officer)

IN ATTENDANCE

	Mr David Roache	(Chair of Foxton Community Board)
	Mrs Tricia Metcalf	(Deputy Chair of Foxton Community Board)

The meeting was open with a Karakia by Cr Tukapua.

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Public Participation

Mayor Wanden noted the receipt of an item for public participation in relation to item 8.4. This was read to Councillors during consideration of that item.

3 Late Items

There were none.

4 Declaration of Interest

There were none.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 16 December 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 20 December 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the In Committee Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 20 December 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

Cr Tukapua addressed the meeting.

7 Proceedings of Committees

Mr David Roache provided an update to Council on the activities of the Foxton Community Board.

8 Executive

8.1 Mayoral Report - December 2021 - January 2022

His Worship the Mayor reported to Council on the community events and Council-related meetings he had attended;

AND FURTHER

Gave Councillors the opportunity to provide an update on groups or organisations they are a Council representative to.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT Report 22/34 Mayoral Report - December 2021 - January 2022 be received.

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

CARRIED

Councillors provided further comments to their reports, and it was agreed that this option will be given to Councillors in future Mayoral reports.

8.2 Three-waters reform - options for advocacy

The Mayor presented introduced the report to members.

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

THAT Council:

RECEIVES Report 22/25 Three-waters reform - options for advocacy

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

CARRIED

The Chief Executive provided an update on information surrounding this reform.

Councillors asked questions and debated the options.

MOVED by Cr Jennings, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT Council:

OPPOSES the three waters reforms; and,

APPLIES to join the campaign as a campaign partner; and,

REQUESTS the Chief Executive to allocate \$15,000 from within existing budgets for the joining fee;

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Councillors: David Allan
Wayne Bishop
Ross Brannigan
Todd Isaacs
Sam Jennings
Robert Ketu
Christine Mitchell
Piri-Hira Tukapua

Against:

Councillors: Victoria Kaye-Simmons
Jo Mason
Bernie Wanden

The division was declared **CARRIED** by 8 votes to 3.

8.3 Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive updated Councillors to seek endorsement on a number of matters being dealt with.

MOVED by Cr Isaacs, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Report 22/36 Chief Executive's Report be received.

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

CARRIED

Councillors acknowledged the great work of the Parks and Property team in helping our District earn five green flag awards.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council does not consult on the Annual Plan 2022/23

as it deems that there are no significant or material differences from the content of Year 2 of the Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Isaacs:

THAT the Horowhenua District Council approves the release of a maximum total of \$322,000 from the Hockey Turf Replacement Fund to the Horowhenua Sports Turf Trust for the replacement of the turf and emergency repair of the floodlights.

CARRIED

8.4 Council Facilities - COVID-19 Protection Framework

Council was provided with information regarding the COVID-19 Protection Framework and Staff Vaccination Policy enabling decisions to be made on whether a My Vaccine Pass is required by the public to enter Council facilities.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

THAT Report 21/528 Council Facilities - COVID-19 Protection Framework be received.

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

CARRIED

The Chief Executive provided further information surrounding the reasoning for this framework.

The Principal Advisor – Democracy read the public participation letter to the meeting.

Councillors asked questions, and a debate was held around the options..

MOVED by Cr Brannigan, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT the Council approves to require from 21 February 2022 to align with the staff consultation, for a valid My Vaccine Pass to be produced by the public for entry to the Council Civic Building (126 Oxford Street, Levin), Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, Shannon Library, Levin Aquatic Centre, Foxton Pool and Shannon School pool for the duration it is managed by Aquatics Horowhenua.

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THAT the Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor, to make further decisions on restricting entry to all Council facilities should this be considered necessary for the safety of staff and the community.

CARRIED

An additional recommendation was proposed

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded Cr Ketu:

THAT the Council requests that the Chief Executive reports to Council on the options for use of Rapid Antigen Tests for people who wish to use our facilities without a vaccine pass.

CARRIED

Cr Tukapua addressed Councillors, and closed the meeting with a karakia

7.11 pm

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

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CHAIRPERSON:.....

Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin on Monday 21 February 2022 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Mr D M Clapperton	Chief Executive
	Mr D McCorkindale	Group Manager – Customer & Strategy
	Mr B Maguire	Group Manager – Infrastructure Development and Operations
	Mrs L Slade	Group Manager – People & Culture
	Mrs J Straker	Group Manager – Business Services
	Mr B Harvey	Group Manager – Communities and Partnerships
	Mrs A Huria	Business Performance Manager
	Mr G Rowse	Principal Advisor – Democracy

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ms T Whiti (Accompanying Cr Ketu)

1 Apologies

Apology

MOVED by Cr Wanden, seconded Cr Kaye-Simmons:

That the apology from Crs X be accepted.

CARRIED

There were no apologies.

2 Late Items

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3 Declaration of Interest

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

Cr Isaacs confirmed that he has no conflict despite previous dealings

4 Executive

4.1 Hearing of Submitters - Future of Levin Landfill

1. Purpose

To receive submissions in relation to the Future of the Levin Landfill Statement of Proposal and to hear from submitters.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Cr Isaacs:

That Council:

- 2.1 RECEIVES the Report 22/45 Hearing of Submitters - Future of Levin Landfill.
- 2.2 RECEIVES submissions 1 - 149 on the Future of the Levin Landfill that were lodged with the consultation time frame
- 2.3 RECEIVES submission 150 in accordance with the Council's Acceptance of Late Submissions Policy.

Trevor Hinder's verbal submission in support of his submission, number 16, was read to the meeting.

Charles Rudd spoke to his submission, number 60, supporting the closure of the landfill in general, and responded to question from councillors.

Eugene Henare of Warena Te Kerehi Whanau Trust, spoke to their submission, number 16, supporting the closure of the landfill in general.

Faith Henare-Stewart of Te Kura Huia spoke to their submission, number 31, supporting the closure of the landfill generally.

Peter Everton of Lakeview Farm spoke to their submission, number 38, supporting the closure of the landfill generally.

Michael Kay of Attica spoke to their submission, number 43, supporting the closure of the landfill in general.

Peter Thompson spoke to his submission, number 52, supporting the closure of the landfill.

Jacinta Liddell spoke to her submission, number 5, supporting the closure of the landfill, and responded to questions from members.

Vivienne Taueki of Muaupoko Cooperative Society/Hokio A Maori Land Trust, Part Hokio A Maori Land Trust, and Hokio Maori Township Maori Land Trust spoke to their submissions, numbers 70 and 72, supporting closure of the landfill as soon as possible. Ms Taueki responded to questions from elected members

Greg Carlyon of Levin Landfill Project Management Group (The Catalyst Group) spoke to their submission, number 82, spoke in support of closure of the landfill as set out in Option 1. Mr Carlyon responded to questions from elected members.

The meeting adjourned at 4.17pm, and resumed at 4.40pm.

Leone Brown spoke to her submission, number 86, spoke in support of Option 1.

David Moore of Ngati Pareraukawa spoke to their submissions, numbers 87 and 110, spoke in support of closure of the landfill in general. Mr Moore responded to questions from elected members.

Christine Moriarty of Horowhenua District Residence & Ratepayers Ass Inc / Hokio Environmental and Kaitiaki Alliance (HEKA) spoke to their submissions, numbers 88, 112 and 113, in support of closure of the landfill as soon as possible.

Jenny Rowan spoke to her submission, number 93, supporting the closure of the Levin landfill under Option 1. Ms Rowan responded to questions from elected members.

Vivienne Bold of the Hokio Progressive Association spoke to their submission, number 117, spoke in support of closing in the landfill under Option 1.

5.30 Graeme Lindsay spoke to his submission, number 118, spoke to his submission supporting the closure of the landfill.

6.15 pm

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

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