
Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Monday 19 February 2018 at 5.00 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor	Mr M Feyen	
Deputy Mayor	Mr W E R Bishop	
Councillors	Mr R J Brannigan	
	Mr R H Campbell	
	Mr N G Gimblett	
	Mrs J F G Mason	(from 4.05 pm)
	Mrs C B Mitchell	
	Ms P Tukapua	
	Mr B P Wanden	

IN ATTENDANCE

Reporting Officer	Mr M J Lester	(Group Manager – Corporate Services)
	Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
	Mr D Law	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Mr D McCorkindale	(Group Manager – Strategy & Development)
	Mr G Saidy	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Services)
	Mrs N Brady	(Group Manager – Customer & Regulatory Services)
	Ms S Grant	(Group Manager – Community Services)
	Miss N Mangione	(Business Analyst – Strategic Planning)
	Mr D Haigh	(Growth Response Manager)
	Mr J Paulin	(Finance Manger)
	Mrs L Winiata	(Communications Manager)
	Mr Rohit Srivastava	(Asset Planning Manager)
	Miss C O’Shea	(Graduate Strategic Planner)
	Mr S Wood	(Legal Advisor)
	Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ms D Perera	(Audit Director, Audit New Zealand)
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PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

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

1 Apologies

An apology was recorded for Cr Brannigan, and apologies for lateness were recorded for Crs Mitchell and Judd.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Bishop, seconded Cr Tukapua:

*THAT the apology from Cr Brannigan be accepted
AND FURTHER*

THAT the apologies for lateness from Crs Mitchell and Judd be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

No available for this meeting.

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

5 Announcements

Audit New Zealand

Audit Director, Ms Perera, was welcomed to the table. She said it gave her great pleasure to be in attendance for the adoption of the Long Term Plan Consultation Document. She acknowledged the considerable amount of work done by Council Officers and Elected Members, as well as the significant amount of pre-consultation engagement that had taken place, to bring the documentation to today's Council meeting.

She explained the role of Audit was to ensure that Council had given effect to the purposes of the Local Government Act, explaining in some detail what that entailed. She said she was pleased to say that Audit's response was 'yes' and the document before the meeting today was one of the better ones that Audit had seen.. She said Council could be very proud of the work that had gone in and that it would be one of the earlier adopters of their LTP.

Responding to a query about the assumptions underlying the documentation, Ms Perera said the statistics had been reviewed and had also been compared with other Councils, and Audit was comfortable with the assumptions that Council had used to form the documentation.

Mayor Feyen thanked Ms Perera for her attendance and her commentary which would hearten many.

6 Finance

6.1 LTP 2018-38 -Revenue and Financing Policy and Funding Impact Statement

Purpose

To allow Council to adopt the Revenue and Financing policy and associated Funding Impact Statement.

MOVED by Cr Gimblett, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT Report 18/88 LTP 2018-38 -Revenue and Financing Policy and Funding Impact Statement be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Wanden, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT the Draft Revenue and Financing policy be adopted for consultation as part of the LTP consultation process.

THAT the Funding Impact Statement be adopted and form part of the LTP supporting documentation for the LTP 2018 -2038 Consultation Document.

THAT, if necessary, the Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the Chief Executive, be authorised to correct any minor errors or omissions in the LTP 2018-2038 Revenue and Financing Policy and Funding Impact Statement before they are publicly notified.

CARRIED

6.2 LTP 2018-38 - Financial Strategy, Financial Statements and Balance Budget Statement

Purpose

To enable Council to adopt the LTP Financial Statements, Balance the Budget Statement (and resolution), and Financial Strategy

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Bishop, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT Report 18/89 LTP 2018-38 - Financial Strategy, Financial Statements and Balance Budget Statement be received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

Responding to a query in relation to the wording of recommendation 2.3, Mr Lester confirmed that the use of the word “insufficient” was correct as for the first three years Council was not anticipating a balanced budget.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Bishop, seconded Cr Gimblett:

THAT in relation to both the 2018/2019, 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years within the 2018/38 Long Term Plan, the Council resolves that it is financially prudent, after considering the matters set out in Section 100(2) (a)-(d) of the Local Government Act 2002, to set projected operating revenues at a level that are insufficient to meet projected operating expenses.

THAT Council adopts the Draft 2018/38 LTP financial statements, Financial Strategy, Prudential Benchmark Disclosure Statement and Balance the Budget Statement, as supporting information to the LTP 2018-2038 Consultation Document.

THAT, if necessary, the Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the Chief Executive, be authorised to correct any minor errors or omissions in the LTP 2018-2038 Financial Strategy, Financial Statements and Balance Budget Statement before they are publicly notified.

CARRIED

7 Infrastructure Services

7.1 Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2048

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the draft HDC Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2048.

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Wanden:

THAT Report 18/86 Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2048 be received.

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

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT the HDC Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2048 be adopted as part of the Long Term Plan process as required by Section 101B of Local Government Act (LGA) 2002, and form part of the supporting documentation to the LTP 2018-2038 Consultation Document.

THAT, if necessary, the Group Manager – Infrastructure Services, in consultation with the Chief Executive, be authorised to correct any minor errors or omissions in the Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2038 before it is publicly notified.

CARRIED

8 Strategy and Development

8.1 Long Term Plan 2018-2038 Supporting Information

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for adoption a number of the supporting documents to the 2018-2038 Long Term Plan Consultation Document.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Bishop, seconded Cr Gimblett:

THAT Report Long Term Plan 2018-2038 Supporting Information be received.

THAT this decision is recognised as significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

Ms Mangione and Mr McCorkindale joined the table to speak to the report and respond to any queries.

Ms Mangione said today's meeting was a significant milestone in Council's LTP programme, with the two reports being presented covering seven months of work for Officers and Elected Members, including pre-consultation engagement which had run from September to November 2017. If these reports were adopted Council would begin public consultation this coming Friday (23 February) running until 26 March. There would be a number of public events to encourage the public to come and ask questions or to submit.

MOVED by Cr Gimblett, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT the supporting documents including Council's Activity Statements, Significant Forecasting Assumptions, a Statement on Council Controlled Organisations, a Statement on the Development of Maori Capacity to Contribute to Decision Making processes, a Summary of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, Foxton Community Board Report (Foxton Pool Season Length), and Remissions of Rates

on Maori Freehold Land Policy (attached as Appendices to this report) be adopted and be made available to the public as Supporting Information for Council's 2018-2038 Long Term Plan Consultation Document.

THAT, if necessary, the Group Manager Strategy and Development, in consultation with the Chief Executive be authorised to correct any minor errors or omissions in any of the supporting documents before the 2018-2038 Long Term Plan Consultation Document is publicly notified.

CARRIED

8.2 Adoption of the 2018-2038 Long Term Plan Consultation Document

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to adopt Council's 2018-2038 Long Term Plan (LTP) Consultation Document for public consultation.

MOVED by Mayor Feyen, seconded Deputy Mayor Bishop:

THAT Report 18/85 Adoption of the 2018-2038 Long Term Plan Consultation Document be received.

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

CARRIED

That this was a significant milestone was acknowledged, but also raised was the competing consultation being undertaken with regard to the expressway and the difficulties that could arise in terms of getting feedback from people within the community who could have a divided focus.

With this being his first LTP in the Mayoral role, Mr Feyen acknowledged the significant amount of work that had gone into the process. Also acknowledging the importance of the LTP, he said he wanted to ensure as much public participation as possible. He wanted people to get excited about local government and have input into their future, particularly as this LTP was for 20 rather than 10 years. The pre-consultation had been very much a first for this Council and he hoped it would get people thinking a little bit more. Having young children fronting the process had also been a good move.

Whilst there would be some very challenging submissions received, Mayor Feyen said he believed better democratic decisions would be made on behalf of the public. He hoped that the outcomes and documentation that came out of the process would be good for the Horowhenua. He again acknowledged the work done by Council Officers and Elected Members to get to this point.

Mr Lester echoed Mayor Feyen's comments in relation to the work done by Elected Members and staff to date saying it really represented the start of a journey and it was important to get out and hear what the community had to say.

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Wanden:

THAT the 2018-2038 Long Term Plan Consultation Document be adopted for public consultation.

THAT, if necessary, the Group Manager Strategy and Development, in consultation with the Chief Executive, be authorised to correct any minor errors or omissions in the 2018-2038 Long Term Plan Consultation Document before it is publicly notified.

CARRIED

In bringing the meeting to a close, Mayor Feyen commented he had been to a children's triathlon on the weekend and he acknowledged the work done by Emma Childs and Joshua Wharton in the staging that event. He said it was a very good initiative for HDC to be involved in.

4.32 pm

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

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AT A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....