


Minutes Extraordinary Council Meeting 14 July 2021

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE ON WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY 2021 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM
	Present:	Her Worship the Mayor J A Turner (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor A V Iles, Councillors G L Dennis, L N Immink, W B James, J C Jukes, V Luca, J W Pullar, A R Silcock, N S Tánczos and G F van Beek
	In Attendance:	S O’Sullivan (Chief Executive), K Scott (Acting General Manager Strategy and Transformation), R Trass (Chief Financial Officer and General Manager Business Partnering), B Gray (General Manager Infrastructure), the LTP Team from Strategy and Finance and H J Storey (Governance Support Advisor)
	Apologies:	
	Visitors:	L Pieterse – Audit NZ

1 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were recorded.

2 CONFIRMAITON OF MINUTES

2.1 Extraordinary Council 25 May, 8, 14, 16 June 2021

Refer to pages 5-49 of the agenda.

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes, including the Public Excluded portion, of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 25 May, 8, 14 and 16 June 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Iles/Pullar

CARRIED

2.2 Extraordinary Council 28 June 2021

Refer to pages 5-7 of the supplementary agenda.

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 28 June 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Deputy Mayor Iles/Councillor Pullar

CARRIED

3 REPORTS

3.1 Adoption of Long Term Plan 2021-31

Refer to pages 50-56 of the agenda, the LTP 2021-31 document provided separately with the agenda and pages 56a-e of the tabled items.

Her Worship the Mayor spoke of the long and steady process over the past nine months to reach this point of adopting the LTP 2021-31 and receiving an unqualified audit opinion. She thanked the Councillors for their time and commitment, the manner in which they debated issues and for the resolutions made on key decisions. Her Worship the Mayor also thanked staff for their competence and expert guidance throughout the process and the many hours worked to ensure that the information was provided to the Councillors in a timely manner.

Attendance: Councillor Tánczos entered the meeting at 10.10 am

Auditor L Pieterse advised that the audit of the document progressed well and noted that Council staff had responded extremely well to the requests made and he was also proud of his own staff for their achievements and meeting the tight deadlines.

RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the Adoption of the Long Term Plan 2021-31 report be received; and
2. **THAT** the Council notes that the Long Term Plan 2021-31 sets out an overall balanced budget over the ten year period, comprising of operating surpluses for the first five years, followed by operating deficits in each of the following five years (totalling 7.3M over five years); and
3. **THAT** the Council agrees that the Long Term Plan 2021-31 contains operating revenue at a lower level than operating expenditure for five of the ten years forecast and that it is financially prudent to do so; and
4. **THAT** the Financial Strategy (included in the Long Term Plan 2021-31) be adopted, in accordance with Section 101(A) of the Local Government Act 2002; and
5. **THAT** the Infrastructure Strategy (included in the Long Term Plan 2021-31) be adopted, in accordance with Section 101(B) of the Local Government Act 2002; and
6. **THAT** the Revenue and Financing Policy (included in the Long Term Plan 2021-31) be adopted, in accordance with Section 102(1) of the Local Government Act 2002; and
7. **THAT** the Council adopt the Financial Contributions (included in the Long Term Plan 2021-31), as provided for under section 14 of the Whakatāne District Plan, and in accordance with Section 102(1) of the Local Government Act 2002; and
8. **THAT** the Council approve the Long Term Plan 2021-31, as attached to this report; and
9. **THAT** the Council receive a copy of the Auditor's report on the Long Term Plan 2021-31; and
10. **THAT** in accordance with section 93 of the LGA, the Council adopts the Long Term Plan 2021-31; and
11. **THAT** by adopting the policies and documents attached to this report, the Council repeals any previous versions of these policies and document.

Deputy Mayor Iles/Councillor Pullar

CARRIED

A division was called

For	Against
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Mayor Turner	Councillor Luca
Deputy Mayor Iles	Councillor Immink
Councillor Jukes	Councillor Dennis
Councillor Pullar	
Councillor van Beek	
Councillor Tánczos	
Councillor James	
Councillor Silcock	

3.2 Rates Resolution for the Period Commencing 1 July 2021 and ending 30 June 2022

Refer to pages 57-65 of the agenda.

RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the Rates Resolution for the Period Commencing 1 July 2021 and ending 30 June 2022 report be received; and
2. **THAT** the Whakatāne District Council sets the rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on rating units in the District for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2021 and ending on 30 June 2022 as follows:

General Rates (Budgeted Revenue \$24,626,069)

The Council sets a general rate on the capital value of each applicable rating unit in the District on a stepped differential basis.

For properties valued over \$15 million the portion of the property valued under \$15 million will attract the first step. For any portion of the property valued over \$15 million, step two will apply.

The general rate is set based on capital value as follows:

The rates (per dollar of capital value) for 2021/22 are:

	Per dollar of Capital Value	Rate \$
Step 1	District wide rateable properties capital value up to \$15 million	0.00137528
Step 2	District wide rateable properties capital value portion greater than 15 million	0.00103146

In addition to the above Council sets a Uniform Annual General Charge on all applicable rating units in the District as a fixed amount per rating unit. In the 2021/22 year this charge is **\$667.67** per rating unit.

Roading Rates (Budgeted Revenue \$5,984,848)

The Council sets a targeted rate for roading as a fixed amount on applicable rating units and a rate on the capital value as follows:

Per dollar of Capital Value	Rate \$
All rateable properties	0.00050608

In addition to the above Council sets a roading targeted rate of a fixed amount on all rating units in the district of **\$39.37**

Community Board Rates (Budgeted Revenue \$368,679)

The Community Board rate is set to fund the costs of the four Community Boards.

The Council sets a Community Board targeted rate as a fixed amount on rating units within each of the following areas (locations):

Targeted Rate	\$
All rating units in the Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board Area	22.63
All rating units in the Rangitāiki Community Board Area	17.37
All rating units in the Tāneatua Community Board Area	37.17
All rating units in the Murupara Community Board Area	44.76

Stormwater Rates (Budgeted Revenue \$3,821,675)

The Council sets a fixed targeted rate for stormwater and a rate on the capital value differentially as follows:

Fixed Amount per Scheme	\$
Whakatāne urban area	107.12
Whakatāne Commercial and Industrial	107.12
All rating units in the Matatā area	53.99
All rating units in the Ōhope area	73.54
All rating units in the Edgecumbe area	125.78
All rating units in the Tāneatua area	22.10
All rating units in the Murupara area	13.27
All rating units in the Te Mahoe Land Drainage area	70.15
All rating units in the Te Teko Land Drainage area	16.81

Per Dollar of Capital Value per Scheme	Differential	Rate \$
Whakatāne Urban properties	1.0	0.00048023
Whakatāne Commercial and Industrial properties	2.2*	0.00105651
Matatā	1.0	0.00048023

Ōhope	1.0	0.00026836
Edgecumbe	1.0	0.00071348
Tāneatua	1.0	0.00034262
Murupara	1.0	0.00042430
Te Mahoe Land Drainage	1.0	0.00124254
Te Teko Land Drainage	1.0	0.00035693

* a differential targeted rate calculated on capital value is charged for Whakatane Commercial and Industrial rating units, due to the greater level of impermeable surfaces putting greater pressure on stormwater systems.

District Growth Rates (Budgeted Revenue \$891,617)

Council sets a targeted rate on the capital value for all commercial and industrial properties within the Whakatāne urban area

Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00104057
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Council sets a targeted rate on the capital value for all commercial and industrial properties outside the Whakatāne urban area

Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00052029
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In addition Council set as a targeted rate of a fixed amount of **\$372.12** per rating unit for all commercial and industrial properties within the District.

Epic Targeted Rate (Budgeted Revenue \$80,000)

A targeted rate has been set on the budgeted revenue to be allocated to EPIC (Events Promotions Initiatives Community). The rate is based on the capital value of the rateable units identified as the Whakatāne Central Business District in the Whakatāne District Plan.

Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00063082
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Refuse Removal Rates (Budgeted Revenue \$3,287,092)

The Council sets a targeted rate to fund the collection and disposal of Council approved refuse and recycling.

This targeted rate is set as a fixed amount where a service is **available** to the rating unit.

A rating unit can apply for more than one service and will be charged accordingly.

General waste is a weekly collection service and green waste and recycling is two weekly.

The service applicable to each category is:

- residential – refuse, recycling, and green waste
- Rural and Commercial – refuse and recycling

The Council targeted fixed rates **per service** for 2021/22 are:

1. Residential	\$242.72
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2. Rural/Commercial	\$209.19
3. Residential Ōhope	\$245.47
4. Commercial Ōhope	\$211.94

The Council provides an additional three recycling collections during the summer holiday period for Ōhope.

Water Rates (Metered and Non-Metered) (Budgeted Revenue \$7,064,569)

The Council sets targeted rates to fund water supplies for each of the following individual water supply schemes in the District:

1. Whakatāne
2. Ōhope
3. Edgecumbe
4. Matatā
5. Tāneatua
6. Murupara
7. Rūātoki
8. Waimana
9. Plains /Awakeri Extension
10. Te Mahoe
11. Ruatāhuna

These rates are set on a differential basis based on provision of service, land use and location.

The targeted rates are set as a fixed amount per connection. Targeted rates are also set based on the volume of water supplied. All water by meter consumption that is invoiced during the current rating year will be calculated on the charges below.

The differential categories of service for the targeted rate for water supply are:

- **Connected** – any rating unit that is connected directly or indirectly to a Council operated waterworks
- **Availability** – any rating unit that is not connected to a Council operated waterworks but is within 100 metres of such waterworks

The connected and metered charge is applicable to the water invoice for properties connected and metered.

Whakatāne, Ōhope, Edgecumbe, Matatā, Tāneatua, Rūātoki, Waimana, Te Mahoe (Budgeted Revenue \$5,577,196)	
\$549.51	fixed amount per connection connected and non- metered

\$206.68	fixed amount per rating unit availability – non connected (capable of connection)
\$206.68	fixed amount per connection connected and metered
\$1.56	per cubic metre of all water supplied to each rating unit connected and metered.
Murupara (Budgeted Revenue \$316,702)	
\$384.09	fixed amount per connection connected and non-metered
\$156.78	fixed amount per rating unit availability – non connected (capable of connection)
\$156.78	fixed amount per connection connected and metered
\$1.03	per cubic metre of all water supplied to each rating unit connected and metered
Plains (Budgeted Revenue \$1,170,671)	
\$248.55	fixed amount per connection connected and metered
\$0.27	per cubic metre of all water supplied to each rating unit connected and metered.
<p>The Council sets an additional targeted rate for any excess water consumed that is over and above the purchased entitlement for each property connected to the Plains water supply scheme. An overuse targeted rate is set for the excess volume consumed over and above the purchased entitlement of \$0.90 per cubic metre.</p> <p>Note: where properties meet the definition of being contiguous either under legislation or Council policy, the entitlements for such properties will be aggregated prior to an imposition of the overuse penalty.</p>	

Sewerage Rates (Budgeted Revenue \$5,100,521)

The Council sets targeted rates of a fixed amount per connection to fund sewage disposal for each of the following individual sewerage schemes in the District:

- Whakatāne
- Ōhope
- Edgumbe
- Tāneatua

- Murupara
- Te Mahoe

These rates are set on a differential basis based on land use and provision of service. Land use is either residential, rural or commercial/industrial. Commercial/industrial is classed as any property for which the principal undertaking is any commercial/industrial activity or zoned commercial/industrial. Commercial/industrial properties are charged per pan. Residential properties are all other properties that are not commercial/industrial properties. Residential and rural properties are charged a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part (SUIP) of a rating unit.

The different categories of service are:

- **Connected**—any rating unit that is connected directly or indirectly to a public sewerage drain.
- **Available**—any rating unit that is not connected to a public sewerage drain but is within 30 metres of such a drain.

The rates for the 2021/22 year are shown below:

Whakatāne, Ōhope, Edgecumbe, Tāneatua, Te Mahoe (all schemes excluding Murupara) (Budgeted Revenue \$4,801,531)	
\$412.20	per residential or rural rating unit connected to a public sewerage drain.
\$412.20	per pan commercial / industrial rating unit connected
\$206.10	per rating unit availability (capable of connection)
Murupara (Budgeted Revenue \$298,990)	
\$385.79	per residential or rural rating unit connected to a public sewerage drain.
\$385.79	per pan commercial / industrial rating unit connected
\$192.90	per rating unit availability (capable of connection)

Rating units which are not connected to the scheme or not serviceable are not liable for these rates.

Instalment Due Dates

Rates

There will be four equal instalments (GST Exclusive) for the 2021/2022 rates. A 10% penalty will be added to any part of the rates instalment that remains unpaid by the due date as shown in the table below as provided for in Section 57 and 58(1)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

	Due Date	Penalty Date
Instalment 1	Friday, 27 August 2021	Wednesday 1 September 2021

Instalment 2	Friday, 26 November 2021	Wednesday 1 December 2021
Instalment 3	Friday, 25 February 2022	Wednesday 2 March 2022
Instalment 4	Friday, 20 May 2022	Wednesday 25 May 2022

A further 10% penalty will be added on 1 October 2022 to any rates that were set prior to 1 July 2022 which are unpaid at 1 July 2022 and which remain unpaid at 30 September 2022, as provided in Section 58(1)(b)(i) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Water Rates Due Dates

Targeted rates for metered water supply will be invoiced separately from other rates invoices. A 10% penalty will be added to any part of the water rates that remain unpaid by the due date as shown in the table below as provided for in Section 57 and 58(1)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Period	Scheme	Due Date	Penalty Date
1	Plains	Friday 22 October 2021	Wednesday 27 October 2021
2	All metered schemes	Friday 21 January 2022	Wednesday 26 January 2022
3	Plains	Friday 22 April 2022	Wednesday 27 April 2022
4	All metered schemes	Friday 22 July 2022	Wednesday 27 July 2022

Discount for Prompt Payment

The Council sets a discount on an annual basis for ratepayers who pay the total rates levied on the rates assessment by the due date for the first instalment. The discount rate for 2021/2022 is 2.5%.

Payments

All rates shall be payable at the Whakatāne District Council, Civic Centre, Commerce Street, Whakatāne, or Murupara Service Centre, Pine Drive, Murupara.

The payment facilities available at the Council offices are cash, credit card or EFTPOS. Council also accepts payment of rates by credit card, via our online facility at www.whakatane.govt.nz. Telephone and internet banking payments are also accepted. Alternatively, the Council has direct debit or automatic payment options available.

Deputy Mayor Iles/Councillor Pullar

CARRIED

3.3 2020/21 Budget Carry Forwards and Revisions

Refer to pages 8-15 of the supplementary agenda.

RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** the 2020/21 Capital and Operational Budget Carry Forwards and Revisions report be received; and
- 2. THAT** the Council approve the following indicative expenditure budgets requested to be carried forward into the 2021/22 financial year:

Indicative Operational Expenditure per Appendix 1 included in the supplementary agenda \$2,918,568

Indicative Capital Expenditure per Appendix 2 included the supplementary agenda \$15,915,193

3. **THAT** the Council approves the budget revision of \$10,250 for the Murupara Basketball Courts resealing

Deputy Mayor Iles/Councillor Jukes

CARRIED

4 **APPRECIATION**

The Acting General Manager Strategy and Transformation thanked the Council for the support, guidance and direction given to staff over the past 9 months of the LTP process and the courageous decisions made. He said that he was deeply impressed with Councillors maturity and how well they all worked together while accommodating the differing views said they should be proud of themselves. He thanked the staff and noted that there would be a celebratory lunch at 12 noon which would also be a farewell to Cashy Ball the Manager Strategy who would be leaving Council at the end of the week. Mr Scott advised he would be leaving Council on 15 July 2021 after assisting with several General Manager roles for the past six months. Her Worship the Mayor thanked Mr Scott, on behalf of the Councillors, for all he had done for the Council in that time.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.51 AM

Confirmed this	day of
CHAIRPERSON	