

Minutes of the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee meeting 6 March 2024

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND RESILIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE TOTARA MEETING ROOM, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2024, COMMENCING AT 9:01 AM.
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors T Boynton, G Dennis, A Iles, T O’Brien, W James, J Jukes, N Rangiaho and N Tánzos <i>Via Teams:</i> Councillor J Pullar
	In Attendance:	S O’Sullivan (Chief Executive), G Fletcher (GM Community Experience), S Perdia (GM Strategy and Transformation), D Bewley (GM Development and Services), G Connolly (CFO and GM Business Partnering), E Hatch (GM People and Engagement), B Gray (GM Infrastructure), P Warbrick (Kaihautu Strategic Māori Partnerships), G Cooper (Manager Three Waters), A Reynolds (Manager Transportation), L Woolsey (Manager Strategy and Performance), H Keravel (Senior Strategic Policy Analyst), S Evans (Senior Reserves Advisor), C Viljoen (Manager Governance Services), C Tongariro (Governance Support Advisor), and S French (Senior Governance Support Advisor)
	Visitors:	Media D McCarthy, and members of the public
	Apologies:	

COUNCILLOR O’BIEN OPENED THE MEETING WITH A KARAKIA AT 9:01 AM.

MEETING NOTICES

Meeting participants were advised that the meeting was being live streamed.

The Chairperson gave context, and explained the procedural process, of the Long Term Plan.

Attendance: Councillor Pullar joined the meeting at 9:05 am.

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Nil

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No prior approval requests were made to the Chief Executive (or via the Governance team) for public participation at this meeting.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 7 of the agenda.

Correction: Councillor Boynton was in attendance at the 22 February 2024 meeting.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee meeting held on Thursday, 22 February 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS

6.1 Waters: LTP 2024-34

Refer pages 9-22 of the agenda.

RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee **receives** the 3 Waters LTP: 2024-34 report; and
2. **THAT** the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee **approve** the infrastructure strategy to be included in the LTP2024-2034 consultation document.

CARRIED

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:52 am and recommenced at 10:15 am.

6.2 Adoption of the Long Term Plan 2024-34 Documents for Consultation

Refer to pages 23—229 of agenda **part 1** and pages 230 – 469 of agenda **part 2**.
Refer also to pages 469a—j of the tabled items.

Manager Strategy and Performance provided overview of the report and summarised the background to Long Term Plan (LTP) process. She noted that during the pre-engagement process Council had heard feedback, they acknowledged the difficult economic climate, the necessity of affordable rates, and the challenge to ensure the district was a wonderful place to live now and in the future. In conclusion she reiterated submissions would close on 12 April 2024, and encouraged feedback from the community.

The corrections noted within the tabled documents were then summarised.

Attendance: Councillor Iles left the meeting at 10:26 am and re-entered the meeting at 10:32 am.

The General Manager, or Senior Leader, of each appendix then provided an overview and highlights of their paper and highlighted any changes. During questions of clarification from Members, the following additional points were noted for correction:

Attendance: Manager Transportation and the Chief Executive left the meeting at 11:23 am. The Chief Executive re-entered the meeting at 11:26 am.

- Appendix 4 - Operating Expenditure graph on Page 199 required an update.
- Appendix 5 – Review of the auditing information on page 234.

Attendance: Councillor Iles left the meeting at 11:39 am and re-entered the meeting at 11:43 am.

7 CONTINUATION OF MEETING

Members were advised that the meeting had been in session for 2 hours and a break of at least 10 minutes was required unless the meeting resolved to extend the time limit.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

THAT, due to the near completion of the business being discussed, Standing Order 4.2 be revoked, and the meeting continue for this section of business without the required break.

CARRIED

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm and reconvened at 1:20 pm.

8 REPORTS (CONTINUED)

8.1 Consultation Document

Refer to pages 429 – 469 of agenda **part 2**. Refer also to pages 469h—j of the tabled items.

GM Strategy and Transformation spoke of the purpose of the document, summarised the various subjects within the document and noted the biggest drivers impacting costs were inflation, interest rates and compliance.

Manager Strategy and Performance clarified the tabled changes to Appendix 11 and explained the Rex Morpeth question on submission form required an update to align with consultation document.

During discussions, the following additional changes were noted:

- Review grouping of the financial questions on the submission form.
- Consider prominence of Murupara waste information within the document.
- Distribute Rates Increases, table options update to include range of indicative dairy farm values.
- Update Rex Morpeth Recreational Hub option tables for clarification and include new row showing 'total cost'.
- Closing the funding gap, option 3 was the preferred option.

Attendance:

The Chief Executive left the meeting at 1:59 pm and re-entered the meeting at 2:05 pm. Manager Three Waters left the meeting at 2:03 pm.

Attendance: Manager Three waters re-entered the meeting at 2:24 pm.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor Boynton

Each Elected Member then spoke to the motions, and they encouraged the community to provide feedback and make a submission to the Long Term Plan consultation document.

RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee **receive** the Adoption of the Long Term Plan 2024-34 Documents for Consultation report; and,
2. **THAT** the Committee **note** the Government has repealed the previous reform programme, passing legislation on 17 February 2024. This results in the inclusion of the Three Waters work programme into Long Term Plan documents (infrastructure strategy, financial strategy, groups of activity information, performance measures, funding impacts statements and budgets); and,
3. **THAT** the Committee **adopt** the following supporting documents, subject to changes in the tabled documents and subject to any changes agreed at the Committee meeting, for the Long Term Plan 2024-34, to be publicly available during the Special Consultative Procedure, in accordance with Sections 93G, 101A, 101B, 102 and Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002:
 - (a) Draft Financial Strategy 2024-34;
 - (b) Draft Infrastructure Strategy 2024-54;
 - (c) Draft Significant Forecasting Assumptions 2024-34;
 - (d) Draft Groups of Activities Summaries;
 - (e) Draft Financial Information 2024-34; and,
4. **THAT** the Committee **adopt** the following draft policies and proposals, subject to changes in the tabled documents and subject to any changes agreed at the Committee meeting, which have been developed as part of the broader Long Term Plan programme for consultation alongside the Long Term Plan Consultation Document in accordance with Section 93G and Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002:
 - (f) Draft Development Contributions Policy;
 - (g) Draft Rates Remission and Postponement Policies - All Land;
 - (h) Draft Rates Remission and Postponement Policies - Māori Freehold Land;
 - (i) Draft Revenue and Financing Policy;
 - (j) Draft Fees and Charges Schedule 2024/25; and,
5. **THAT** the Committee **approve** to retain 30 June 2024 as the adoption deadline and have the review of the Consultation Document by Audit NZ alongside the consultation period and draft of the final Long Term Plan document.
6. **THAT** Council **approve** all changes noted, subject to the Chief Executive's approval, and final non-substantial changes and amendments to ensure accuracy of the consultation document.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

RESOLVED:

THAT the Committee, **adopt** the Consultation Document for public consultation on the Long Term Plan 2024-34 in accordance with Sections 83, 93, and 93A of the Local Government Act 2002; and,

CARRIED

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA BY COUNCILLOR O'BRIEN AT 2:35 PM.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON