


## Minutes of the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee meeting 7 December 2023

 <p><b>WHAKATĀNE</b> District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	<b>ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND RESILIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE TOTARA MEETING ROOM, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2023, COMMENCING AT 1:00 PM.</b>
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors G Dennis, A Iles, T O'Brien, W James, J Jukes and J Pullar and N Táncoz
	In Attendance:	S O'Sullivan (Chief Executive), G Fletcher (GM Community Experience), S Perdia (GM Strategy and Transformation) N Woodley (Acting General Manager Development and Services), K Boreham (Executive Office – Principal Advisor), C Viljoen (Manager Governance Services) and S French (Senior Governance Support Advisor) <i>Via Teams:</i> G Connolly (CFO and GM Business Partnering)
	Visitors:	D McCarthy (Beacon newspaper)
	Apologies:	Councillor N Rangiaho

### THE MEETING OPENED AT 1:00 PM.

#### 1 APOLOGIES

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Councillor Jukes

#### RESOLVED:

**THAT** the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee accept the apology from Councillor N Rangiaho.

#### CARRIED

#### 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

The Chief Executive advised the fourth Whakaari commemoration would be held on Saturday 9 December 2023. Elected Members were invited to the Karakia, to be held at dawn at Te Hau Tutua Park at the Whakatāne Heads.

#### 3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 4 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 7 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Pullar / Seconded Councillor Jukes

### **RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the minutes of the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee meeting held on Monday, 20 November 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

### **CARRIED**

## 6 REPORTS

### 6.1 Revenue and Financing Policy – LTP2023 First Draft Report

Refer pages 8-48 of the agenda.

#### **Update:**

Section 2.0 Policy Principles to be reviewed to include information on 'User pays and Exacerbator pays'.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. **THAT** the Committee receive the Revenue and Financing Policy - LTP2023 First Draft report; and
2. **THAT**, subject to the inclusion of the above update, the Committee endorse the proposed key changes to the policy identified below:
  - i) Inclusion of a separate Funding Needs Analysis supporting document to the Revenue and Financing Policy.
  - ii) Changes to the Policy Principles to improve transparency and accountability.
  - iii) Inclusion of a section on Funding of Depreciation to improve transparency and accountability, demonstrating alignment of financial decision-making process more clearly under the policy.
  - iv) Inclusion of a section on Setting of Rates to improve transparency and accountability, demonstrating better alignment with the Rates Funding Impact Statement within the Long Term Plan and the Annual Rates Resolution processes, under the policy, including removing inconsistencies in terminology.
  - v) Inclusion of a mechanism within the policy for General Rates Differential Rating to provide for future optionality for council in its Annual Rates Resolution process, including potentially in response to the next property revaluation process.
  - vi) Inclusion of a section on Setting of User Fees and Charges to improve transparency and accountability, demonstrating better alignment of the fees and charges review processes under the FRP, including transparency on timing and allowing for inflation.

### **CARRIED**

**6.2 Proposed Plan Change 8 – Huna Road**

Refer pages 49-138 of the agenda.

In response to a query, Acting General Manager Environment and Services explained the process, under the Resource Management Act, the requirements regarding public notification, noting additional methods would also be utilised.

The meeting was advised that the speed management initiatives would need to be installed prior to the development occurring.

Moved Deputy Mayor Immink / Seconded Councillor O’Brien

**RESOLVED:**

1. **THAT** the Proposed Plan Change 8 – Huna Road report be received; and
2. **THAT** the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee approve the notification of proposed Plan Change 8, noting that the notification process will include a public notice being included in the mailout for the next rates instalment in February 2024.

**CARRIED**

**THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 1:46 PM.**

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON