

Minutes of the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee Meeting held in Mauao Rooms, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Building, 87 First Avenue, Tauranga on Wednesday, 4 April 2018 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chair: P Thompson

Deputy Chair: A von Dadelszen

Councillors: Chairman D Leeder, J Cronin, T Marr, L Thurston, D Love, N Bruning, A Tahana, J Nees, W Clark, S Crosby, K Winters, M McDonald

In Attendance: M Macleod (Chief Executive), F McTavish (General Manager, Strategy & Science), C Ingle (General Manager, Integrated Catchments), J Graham (General Manager, Corporate Solutions), S Omundsen (General Manager, Catchment Management), S Hey (Manager, Chief Executive's Office), D Llewellyn (In-House Legal Counsel), D Phizacklea (Regional Integrated Planning Manager), S Lamb (Natural Resources Policy Manager), N Poutasi (Water Policy Manager), R Donald (Science Manager), I Morton (Strategy & Science Manager), G Corbett (Biosecurity Manager), H Creagh (Rotorua Catchments Manager), L Mason (Integrated Catchments Programme Manager), K O'Brien (Strategic Engagement Manager), R Waugh (Rivers & Drainage Asset Manager), Y Tatton (Governance Manager), N Steed (Programme Leader, Statutory Policy), N Green (Senior Planner, Water Policy), S Grayling (Biosecurity Team Leader), H Simpson (Senior Advisor, Treaty), R Irving (Senior Regulatory Project Officer), R Carter (Environmental Scientist), R Waltham (Planner), S Titze (Land Management Officer), R Garrett (Committee Advisor), J Durham (Committee Advisor)

External: Margot McCool (Operations Manager, Acorn Foundation), Ateremu McNeill (Deputy Chair, Tapuika Iwi Authority)

Apologies: Nil

1 **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed Margot McCool presenting on behalf of Acorn Foundation, farewellled Robyn Garrett, Committee Advisor, and commended staff on the Integrated Catchments Update.

2 **Apologies**

Nil.

3 Public Forum

Nil.

4 Acceptance of Late Items

Resolved

That pursuant to section 46A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee considers the following tabled item at the meeting:

- 1 Late Item 1 – Notification decision: Request for Plan Change: Debris Flow Risk Management on the Awatarariki Fanhead, Matatā (with appendix).

This item was not included in the agenda as the letter from Whakatāne District Council was not received until after the agenda had been published, and its consideration cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting as, at its meeting on 29 June 2017, the Regional Council resolved that “Planning decisions on this matter need to be expedited as soon as possible to give certainty to the Matatā community and residents”.

Winters/von Dadelszen
CARRIED

5 General Business and Tabled Items

Related to Agenda Item	Document No.	Description	Title
Late Item 1	Tabled Document 1	Whakatāne District Council Extraordinary Agenda Thursday 5 April 2018 Report	Awatarariki Debris Flow Risk – District Plan Change 1: Notification Update

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee consider the following general business:

- 1 Consents and Māori consultation

Bruning/Winters
CARRIED

- 2 Government Policy Statement for Transport released 3 April and its impact on the Regional Land Transport Plan.

Nees/Winters
CARRIED

- 3 A Public Excluded Verbal Update on the Incident at Port of Tauranga.

Thompson/Love
CARRIED

6 Confidential Business to be transferred into the open

Nil.

7 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Nil.

8 Previous Minutes**8.1 Regional Direction and Delivery Committee minutes - 20 February 2018****Matters Arising**

Fiona McTavish (General Manager, Strategy & Science) confirmed Whakatāne District Council had advised it's decision not to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Matatā residents. Councillors were advised that decision had no implications on the Council administering the private plan change request.

No reply had been received from Galatea Irrigation Society regarding irrigation options available.

The update on Tauriko West was not included in the 4 April 2018 Regional Direction and Delivery Committee (RDD) agenda, as staff were working through consultation requirements with iwi. Ms McTavish expected an update to be included in the next RDD agenda.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Confirms the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee minutes - 20 February 2018, are a true and correct record.**

von Dadelszen/Winters
CARRIED

8.2 Regional Coastal Environment Plan Appeals SubCommittee minutes - 08 March 2018**Resolved**

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee:

- 1 Receives the Regional Coastal Environment Plan Appeals SubCommittee minutes - 08 March 2018.**

Nees/Cronin
CARRIED

9 Chair's Announcement

The Chair announced there would be a change in the order of agenda items, to accommodate the external presenter. Agenda item 9.1 would be considered next.

10 Reports

10.1 Vital Signs 2018

Refer Objective ID A2842498

Rebekah Waltham (Planner) introduced Margot McCool (Operations Manager, Acorn Foundation) who outlined the 2018 Bay of Plenty Vital Signs community survey; key points included:

- The survey was used by community foundations to decide where to invest resources and to understand what held the most value to the community and what could be improved.
- Bay of Plenty was broken into four categories; Western Bay, Eastern Bay, Rotorua, and Taupō. Throughout the region there was a high value placed on the natural environment, climate, and air quality.
- Communities throughout the region varied in their response to priorities for improvement; Tauranga/Western Bay residents were primarily concerned with planning for the region's growth, Eastern Bay and Taupō concerned with the availability of jobs, and Rotorua concerned with drug and alcohol abuse.
- Supporting young adults was a consistent shortfall throughout the region.
- Primary environmental concerns included continuing to do well in sustainability, improving getting around the region, improving the quality of waterways, and there was a community willingness to improve waste management.

Councillors discussed:

- The reliability of the data – it was advised 38,100 invitations to complete the survey were sent throughout the region, with 4,220 responses received.
- Going forward Acorn Foundation intended to share the information as widely as possible, including to; District Health Boards, Member of Parliament, police, BayTrust, Tauranga Energy Consumer Trust .
- Dovetailing the results with strategic Council approaches and processes to resource effectively throughout the region.

Attendance

Cr Marr left the room at 10.04am

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Vital Signs Research Project.

Thompson/Thurston
CARRIED

10.2 Regional Policy Statement Implementation Strategy - Coastal Environment Workstream

David Phizacklea (Regional Integrated Planning Manager) and Nassah Steed (Programme Leader, Statutory Policy) highlighted key points of workstream underway in the coastal environment space, including implementation of the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) and the Regional Coastal Environment Plan (RCEP).

Attendance

Cr Marr re-entered the room at 10.06am

Some inconsistency in Territorial Local Authority (TLA) decisions on resource consents was noted throughout the region, particularly in decisions on subdivision and land use consents. Staff were considering how consistent decisions could be implemented.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Policy Statement Implementation Strategy - Coastal Environment Workstream;
- 2 Notes the RPS Coastal Environment provisions are well on track to be implemented prior to the formal review of the second generation Regional Policy Statement in 2024.

Thompson/Nees
CARRIED

10.3 Review of the effect of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 on Resource Management Act decision-making

David Phizacklea (Regional Integrated Planning Manager) discussed the Minister for the Environment's review of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 (NZCPS) undertaken in June 2017 and released in February 2018.

Key points noted included:

- The review was not as comprehensive as expected, but had positive messages that the Council agreed with.
- Implementation of the NZCPS varied throughout the country with no marked performance difference between regional and unitary authorities.

- Not giving effect to the NZCPS through the RPS could potentially result in a letter from the Minister.
- The NZCPS contained challengeable grounds for dealing with resource consent disagreements.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Review of the effect of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 on Resource Management Act decision-making;**

**Thompson/Crosby
CARRIED**

11 Chair's Announcement

The Chair announced the late item would be heard next in order to accommodate the presenter, and agenda items 9.4 and 8 would be deferred until later in the meeting.

12 Reports Continued

12.1 Late Item - Notification decision: Request for Plan Change: Debris Flow Risk Management on the Awatarariki Fanhead, Matatā

David Phizacklea (Regional Integrated Planning Manager) and Donna Llewellyn (In-House Legal Counsel) advised members of Whakatāne District Council's (WDC) new request that Council fully publicly notify WDC's private regional plan change, due to the inability to notify all affected land owners as required by the previous decision of limited notification.

Mr Phizacklea and Ms Llewellyn confirmed WDC had received independent legal advice that all affected land owners (including all individual owners associated with Māori land blocks) must be notified. WDC had encountered difficulties in identifying some owners, and on this basis WDC's Chief Executive had written to Council requesting the private plan change be publicly notified to align with WDC's amended notification decision on the district plan change.

Councillors were advised that, due to the decision for limited notification being resolved at the previous RDD meeting, RDD needed to resolve to rescind their previous decision.

Councillors clarified the following concerns:

- Full public notification was the standard process set out in the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and did not require specific delegation from WDC to their Chief Executive. The WDC report regarding notification to be presented at their Extraordinary Council meeting on 5 April 2018 (*Tabled Document 1*) was for receipt only and did not involve making any decisions.
- Confirmed RDD had the authority under Standing Orders to rescind the resolution ; and, as the recommendation to rescind the resolution had come through the Chief Executive (noting staff wrote the report with the Chief

Executive's delegation), and not through a notice of motion, it would not require a 75% majority to pass.

- Joint notification of the regional and district plan changes would likely occur towards the end of April 2018.
- If precedent would be set to publicly notify future resource consents; as a plan change was in a different context to a resource consent, the original decision of limited notification was going to be the first time Council implemented the option under the RMA (as amended in 2017). The default position under the RMA for plan changes was to publicly notify, rescinding the resolution and publicly notifying the private plan change would not set a precedent for resource consents to be publicly notified.
- The cost of the plan change process and notification would fall to WDC (a \$5,000 deposit had been received), but the cost of any appeals to the plan change would fall to Council.
- By publicly notifying the plan change, further delays in closure for Matatā residents would be incurred; it was noted that Matatā residents were seeking full public notification.
- Relying on WDC's information and efforts to contact owners rather than Council making enquiries themselves; as administrator of the private plan change request, Council was in a position of having to rely on WDC's instructions.
- Process and judicial difficulties would arise if WDC's district plan change was publicly notified whilst the private plan change request was limited notified.
- An update on progress with the Department of Internal Affairs' (DIA) decision, regarding funding of the compensation business case, was requested at the next RDD meeting.
- 18 properties would be directly affected by the private plan change, with existing use rights extinguished; none of those properties were Māori land under the Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993.
- In circumstances where resource consents affected Māori land under the Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993, and owners' contact details were unavailable, information or a waiver of notification could be sought from the Māori Land Court.
- Although the decision of limited notification was valid and proper, due to WDC's request and the change in circumstances, it was a decision that should be reconsidered.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Late Item - Notification decision: Request for Plan Change: Debris Flow Risk Management on the Awatarariki Fanhead, Matatā;**
- 2 Rescinds paragraph 4 of its resolution of 20 February 2018, relating to item Notification decision: Request for Plan Change: Debris Flow Risk Management on the Awatarariki Fanhead, Matatā, as follows:**

[That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority: ...

- 4** ***Agrees to limited notification of the proposed regional plan change under clause 5A of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991; and that the limited notification to include Awatarariki fanhead residents, the wider Matatā community, tangata whenua, Department of Conservation and relevant utility operators; ...];***
- 3** **Agrees to public notification of Proposed Regional Plan Change 17 to the Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan under clause 5 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991.**

Winters/Love

Division

A division was called:

For	Against	Abstained
Cronin	von Dadelszen	Bruning
Thurston	Marr	
Nees		
Crosby		
Winter		
Tahana		
Thompson		
Leeder		
Clark		
Love		
McDonald		

The motion PASSED and was accordingly CARRIED.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10.56am and reconvened at 11.15am.

13 Public Excluded Section

Resolved

Resolution to exclude the public

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific

grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General Subject of Matter to be Considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) LGOIMA 1987 for passing this resolution
10.1 Water Quality at Kaiate Falls	To carry out commercial and industrial negotiations	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)
10.2 Support for Landowners in Lake Rotorua Catchment	To protect the privacy of an individual	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)

Thompson/Crosby
CARRIED

14 Reports Continued

14.1 Brown bullhead catfish - incursion update

Refer Objective ID A2843351

Sarah Omundsen (General Manager, Catchment Management), Greg Corbett (Biosecurity Manager), and Shane Grayling (Biosecurity Team Leader) advised Councillors that despite best efforts to contain catfish within Te Weta Bay, as of February 2018, they had been found beyond Te Weta Bay and throughout Lake Rotoiti including the Ōhau Channel.

Methods used in the attempted containment included baited fyke nets and a cordon at the mouth to Te Weta Bay. Further options were being investigated, including: more extensive fyke netting, pheromone baits, electric fishing, bubble curtains, electric barriers, eDNA surveillance, acoustic attractants, and biocontrol methods such as the introduction of long-finned eels and brown trout. Staff were in contact with the leading expert on the brown bullhead catfish to ensure access to the best knowledge.

Along with consideration of different approaches, the classification of catfish within the Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP) would be considered at the September RDD meeting. Catfish were currently classed as an “exclusion pest” because until recently they did not exist in the region, and the strategy was to keep it that way. Now that they had established a population in Lake Rotoiti, a decision needed to be made whether to pursue eradication, containment, or other control measures.

Councillors emphasised the need for urgent and effective action to contain, if not eradicate, catfish within Te Weta Bay and the Ōhau Channel, and specifically to ensure they would not reach Lake Rotorua or other lakes. Concern was expressed regarding the need for active measures and to ensure the public was aware catfish were a priority for Council.

It was suggested that the Long Term Plan (LTP) biosecurity option three be given further consideration, the community be educated on the threat catfish present and be involved in responsive action, and that Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority be advised of the threat to the Kaituna River.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Brown bullhead catfish - incursion update.**

**Thompson/Thurston
CARRIED**

14.2 **Catchment Programme Six Month Reports - Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes and Tauranga Moana**

Sarah Omundsen (General Manager, Catchment Management) and Helen Creagh (Rotorua Catchments Manager) presented a six monthly update of the catchment programmes.

Ms Creagh advised:

- A block of mature gorse could leach as much nitrogen as a full dairy farm, so the approach of replacing gorse with trees was an effective strategy.
- Koura poachers were reported to the Ministry for Primary Industries as and when discovered. There had been a notable increase in koura poaching.
- An update on the Rotorua Lakes Council consent application for an alternative wastewater treatment and disposal plant for Rotorua would be provided by email to Councillors.

A Councillor suggested that staff explore Plant and Food Research's approach of farming and releasing snapper into Nelson Harbour to assist with regeneration of the harbour bed.

By way of update on work with Te Arawa Lakes Trust (TALT), Mary-Anne Macleod (Chief Executive) advised Councillors that Government had suggested Council and TALT work together to seek funding from Government on projects and ongoing work.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Catchment Programme Six Month Reports - Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes and Tauranga Moana;**
- 2 Receives the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme - Six Month Report 2017-2018;**
- 3 Receives the Tauranga Moana Programme – Six Month Report 2017-2018.**

**Thompson/Winters
CARRIED**

14.3 **Integrated Catchments Update**

Sarah Omundsen (General Manager, Catchment Management) and Helen Creagh (Rotorua Catchments Manager) updated Councillors on various recent catchment activities.

Members asked questions of clarification on several points:

- The swimmability metric was based on e-coli numbers.
- The aspirational Key Performance Indicator (KPI) in relation to the river and stream swimmability requirements was named such, as it would be a stretch target requiring a new approach involving departments across Council, and rely on efforts of landowners and partner organisations.
- The Asian Paddle Crab recently discovered within Tauranga Moana was edible (although strong enough to take toes off small children) and knowing that, the community might assist with control measures.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Integrated Catchments Update.**

**Thompson/Winters
CARRIED**

14.4 **Natural Environment Regional Monitoring Network: River and Stream Channel Monitoring Programme - Upper Whakatane River Addendum**

Chris Ingle (General Manager, Integrated Catchments) and Roger Waugh (Rivers & Drainage Asset Manager) updated members on gravel extraction resources.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Natural Environment Regional Monitoring Network: River and Stream Channel Monitoring Programme - Upper Whakatane River Addendum;**
- 2 Notes that an annual extraction quantity of 30,000 m³ has been recommended for this reach of river;**
- 3 Notes that gravel extraction in the top section of the reach, above Ohotu Bridge, will only be undertaken for river management purposes until bed level recovery has taken place and desired bed levels are achieved.**

**Leeder/Bruning
CARRIED**

14.5 Freshwater Futures Update

Refer Objective ID A2844868

Namouta Poutasi (Water Policy Manager), Ian Morton (Strategy & Science Manager), and Nicky Green (Senior Planner, Water Policy) updated Councillors regarding recent activity in the freshwater area.

Councillors were updated on the latest developments from Minister Parker and Ministry for the Environment; no conclusive information was yet to hand, but Minister Parker had been clear that the current path was unsustainable and further changes to the National Policy Statement (NPS), particularly around sediment and the time between now and 2030 implementation, was required. It was noted that freshwater was Government's top priority. Councillors reiterated the need to be prepared for a significant change in direction and the way work was undertaken.

Councillors were advised:

- Plan Change 9 hearings were held from 14-16 April in Tauranga and Whakatane, deliberations were underway and the recommendations report was expected at the 27 June RDD meeting.
- Plan Change 12 topics would be covered at the May freshwater workshop, including the Rangitaiki River and Kaituna River Water Management Areas (WMAs).
- A parallel process for engaging with iwi and hapu regarding WMAs was under development.

Point of Order

A Point of Order was raised against a Councillor who was a submitter on Plan Change 9, and the Chair advised the Councillor to cease discussing the subject.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Receives the report, Freshwater Futures Update.**

**Thompson/Crosby
CARRIED**

14.6 Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe: Update

Fiona McTavish (General Manager, Strategy & Science), Donna Llewellyn (In-house Legal Counsel), Kataraina O'Brien (Strategic Engagement Manager), Herewini Simpson (Senior Advisor, Treaty), and Ateremu McNeill (Deputy Chair, Tapuika Iwi Authority) outlined for Councillors the Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe legal framework and provided an update on progress with the Tapuika Iwi Authority agreement.

Government introduced the Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe concept in order to empower iwi engagement in Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) processes and assist councils in giving effect to statutory requirements e.g. kaitiakitanga. Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe would offer iwi more certainty and formality whilst engaging with councils and improve ongoing relationships. The legislation set out guiding principles

of what must, may, and what could not, be discussed and included in Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe.

Attendance

Cr Clark tendered his apologies and left the meeting at 12.46pm.

Tapuika Iwi Authority had been the first iwi to approach Council and initiate the Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe process. All parties involved agreed a heavy amount of resourcing was required in the process, and this could present obstacles for some iwi and their ability to participate.

Mr McNeill outlined Tapuika Iwi Authority's experience thus far in the development of Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe. Mr McNeill looked forward to continued development of the platform of mutual respect Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe offered and the potential to partner with Ngati Rangiwewehi and Ngāti Rangiteaorere in order to combine resources to further develop the agreement.

Although Mr McNeill had some reservations of the risks involved in engaging, he suggested he was cautiously optimistic.

Councillors clarified the following points:

- Guiding principles were not yet officially agreed and continued to be developed.
- The hierarchy between Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe and co-governance forums (or alike) would depend on what was covered in each; the goal would be to dovetail the two.
- Any type of entity could be included in the Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe process, provided they had evidenced designation to represent the iwi. The Office of Treaty Settlements would test where an entity was not a mandated authority.
- The "Must do's" within Phase 2 could be included in Phase 1.
- Given an agreement must be finalised within 18 months which would require iwi to attend nine hui, in order to ensure meaningful engagement consideration should be given to assisting iwi with resourcing.
- As it was, Council had capacity to undertake three Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe per year; this resourcing would be reviewed as/when necessary, with potential consideration in the Annual Plan.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1.27pm and reconvened at 1.55pm.

Staff sought advice from Councillors as to what decision points should be elevated for Councillor discussion, and what procedural matters staff could deal with; Councillors requested they be kept up to date on progress and where key decisions needed to be made, but were mindful of not wanting to stall progress.

It was requested staff tally the cost of the process so far to ensure funding was correctly budgeted.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe: Update;**
- 2 Agrees the next key decision point for Council is to approve phase (1) procedural matters;**
- 3 Requests a report back on how the Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe initiation is proceeding with Tapuika Iwi Authority.**
- 4 Requests Ministry for the Environment attend the next Regional Direction and Delivery meeting to advise on Crown funding for iwi and local government participation in these agreements and other matters.**
- 5 Endorses a collaborative approach to working with other local authorities where a Mana Whakahono invitation, jointly involves their district / region.**

**Thompson/Tahana
CARRIED**

15 Chair's Announcement

The Chair announced the following change of agenda item order; 9.1, 8, 11.7, General Business Item 3 in Public Excluded, General Business Items 1 and 2 in the open, and then Public Excluded agenda item 12.

16 Reports Continued

16.1 Triennial Meeting Update Report

Mary-Anne Macleod (Chief Executive), Fiona McTavish (General Manager, Strategy & Science), and Stephen Lamb (Natural Resources Policy Manager) updated Councillors on the Triennial Meeting.

In relation to climate change, Council had committed to sustainability, action plans, the Local Government Leaders Declaration, adaptation, and was part of the Collaboration Bay of Plenty (COBOP) Climate Change Cluster. Internally, Council was exploring the opportunities to lessen environmental impacts in their buildings and vehicles.

Councillors requested staff:

- Quantify Council's emissions footprint in order to measure and ensure progress was made going forward.
- Review what other councils throughout the country were doing to address climate change, and what measures Council could consider implementing.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Triennial Meeting Update Report;**

- 2 Notes the content and recommendations of the attached Triennial Meeting report – Climate Change: National and Local Initiatives (Appendix 1);
- 3 Notes the content of the attached Triennial Meeting report - Collaboration Bay of Plenty (COBOP) update (Appendix 2).

Thompson/Nees
CARRIED

17 Presentations

17.1 Operating Environment

Chairman Leeder - Regional Sector Group update

Chairman Leeder advised the Regional Sector Group was working on water issues with LGNZ.

Councillor Crosby - LGNZ update

Councillor Crosby updated Councillors on work undertaken by LGNZ, including:

- LGNZ was in the process of reviewing its constitution and its Business Plan had been adopted;
- It had written to coalition partners regarding the division and discrimination relating to Māori wards;
- It was requesting Government change the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) and its purpose;
- A priority for LGNZ was to encourage younger elected members;
- A working group and a number of mayors were focussing on the freedom camping issue;
- LGNZ Roadshows were completed having met with all 78 Councils and Chairs of the Auckland Local Boards;
- The two major projects on three waters and climate change were making good progress;
- LGNZ would be holding three water symposiums in 2018; Housing (May), Climate Change (September), and Water (June);
- The Minister of Civil Defence's review with recommendations was expected June/July 2018;
- The Havelock North Drinking Water Enquiry was expected April 2018;
- LGNZ was keen to support councils in improving economic development;
- Online voting trials were underway by DIA;
- The Remuneration Authority was struggling to work out a methodology for salary distribution.

Chief Executive Macleod - UNISA update

Mary-Anne Macleod (Chief Executive) updated Councillors on UNISA work and other relevant matters, including:

- Concern with housing pressures within the building industry in urban growth areas, particularly in relation to compliance and earthworks;
- Climate change discussions centring on retreat rather than mitigation, and how that could be dealt with and communicated to the community.
- The Upper North Island Pest Strategy working with the National Marine Pest Strategy.
- Minister Mahuta would attend the next UNISA meeting to discuss transport and costs.
- Port Study – terms of reference for the study had not yet been developed
- A teleconference with Alastair Jones would be held.

18 Reports Continued

18.1 Update on Actions Undertaken by Industrial Site Operators in the Mount Maunganui Industrial Area

Chris Ingle (General Manager, Integrated Catchments) and Reece Irving (Senior Regulatory Project Officer) presented the report and clarified for Councillors the monitoring in place, guidelines for nuisance odour, and potential sources of hydrogen sulphide e.g. oil refinery, seaweed decomposition, and industry.

Resolved

That the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Update on Actions Undertaken by Industrial Site Operators in the Mount Maunganui Industrial Area.**

**Thompson/Cronin
CARRIED**

19 Public Excluded Section

Resolution to exclude the public

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General Subject of Matter to be Considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) LGOIMA 1987 for passing this resolution
General Business Item 3, Verbal Update on the Incident at Port of Tauranga	The public disclosure of information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)

Thompson/Winters
CARRIED

20 Consideration of General Business

20.1 Consents and Māori Consultation

A member advised of concerns expressed by a member of the public regarding the level of Māori consultation required when applying for a resource consent (e.g. renewing a bore water consent). Staff would examine options for increasing efficiencies in the resource consent process.

20.2 Government Policy Statement for Transport released 3 April 2018 and ramifications on Regional Land Transport Plan

Concern was raised that the Northern Arterial had been removed from the Government Policy Statement for Transport (GPS-T). Further information would be available in August; it was currently speculation.

Fiona McTavish (General Manager, Strategy & Science) would endeavour to find a time for an information workshop to discuss the GPS-T in the week of LTP hearings commencing 16 April 2018.

Councillors requested staff reach out to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) to understand the ramifications and suggested consideration be given to lodging two submissions on the GPS-T; one on behalf of Council and one on behalf of the Regional Transport Committee.

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12.1 Public Excluded Regional Direction and Delivery Committee minutes - 20 February 2018	Please refer to the relevant clause in the meeting minutes.	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)
12.2 Public Excluded Regional Coastal Environment Plan Appeals SubCommittee minutes – 08 March 2018	To maintain legal professional privilege.	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)

Thompson/Winters
CARRIED

The meeting closed at 2.59pm

Confirmed

Chairman Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Date