



MINUTES

Executive, Audit & Risk

Date:	19 February 2024	
Venue:	Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford	
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Present:	M J Cloke	Chairperson
	S W Hughes	
	A L Jamieson	
	D H McIntyre	
	C S Williamson	zoom (left meeting at 11.00am)
	C L Littlewood	ex officio
	N W Walker	ex officio
Attending:	S J Ruru	Chief Executive
	M J Nield	Director – Corporate Services
	L Hawkins	Planning Manager
	F Kiddle	Strategy lead
	R Johnston	Finance Manager
	D Harrison	Director - Operations
	F Kiddle	Strategy Lead
	J Patterson	zoom (joined meeting at 10.52am)
	B Robertson	zoom (joined meeting at 10.56am)
	C Woollin	Communications Advisor
	M Jones	Governance Administrator
	N Chadwick	Executive Assistant

One member of the public attended via Zoom (left meeting at 10.50am)

The meeting opened with a group Karakia at 10.00am.

1. Confirmation of Minutes Executive Audit and Risk Committee Minutes – 4 December 2023

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes of Executive Audit and Risk Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council held at 10.00am on 4 December 2023 at Taranaki Regional Council 47 Cloten Road Stratford
- b) noted the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 12 December 2023.

Hughes/Littlewood

2. Financial and Operational Report

- 2.1 Mr M Nield provided the members with an update on operational and financial performance.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Financial and Operational Report* and the *November and December 2023 Financial Reports*
- b) noted the digital media update.

Walker/Jamieson

3. Quarterly Operational Report

- 3.1 Mr M Nield provided members with an update on Quarterly Operational status for the quarter ending 31 December 2023.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the *Quarterly Operational Report for the quarter ended 31 December 2023*

Walker/McIntyre

4. Health and Safety Report

- 4.1 Mr M Nield provided an update on health and safety performance.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the November 2023, December 2023 and January 2024 Health and Safety reports.

Hughes/Cloke

5. Lower Waiwhakaiho Flood Control Scheme Update

- 5.1 Mr D Harrison gave an update on the Waiwhakaiho river catchment and the requirement for upgrades of the Lower Waiwhakaiho Flood Control Scheme.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the agenda memorandum
- b) approved the completion of essential upgrade works along two sections of the Lower Waiwhakaiho Flood Control Scheme at a budget of \$450,000 with funding from the North Taranaki River Control Scheme Reserve.
- c) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- d) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Williamson/Hughes

6. Better Travel Choices Update

- 6.1 Ms L Hawkins provided an overview of how the Better Travel Choices for Taranaki, Regional Land Transport Plan and the single stage Business Case align. The reasoning behind the amended timeline and the updates was also provided.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the Better Travel Choices Taranaki update
- b) approved the amended timeline for the Better Travel Choices Taranaki as set out in option 2 resulting in the delay of deliberations for the Better Travel Choices Taranaki
- c) noted that interested parties will be updated of this change to the timeline
- d) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- e) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Cloke/Littlewood

7. Regional Speed Management Plan Update

- 7.1 Ms L Hawkins provided an update on the Land Transport Rule Setting of Speed Limits 2022 and the consequential need to stop work on developing a Regional Speed Management Plan.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled, Regional Speed Management Plan update
- b) noted the work already completed to develop the first Regional Speed Management Plan for Taranaki, which was a new requirement for local government
- c) noted the change in direction by the new Government which has included making developing a Regional Speed Management Plan optional rather than mandatory
- d) agreed to pause work on developing a Regional Speed Management Plan and notify parties accordingly in line with option 2 presented in this Memorandum
- e) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- f) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Jamieson/McIntyre

8. Civic Financial Services Ltd: Statement of Intent for 2024

- 8.1 Mr M Nield provided an update on the Civic Financial Services Ltd: Statement of Intent 2024.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received Civic Financial Services Ltd's Statement of Intent for 2024.

Walker/McIntyre

9. 2023/2024 Annual Report Audit Engagement Letter

- 9.1 Mr M Nield provided an overview of the Annual Report Audit Engagement Letter.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the Audit Engagement Letter for the audit of the *2023/2024 Annual Report*.

Walker/Jamieson

10. 2023/2024 Annual Report Audit Proposal Letter

10.1 Mr M Nield informed the members of Deloitte's Proposed Annual Audit of the Council and the Taranaki Stadium Trust.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the Audit Proposal Letter for the audits of the Council and the Taranaki Stadium Trust.

Walker/Jamieson

11. Yarrow Stadium Plus: Project Update

11.1 Mr M Nield provided an update on progress of the Yarrow Stadium Project and the establishment of the Yarrow Stadium Joint committee.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) noted the progress to date and the next steps on the Yarrow Stadium Plus Redevelopment Project.

Cloke/Walker

In accordance with section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolves that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Executive Audit and Risk Meeting on 19 February 2024 for the following reason/s:

The matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 are as follows:

Item 17 – Confirmation of Public Excluded Executive Audit and Risk Minutes – 4 December 2023

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information; and/or enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice, commercial activities.

Item 18 – Yarrow Stadium Plus: Project Steering Group Report

General subject of each matter to be considered	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter
<p>Item: 18</p> <p>Yarrow Stadium Plus: Project Steering Group Report</p>	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7 (2) (h) and (2) (i) of the <i>Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987</i></p>	<p>To enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.</p> <p>To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>

Cloke/Hughes

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, M J Cloke, declared the meeting of the Executive Audit and Risk Committee meeting closed at 11.05am.

Executive Audit and Risk

Committee Chairperson: _____

M J Cloke