



# MINUTES Ordinary Meeting



**Date:** 27 February 2024

**Venue:** Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford

**Document:** 3250225

**Present:**

C L Littlewood	Chairperson
N W Walker	Deputy Chairperson
M J Cloke	
D H McIntyre	
A L Jamieson	
S W Hughes	
B J Bigham	
D Lean	zoom (left meeting at 11.05am)
D M Cram	

**Attending:**

S Ruru	Chief Executive
M Nield	Director – Corporate Services
A Matthews	Director – Environmental Quality
D Harrison	Director - Operations
F McLay	Director – Resource Management
M Jones	Governance Administrator
N Chadwick	Executive Assistant to Chief Executive and Chairperson
F Kiddle	Strategy Lead
L Hawkins	Policy Lead
N Bradley-Archer	Policy Analyst
G Marcroft	Senior Policy Analyst
R Johnston	Finance Manager (joined meeting at 10.42am)
S Edwards	Policy Lead New Plymouth District Council
T McElroy	Manager – Science and Technology
L Gibbs	Federated Farmers (joined meeting at 10.44am)
B Haque	zoom
G Young	zoom
M Ritai	zoom (joined meeting at 11.38am)
D Luke	zoom (joined meeting at 11.36am)
J Reader	Communications and Engagement Manager

One media representative in attendance (left meeting at 12.06pm)

The meeting opened with a group Karakia at 10.30am

**Apologies:** Were received and sustained from Councillor Davey and Councillor Williamson

## 1. Confirmation of Ordinary Council Minutes – 12 December 2023

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held at Pukeiti, 2290 Carrington Road, New Plymouth on 12 December 2023.

Littlewood/Hughes

## 2. Confirmation of Operations and Regulatory Committee Minutes – 13 February 2024

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the Minutes of the Operations and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 9.00am
- b) adopted the recommendations therein.

Hughes/Cram

## 3. Confirmation of Policy and Planning Committee Minutes – 13 February 2024

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the Minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 10.30am.
- b) adopted the recommendations therein.

Bigham/Cram

## 4. Confirmation of Executive Audit and Risk Committee Minutes – 19 February 2024

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the minutes of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road on Monday 19 February 2024 at 10am
- b) adopted the recommendations therein.

Cloke/McIntyre

## 5. Joint Committee Minutes

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 7 December 2023
- b) received the unconfirmed minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 8 February 2024.

Jamieson/Cloke

## 6. Future Development Strategy for Ngāmotu New Plymouth – Statement of Proposal

- 6.1 L Hawkins introduced N Bradley-Archer and S Edwards. They provided an overview of the draft Statement of Proposal for the Future Development strategy for Ngāmotu New Plymouth.

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum Future Development Strategy for Ngāmotu New Plymouth - Statement of Proposal
- b) noted the draft Future Development Strategy for Ngāmotu New Plymouth (Appendix 1), Statement of Proposal (Appendix 2), and Future Development Strategy for Ngāmotu New Plymouth Technical Report (Appendix 3) attached to this memorandum
- c) adopted the Statement of Proposal and draft Future Development Strategy for Ngāmotu New Plymouth for public consultation as set out by option one of this memorandum, resulting in the Councils jointly proceeding with a Special Consultative Procedure
- 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, determines 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.

Littlewood/Walker

(S Edwards left meeting at 11.02am)

## 7. Future Development Strategy – Governance Structure

- 7.1 N Chadwick informed the members of the governance structure for the hearing of submissions and for the adoption of the final Future Development Strategy for Ngāmotu New Plymouth.

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum titled Future Development Strategy – Governance Structure
- b) selected and approved Option one- to support New Plymouth District Council in creating a sub-committee for the Future Development Strategy for Ngāmotu New Plymouth
- c) delegated power to adopt the finalised Future Development Strategy for Ngāmotu New Plymouth to the New Plymouth District Council Future Development Strategy subcommittee
- d) endorsed the recommended committee structure consisting of two representatives from New Plymouth District Council, two representatives Taranaki Regional Council and two representatives nominated by Ngā Iwi o Taranaki

- e) endorsed the appointment of an Independent Hearing Commissioner as Chair of the panel
- f) noted and approves the Future Development Strategy for Ngāmotu New Plymouth Subcommittee- Draft Terms of Reference
- g) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- h) 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.

Hughes/Bigham

## 8. Update on changes to NPSFM and Policy Development Programme

- 8.1 L Hawkins and A Matthews provided an update on the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum Update on changes to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management and policy development programme.
- b) noted the content of the PowerPoint attached to the memorandum to be presented and discussed during the meeting.

Littlewood/Walker

## 9. Appointment of non-voting advisory members to the Regional Transport Committee

- 9.1 M Nield provided an update on the appointment of non-voting advisory members to the Regional Transport Committee.

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum titled Appoint of non-voting advisory members to the Regional Transport Committee
- b) approved the appointment of Inspector Ashley Gurney, Central District Road Policing Manager, New Zealand Police to the Regional Transport Committee
- c) noted we are still waiting to receive a formal appointment from the Transport Minister, Simeon Brown, for an appointment from Kiwi Rail
- 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.

## 10. 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan: Consultation Document and Supporting Documentation

10.1 M Nield provided an update on the consultation document and supporting documentation for the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan.

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum on the Consultation Document and the Supporting Documentation for the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan
- b) advised the Chief Executive of any proposed amendments to the Consultation Document and Supporting Documentation for the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan and instructs the Chief Executive to progress any proposed amendments
- c) delegated to the Chief Executive, the authority to amend and finalise the Consultation Document and Supporting Documentation for the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan to respond to decisions made in this meeting and matters arising from the finalisation of the audit process
- d) noted the balanced budget deficit for 2024/2025 and confirms the transfer from the Dividend Equalisation Reserve to fund the balanced budget deficit
- e) noted that the use of the Dividend Equalisation Reserve to fund the balanced budget surpluses and deficits balances out over the ten-year life of the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan and that, over the full ten years, the budgets balance
- f) determined, in accordance with section 100(2) of the Local Government Act 2002, that it considers it is financially prudent to adopt these budgets and the proposed budget surpluses and deficits, and confirmed the transfers to and from the Dividend Equalisation Reserve to fund the balanced budget surpluses and deficits
- g) adopted the supporting information that is relied on for the content of the Consultation Document, in particular the Revenue and Financing Policy, and that will form the basis for the preparation of the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan
- h) adopted the Consultation Document that will form the basis for the preparation of the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan
- i) publicly notified and invited submissions on the Consultation Document and Supporting Documentation for the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan pursuant to the special consultative procedure of the Local Government Act 2002
- j) noted the timetable for the completion and adoption of the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan
- k) determined that this decision be recognised as significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- l) 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.

## 11. Meeting Dates for March 2024

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received and noted the memorandum Meeting Dates for March 2024.

Littlewood/Bigham

## 12. Public Excluded

In accordance with section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolved that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting on 27 February 2024 for the following reason/s:

The matters 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 Ordinary Council Minutes – 12 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 for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 (a) and section 7 (2) (a) and (2) (g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Item 18 – Confirmation of Public Excluded Executive Audit and Risk Minutes – 19 February 2024

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.

Littlewood/Walker

(F Kiddle, J Reader and L Gibbs left meeting at 12.13pm)

There being no further business the Council Chairperson, C L Littlewood, declared the meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting closed with a karakia at 12.15pm.

Council Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

**C L Littlewood**