

Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor D N MacLeod and representative members Councillor S Hitchcock - New Plymouth District Council, Councillor G Boyde - Stratford District Council and Mr P Muir - Federated Farmers.
Littlewood/McDonald

Notification of Late items There were no late items.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 13 October 2020

Resolved

That the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 13 October at 10.30am
- b) notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 3 November 2020.

Williamson/McDonald

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga Mauri Compass Assessment of the Urenui and Mimitangiatua Rivers

- 2.1 The memorandum is presented for Members information on a cultural monitoring project report, produced by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga, entitled *Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga Mauri Compass Assessment of the Urenui River and the Mimitangiatua River*.
- 2.2 It was noted that the presentation of this item was given earlier during the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting and members of the Policy and Planning Committee were in attendance.
- 2.3 Following the presentation comments were made that it would be appreciated if Officers could report back a more substantive response. Ngāti Mutunga have made a number of commitments for action and it would be good to know how the Council will respond on the future use of the compass tool and potential partnerships with iwi.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum and the Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga Mauri Compass Assessment of the Urenui River and the Mimitangiatua River 2020 report
- b) notes the report provides an insight into the application of cultural health indicators and mātauranga Māori combined with western science indicators
- c) notes that report assists the Council in understanding Te Mana o Te Wai, mātauranga Māori, and the importance of mahinga kai which are given new prominence and priority under the NPS-FM 2020

- d) notes consultation with iwi in the region on the provisions of the NPS-FM 2020 will be undertaken
- e) congratulates Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga and everyone involved in the project. Williamson/Walker

3. Representation Arrangements - Māori Constituency

- 3.1 Mr S J Ruru, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum seeking endorsement of the Local Government NZ position in relation to the removal of the poll provisions applying to the creation of Māori wards/constituencies under the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the report entitled *Representation Arrangements - Māori Constituency*
- b) determines that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- c) determines 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.
- d) supports the efforts of Local Government NZ (LGNZ) to amend the provisions in the Local Electoral Act 2001 to remove the poll provisions applying to Māori wards and constituencies
- e) supports the efforts of LGNZ to have provision being made for the Local Government Commission to consider appeals associated with Māori wards and constituencies and for appropriate criteria to enable the consideration of such appeals being inserted into the Local Electoral Act 2001
- f) forwards this resolution to the Taranaki Mayoral Forum for its consideration. Moeahu/Van Der Leden

4. Implementation of Governments Essential Freshwater Programme and the visit by the Chief Freshwater Commissioner

- 4.1 Mr A D McLay, Director - Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum outlining for Members information the development of a draft *Taranaki Regional Council Implementation Plan for Essential Freshwater*.
- 4.2 It was noted that the significant funding implications will be considered as part of the Long Term Plan process.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum entitled *Implementation of Essential Freshwater and the visit by the Chief Freshwater Commissioner*
- b) notes that Government released the Essential Freshwater package in August 2020 with new planning, monitoring and regulatory requirements that Council must give effect to
- c) notes that the Essential Freshwater package imposes significant new and additional requirements and costs on Council that will be considered as part of the Long-term planning process
- d) notes that staff are developing an Essential Freshwater implementation plan that will be submitted to Council for formal approval once finalised
- e) notes that Peter Skelton, Chief Freshwater Commissioner, will be addressing Councillors, iwi and other representatives on our committees, and the executive team directly after this meeting.

Williamson/Walker

5. Engagement with Iwi and Hapū

- 5.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director - Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum providing the Committee with a summary and brief examples of engagement between Council staff and iwi and hapū, as requested at the 13 October meeting of this Committee.
- 5.2 Members noted it was great to see the wide range of engagement that is taking place. In future memos, instead of just listing the engagement it would be beneficial to report on whether it had delivered the desired result for Iwi and Hapū.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Engagement with Iwi and Hapū*
- b) notes the contents of the memorandum.

Van Der Leden/McDonald

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson, Councillor C L Littlewood, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed at 11.22pm. The meeting closed with a Karakia.

Confirmed

**Policy and Planning
Chairperson:** _____

**C L Littlewood
Tuesday 2 February 2021**