

<b>Date:</b>	23 July 2024	
<b>Venue:</b>	Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford	
<b>Document:</b>	3292506	
<b>Present:</b>	C L Littlewood	Chairperson
	S W Hughes	
	B J Bigham	zoom
	D M Cram	
	D H McIntyre	
	A L Jamieson	
	N W Walker	(ex officio)
	P Moeahu	Iwi Representative
	E Bailey	Iwi Representative
	M Ritai	Iwi Representative
	L Gibbs	Federated Framers
	B Haque	New Plymouth District Council (left meeting at 11.04am)
	C Filbee	South Taranaki District Council
<b>Attending:</b>	S J Ruru	Chief Executive (zoom)
	A D McLay	Director – Resource Management
	M J Nield	Director – Corporate Services
	A J Matthews	Director – Environment Quality
	L Hawkins	Planning Manager
	F Kiddle	Strategy lead
	L Hawkins	Policy Manager
	C Woollin	Communications Advisor
	J Reader	Communications Manager
	A Bunn	Systems Engineer
	M Jones	Governance Administrator

The meeting opened at 10.56am.

### 1. Appointment of Chair

- 1.1 In the absence of Councillor Williamson, the Chair of the Policy and Planning Committee. Mr A D McLay requested the Committee nominate a Chairperson. Councillor Littlewood was nominated by Councillor Walker and with no further nominations was successful.

Walker/Littlewood

**Apologies:** were received and sustained from Councillor C Williamson and G Boyde.

Littlewood/Walker

## 2. Confirmation of Minutes Policy and Planning 30 April 2024

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council held at 10.30 on 30 April 2024 at Taranaki Regional Council 47 Cloten Road Stratford
- b) noted the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 14 May 2024.

Hughes/Walker

## 3. 11 June 2024 Policy and Planning Committee meeting items

3.1 The following resolutions have been carried over from the 11 June Policy and Planning Committee meeting, due to the lack of a quorum.

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this agenda memorandum titled 11 June 2024 Policy and Planning Committee Agenda items
- b) received the memorandum Future Development Strategy for Ngāmotu New Plymouth
- c) noted the decision made by the Future Development Subcommittee to adopt the Future Development Strategy for Ngāmotu New Plymouth on behalf of the Taranaki Regional Council and New Plymouth District Council
- d) received the memorandum Office of the Auditor General – Audit on Managing Freshwater Quality
- e) noted the Office of the Auditor General’s Regional councils’ relationships with iwi and hapū for freshwater management – a follow up report (2024)
- f) noted the positive progress made in the relationship between the Council and iwi and hapū in the region
- g) received the memorandum and attached report entitled Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki – Interim Review 2023
- h) noted that the Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki – Interim Review 2023 report gives effect to a Council commitment in the 2022/2023 Annual Plan to undertake an interim review of the Regional Pest Management Plan
- i) noted that the Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki continues to be efficient, effective and relevant and that no immediate change is required
- j) noted the opportunities to build on efficiency and effectiveness of the Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki as part of an earlier review of the Taranaki Regional Council Biosecurity Strategy will be investigated
- k) received the June 2024 update on the Freshwater Implementation Programme
- l) received the memorandum Target Attribute State Overview – Nutrients in Rivers
- m) received the memorandum Source Water Risk Management Areas for Municipal Drinking Water Supplies and the accompanying report Delineation of Source Water Risk Management Areas for selected municipal water supplies in the Taranaki Region

- n) noted the item titled Submission on the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Bill was subsequently presented to Council for consideration and endorsement due to the meeting being abandoned.

McIntyre/Cram

#### 4. Freshwater Implementation Update

- 4.1 L Hawkins provided an update on the Freshwater Implementation project.

##### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the July 2024 update on the Freshwater Implementation Programme.

Hughes/Jamieson

#### 5. Land and Water Plan – Conflicts of Interest

- 5.1 S Ruru gave a presentation on the Local Authorities (Members Interests) Act 1968 and the need for individual members to manage any pecuniary interest in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- 5.2 Members were advised to contact S Ruru if they require any guidance with this matter.

##### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum Land and Water Plan – Conflicts of Interests
- b) noted that the responsibility for managing pecuniary and other conflicts of interest that might arise in relation to a particular decision rests with the individual member concerned
- c) encouraged all councillors and Committee members to proactively identify and manage any potential conflicts of interest in an appropriate manner
- d) agreed that Council staff should provide proactive guidance and assistance to individual members to assist them with the identification and management of potential conflicts of interest that might arise through the freshwater planning process
- e) agreed that where appropriate Council should draft an application to the Auditor-General seeking a declaration to enable members with a pecuniary interest that is not in common with the public to participate in the Land and Water Plan process
- f) determined that this decision be recognised not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- g) 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/Gibbs

## 6. Parliamentary Commissioner of Environment Report on Land Use Change

6.1 F Kiddle provided and update on the report by the Parliamentary Communer of the Environment (PCE) on land use change and the implications for Taranaki.

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled Parliamentary Commissioner of Environment Report on Land Use Change
- b) noted the content of the Parliamentary Commissioner of the Environment's report Going with the grain: Changing land uses to fit a changing landscape.

Walker/Filbee

### General Business

P Moeahu addressed the committee expressing his views on Māori Constituencies.

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, C L Littlewood, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed at 11.33am.

### Policy and Planning

Committee Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

C L Littlewood