

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 23 July 2019 at 10.30am.



Members	Councillors	N W Walker	(Committee Chairperson)
		M P Joyce	
		C L Littlewood	
		B K Raine	
		C S Williamson	(via Zoom)
		D L Lean	(ex officio)
Representative Members	Councillors	G Boyde	(Stratford District Council)
		C Coxhead	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Messrs	J Hooker	(Iwi Representative)
		P Muir	(Federated Farmers Representative)
	Ms	E Bailey	(Iwi Representative) (from 10.40am)
Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive) (left meeting 11.20am)
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)
		C L Spurdle	(Planning Manager)
		G Severinsen	(Manager Policy & Strategy)
		R Phipps	(Science Manager)
	Ms	J Mack	(Committee Administrator)
	Mrs	J Bielski	(Policy Analyst) (left meeting 10.45am)
	Mr	S Ellis	(Environment Services Manager) (11.05am-11.50am)
	Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)
		One member of the media	

Apologies The apologies from Councillors D N MacLeod (ex officio), D H McIntyre, Mr M Ritai (Iwi Representative), Mr P Nixon (South Taranaki District Council) and Mr R Jordan (New Plymouth District Council) were received and sustained.

Notification of Late Items There were no late items of business.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 11 June 2019

Resolved

THAT the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes and confidential 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 11 June 2019 at 10.40am

- b) notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 2 July 2019.

Raine/Hooker

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Update on implementation of the National Policy Statement for Urban Development Capacity

- 2.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum to present an update on the implementation of the *National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity* (NPS-UDC) in the Taranaki region.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the third Quarterly Monitoring Report on Urban Development Indicators for the New Plymouth District;
- b) notes that the Housing and Business Development Capacity Assessment report and Future Development Strategy for New Plymouth will be published shortly
- c) notes that the NPS-UDC is currently being reviewed.

Boyde/Littlewood

3. Review of the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki

- 3.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum seeking Members' agreement to proceed with an early review of the *Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki* in accordance with the First Schedule requirements of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the RMA), and combine the review of the Regional Air Quality Plan with the reviews of the Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki and the Regional Soil Plan for Taranaki..

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) notes that the Council is required by the RMA to commence a review of the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki no later than July 2021
- b) agrees to commence a full review of the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki in conjunction with the reviews of the freshwater and soil plans in accordance with the Schedule 1 requirements of the RMA

- c) agrees to the development and review of a combined regional natural resources plan that addresses the integrated management of air, land and freshwater resources
- d) approves the attached project brief entitled Review of the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki and development of a combined regional plan
- e) notes that combining these plans is not anticipated to delay the public notification of a proposed plan addressing the Council's freshwater and soil conservation functions.

Raine/Littlewood

4. Regional Freshwater Ecological Quality: 2017-2018 results from state of the environment monitoring

- 4.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum to present an update to the Committee on the latest annual results of the Council's state of the environment monitoring programme for fresh water ecological health (macroinvertebrate monitoring). A powerpoint presentation was also given by Mr Bedford.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum noting the preparation of a report into the state of and trends in regional in-stream macroinvertebrate community health data for Taranaki, for 2017-2018 and over the period 1995-2018
- b) notes the findings of the SEM programme
- c) adopts the specific recommendations therein.

Joyce/Muir

Ms E Bailey voted against the motion.

5. Aotearoa Deal for Nature

- 5.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum presenting for Members' information the *Aotearoa Deal for Nature* action plan.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum Aotearoa Deal for Nature
- b) notes the actions the Council is undertaking which support the protection and enhancement of biodiversity in Taranaki.

Joyce/Raine

6. Update on Towards Predator-Free Taranaki Project

- 6.1 Mr S Ellis, Environment Services Manager, spoke to the memorandum presenting Members with an update on the progress of the *Towards Predator-Free Taranaki* project. A powerpoint presentation was also included.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum Update on Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project
- b) notes the progress and milestones achieved in respect of the urban and rural predator control and the zero density possum projects of the Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project.

Raine/Littlewood

7. Ministry of Health: Annual report on Drinking-water Quality and update on Taranaki Drinking Water Joint Working Group and related matters

- 7.1 Mr G Severinsen, Manager Policy and Strategy, spoke to the memorandum to introduce the Ministry of Health's annual report on drinking-water quality for the 2017-2018 year and to provide a brief update for Members on the Taranaki Drinking Water Joint Working Group and the Government's review of Three Waters regulation following the Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum 'Ministry of Health: Annual Report on Drinking-water Quality and update on Taranaki Drinking Water Joint Working Group and related matters'; and
- b) notes that the Taranaki Drinking Water Joint Working Group has been formed and is working well.

Boyde/Littlewood

8. Report on Advocacy and Response Activities for the 2018/2019 Year

- 8.1 Mr G Severinsen, Manager Policy and Strategy, spoke to the memorandum reporting on advocacy and response activities for the 2018/2019 year.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum Report on Advocacy and Response activities for the 2018/2019 year
- b) notes that twenty-six (26) submissions were made during the year on the policy initiatives of other agencies
- c) notes that senior staff were also involved in various working parties or other fora on central and local government policy development and review projects.

Littlewood/Joyce

Closing Karakia Mr J Hooker (Iwi Representative) gave the closing Karakia to the Policy and Planning Committee and Karakia for kai (lunch).

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson Councillor N W Walker, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 12.05pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson _____
N W Walker

Date **3 September 2019**