

Report No.	20-14
Information Only - No Decision Required	

LOCAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT - MANAWATŪ-WHANGANUI REGIONAL COUNCIL

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. This item presents for Council's consideration, the current Local Governance Statement for the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council (trading as Horizons Regional Council) which has been revised as a result of legislative and organisational changes.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-14 and Annex;
- b. acknowledges the legislative requirements to update its Local Governance Statement; and
- c. receives the revised Local Governance Statement for the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council (trading as Horizons Regional Council) at Annex A.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3.1. There is no financial impact associated with receipt of the Local Governance Statement.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1. There is no requirement for community engagement.

5. SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS RISK

- 5.1. There is no significant business risk associated with this item.

6. BACKGROUND

- 6.1. Under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA 2002) section 40, every local authority must prepare and make publicly available within six months after each triennial local body election of Members, a local governance statement.
- 6.2. A Local Governance Statement is a collection of information about functions, responsibilities and activities of Council, and the processes that Council uses to engage with its community. It outlines how Council makes decisions and shows how residents can influence those processes. It also promotes local democracy by providing the public with information on ways they can influence local democratic processes. While Horizons already discloses much of the information required in a local governance statement, either in the Long-term Plan / Annual Plan, or in its disclosure of information under section 19 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), this material is also presented in a single document, the Local Governance Statement.

7. COMMENT

- 7.1. The first Local Governance Statement for Horizons Regional Council was resolved by Council at its meeting on 25 November 2003, and has been revised after each following triennial election in 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013 and 2016.
- 7.2. When the representation review process was undertaken in 2018-19, Horizons Regional Council did not propose any changes to the number of constituencies that had been set by the Local Government Commission in 2007. The Local Government Commission approved Council's proposal.
- 7.3. The document attached at Annex A is a revised version of the Local Governance Statement that was received by Council in February 2017, and reflects the changes to Council as a result of the 2019 triennial elections, and structural and legislative changes.
- 7.4. The Local Governance Statement will be uploaded onto Council's website, www.horizons.govt.nz once approved by Members, and continue to be updated as Horizons considers appropriate.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

- 8.1. This is not a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.

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ANNEXES

- A Local Governance Statement