

Minutes of the twenty-fifth meeting of the tenth triennium of the Strategy and Policy Committee held at 10.00am on Tuesday 13 August 2019, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs EB Gordon JP (Chair), JJ Barrow, LR Burnell QSM, DB Cotton, RJ Keedwell, GM McKellar, JM Naylor, NJ Patrick, PW Rieger QSO JP, BE Rollinson, and CI Sheldon.

IN ATTENDANCE Chief Executive Mr MJ McCartney
Group Manager
Corporate and Governance Mr C Grant
Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:
Mr R Strong (Group Manager River Management), Dr N Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information), Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships), Ms R Tayler (Manager Policy & Strategy), Ms L Jansen (Senior Consents Planner), Mr C Veale (Programme Coordinator), Mr N Kyamanywa (Rural Industry Advisor), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

SP 19-153 *Moved* **McKellar/Rieger**
That the Committee receives an apology from Cr Te Awe Awe.
CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS

There were no requests for public speaking rights.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

There were no supplementary items to be considered.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

MEMBERS REMUNERATION 2019-20*Report No 19-112*

This item presented for Council adoption, the recommended levels of remuneration for elected Members for 2019-20. Mr Grant (Group Manager Corporate & Governance) summarised the changes and timeframes for payment of Members' salaries.

SP 19-156 **Moved** **Naylor/Patrick***That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-112 and Annexes.*
- b. *endorses, without amendment, the Remuneration Policy outlined at Annex A.*

CARRIED**ONE PLAN - PROGRAMME UPDATE***Report No 19-113*

This item provided Council with an update of ongoing development and evolution of the One Plan, including programme detail relating to the proposed Plan Change 2 (nutrient management) and draft plan change 3 and 4. Ms Taylor (Manager Policy & Strategy) took Members through the detail of the item. She and Dr Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation) clarified Members' questions.

SP 19-157 **Moved** **Patrick/Naylor***That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-113.*
- b. *notes that Proposed Plan Change 2 was notified as planned on 22 July 2019.*
- c. *notes that submissions on Proposed Plan Change 2 close on 21 October 2019.*
- d. *notes that scoping work is underway for draft plan change 3, covering further nutrient management work and further implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.*
- e. *notes that scoping work is underway for draft plan change 4, covering the implementation of the National Planning Standards and minor maintenance changes.*

CARRIED

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REFORM 2019 - PHASE 1 AND PHASE 2

Report No 19-114

This item informed Council of recent announcements made by the Minister for the Environment on Resource Management reform, and options for Council to engage in the review process. Dr Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation) and Ms Tayler (Manager Policy & Strategy) introduced the item, responded to Members' concerns about the ability for a regional council to review consent conditions, and provided clarity around the implementation timeframes for Phase 1.

SP 19-158 **Moved** **Keedwell/Sheldon**

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-114 and Annex.*
- b. *directs the Chief Executive to prepare a letter for the Chair to provide feedback to the Minister for the Environment on the Terms of Reference for phase 2 of the resource management reforms.*

CARRIED

CATCHMENT PLANNING UPDATE

Report No 19-115

This item updated Members on progress with *Our Freshwater Future*. Dr Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation) took the paper as read. The Chief Executive and Dr Peet responded to Members comments and concerns around the challenges and difficulties associated with co-governance arrangements with iwi, and the considerable implementation costs imposed on local government to implementing central government decisions.

SP 19-159 **Moved** **Keedwell/Naylor**

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 19-115.*

CARRIED

PROPOSED RESPONSE TO PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION DRAFT FINDINGS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND FINANCING

Report No 19-116

This item provided Council with an overview of the New Zealand Productivity Commission's (the Commission) findings in their recent draft report on their inquiry into Local Government Funding and Financing, and a draft submission to provide feedback on the draft report. Ms Jansen (Senior Consents Planner) summarised the findings, identified four key areas where alternative funding options may be needed, and referred to the draft submission at Annex A to address chapter five. Members discussed the findings, asked questions of clarification, and provided feedback and suggestions on the submission.

