

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.



CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

SP 19-154 Moved McKellar/Rieger

That the Committee:

confirms the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting held on 12 June 2019 as a correct record, and notes that the recommendations were adopted by the Council on 25 June 2019.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Chair's Report

The Chair presented his report and updated Members on his attendance at the Dark Sky Forum held at the Mackenzie District Council from 21-22 June 2019.

Councillors' Reports

Councillors commented on their attendance at various events.

COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES AND REIMBURSEMENTS POLICY REVIEW

Report No 19-111

This report presented to Members, a change to the mileage allowance in the *Councillors' Allowances and Reimbursements Policy* (the Policy) following the release of the Local Government Members (2019/20) (Local Authorities) Determination 2019 (the Determination). Mr Grant (Group Manager Corporate & Governance) outlined the changes to the mileage allowance and clarified Members' questions.

SP 19-155 Moved Rieger/Sheldon

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-111 and Annex.
- b. endorses, without amendment, the Allowances and Reimbursements Policy outlined at Annex A;
- c. authorises the Chief Executive to make communication allowance payments to elected members immediately following the declaration of election results as outlined in section 9 of the Allowances and Reimbursements Policy (attached at Annex A). It is noted that this payment will be pro-rated from 1 July 2019 to the day after the election results are publicly notified for retiring members. Returning members will be paid from 1 July 2019 30 June 2020. New members will be pro-rated from the day after the election results are publicly notified to 30 June 2020.

CARRIED



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 Tayler (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.
- 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.



SP 19-160 Moved Naylor/Cotton

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-116 and Annexes.
- b. supports the submission from Local Government New Zealand with regard to Chapter Five.
- c. authorises the Chief Executive to finalise the submission on behalf of the Council.

CARRIED

Resignation - Cr Colleen Sheldon

Cr Sheldon advised Members of her resignation from Council. She had accepted an appointment as Whanganui and Partners' Agribusiness Strategic Leader. The Chair thanked Cr Sheldon for her representation of the Horowhenua Constituency. On behalf of the Horowhenua community, Cr Burnell thanked Cr Sheldon for her support and representation.

The meeting adjourned at 12.02pm.

The meeting reconvened at 12.05pm.

WORLD BUSINESS FORUM - MAY 2019

Report No 19-117

The Chief Executive spoke to a presentation on his attendance at the World Business Forum 2019.

SP 19-161 Moved Gordon/Rieger

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the presentation from the Chief Executive.

CARRIED

EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY

There was an extraordinary vacancy due to the resignation of Cr Colleen Sheldon.

SP 19-162 Moved Gordon/Keedwell

That the Council agrees that the extraordinary vacancy is not filled.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 12.28pm.	
Confirmed	
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	CHAIR