

Council Briefing Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 5 November, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chamber
Forum North, Rust Avenue
Whangarei

In Attendance

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai
(Chairperson)
Cr Gavin Benney
Cr Vince Cocurullo
Cr Nicholas Connop
Cr Ken Couper
Cr Tricia Cutforth
Cr Shelley Deeming
Cr Jayne Golightly
Cr Phil Halse
Cr Greg Innes
Cr Greg Martin
Cr Anna Murphy
Cr Carol Peters
Cr Simon Reid

Scribe N Pestana (Team Leader Democracy)

The briefing commenced at 9.00am.

- 1. Apologies**
Cr Couper for late arrival.

- 2. Reports**

- 2.1 2019 Elected Member Briefing**

The briefing provided an opportunity for elected members to be advised of the key issues facing each group of council as background/context. Elected members were advised that the focus of the session was for them to start to identify their priorities.

Bruce Robertson facilitated the briefing.

Councils Strategic Leadership Team spoke to the presentation and briefly listed the top issues and projects for each functional area of council.

Elected members were divided into groups and each elected member identified their top five priorities for the term, resulting in up to twenty priorities in total for a group of four councillors. Each group then had to prioritise their top three using the criteria provided below.

The results were as follows:

Priorities – Group 1

- Rural and urban roads
- Other infrastructure and planning
- City Core development

Additional priority – expanding sports hubs

Priorities – Group 2

- Housing, particularly emergency housing, focus on affordable housing and pensioner housing
- City core open space – connections, attractiveness
- Waste minimisation – improve levels of service for litter control, prevent littering and composting)

Additional priority – roading improvements and cycleways

Priorities – Group 3

- Higher standards for rural roads
- Revitalisation of central area (link across Dent Street from core precinct to waterfront)
- Strengthening community sports hubs in rural and coastal areas (provide gathering places)

Additional priority – Influencing government reform (three waters, RMA, spatial growth)

Priorities – Group 4

- Public transport
- Theatre facility delivered
- Dent Street / Walton Street accessibility (city core)

Additional priority – pensioner housing

A complete list of priorities and projects identified has been recorded separately to these minutes.

Elected members applied the following criteria to rank the identified priorities:

- Focus on core assets
- Fit for the future
- Making the district better
- Does it fit the vision of a vibrant, attractive and thriving district?
- Do we need to do it or is it discretionary?

The priorities were ranked as follows:

1. Roads
2. Central Core
3. Housing and public transport (tied)
4. Waste minimisation

Alan Adcock (General Manager Corporate Services) spoke to the presentation and provided an overview of the financial position of council.

Bruce Robertson advised that the outcomes of this session would be further reflected on at the elected member retreat.

3. Closure of Meeting

The briefing concluded at 12.29pm.