

Council Briefing Minutes

Date: Thursday, 3 September, 2020
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 Carol Peters
Cr Simon Reid

Not in Attendance Cr Anna Murphy

Scribe N. Pestana (Team Leader Democracy)

1. Apologies

Cr Anna Murphy.

The briefing commenced at 9.00am and was facilitated by Her Worship the Mayor. Andre Hemara (Māori Liaison Officer) opened the briefing with a karakia followed by mihi whakatau and response from Gilbert Paki, Ani Pitman and Julianne Chetham of the Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board.

2. Reports

2.1 Draft Mana Wakahono a Rohe Agreement with Patuharakeke Iwi Trust Board

Melissa McGrath (Manager District Plan) covered the content of the briefing as outlined in the agenda and presentation.

Patuharakeke Iwi Trust Board ('PTB') outlined the extent of their rohe in the Bream Bay ward.

Elected member feedback / discussion

- *What effect would RMA reform have on the agreement?* Review of the agreement, if required, would follow the process outlined in the review clauses of the agreement. However, the Resource Management Act ('RMA') makes provision for both Mana Wakahono a Rohe ('WMAR') agreements and Hapū Environmental Management Plans (HEMPs) and this is not set to be changed by the reform of the RMA.
- *Does this agreement affect other hapū in the area and should they be consulted?* There is nothing in the agreement to preclude other hapū. There is a clause in the agreement providing for working collectively with others. This is a template that can be used if other hapū approach council to conclude MWAR agreements with council.
- *Would having this agreement cause any delays to a plan change or resource consent process?* The agreement provides for consultation with PTB on a proposed plan change at the earliest opportunity to allow for input from PTB. Council still writes the Section 42A report and Independent Commissioners make the decision. The clauses on Cultural Impact Assessments ('CIA's') are a little complicated and collective CIA's can get tricky, but it is not uncommon to have multiple CIA's.
- *Councillors raised concerns about what impact entering into this agreement would have on the relationship with Te Huinga and Te Kārearea and budget implications.* Dominic Kula (General Manager Strategy and Democracy) advised that this issue is being worked through with Te Huinga and the Te Kārearea working group, not just for PTB but for other hapū who want to provide input into these processes as well.
- *Where does this sit in relation to Te Huinga and Te Kārearea standing committee?* Te Huinga is made up of individual hapū bringing their mahi to that forum. Patuharakeke are members of Te Huinga, when they sit with Te Huinga. Te Huinga has more of a general Whangarei kaupapa whereas this is about Patuharakeke Iwi specific kaupapa and bringing this kaupapa to plan change processes.

Next steps

Staff will consider elected member feedback, finalise the MWAR and co-ordinate the official signing of the agreement.

2.2 2021 - 31 Long Term Plan Levels of Service

Dominic Kula (General Manager Strategy and Democracy) covered the content of the briefing as outlined in the agenda and presentation.

Elected member feedback / discussion

- *There should be a level of service for weeds and pest control in wider open spaces. There is a correlation between levels of service and funding, if we have a level of service there needs to be funding to support that level of service.*
- *Levels of service for transport should be considered further.*
- *There was support for output focused measures.*
- *Is the change to levels of service for responses to LGOIMA requests consistent with other Councils? 95% is more achievable as some LGOIMA requests are complex.*

2.3 2021 - 31 Long Term Plan Community Outcomes

Tony Horton (Manager Strategy) covered the content of the briefing as outlined in the agenda and presentation.

Elected member feedback / discussion

- *Support was shown for Option 2 (minor changes to the community outcomes to align to legislative changes / priorities), with some minor amendments to the proposed wording. A total review of the community outcomes was not supported.*

Next steps

Staff will consider elected member feedback and work on revised wording of option 2 to being back to elected members.

2.4 Review of the Significance and Engagement Policy 2020

Tracey Schiebli (Manager Democracy and Assurance) covered the content of the briefing as outlined in the agenda and presentation.

Elected member feedback / discussion

- *Engaging our communities – language should be simplified, and examples of triggers could be included.*
- *Strategic assets – the name of the stadium could change in 10 years, should be aware of this as this is a long term document.*
- *Strategic assets – waters - this could change in the future.*
- *Strategic assets - is this list comprehensive enough?*
- *Strategic assets - cycleways and shared paths should be included in list of strategic assets.*
- *Strategic assets – transportation - should specifically state roading network.*

- *Readability could be improved and refreshed to show Council's current state of mind.*
- *Should incorporate a cultural values statement and Tangata Whenua statement.*
- *It needs to be clear from a visual perspective.*
- *Social media does not generate a lot of collaboration.*
- *A full review was not supported but should take the policy to our Advisory Committees.*

Next steps

Staff will consider elected member feedback and bring a revised and refreshed policy back to elected members.

3. Closure of Briefing

The briefing concluded at 11.54am.