

## **Council Briefing Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, 25 November, 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 Anna Murphy  
Cr Carol Peters  
Cr Simon Reid

**Scribe** N. Pestana (Team Leader Democracy)

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The briefing commenced at 9.10am and was facilitated by Her Worship the Mayor.

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**2. Reports**

**2.1 Key issues for Consultation – Draft LTP 2021 – 2031**

The purpose of the briefing is to present the proposed key dates and consultation activities for the Long Term Plan (LTP) 2021 -2031.

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

### **Elected member discussion / feedback**

- *Housing - There was discussion on housing not being a prioritised item in the budget.*
- *Theatre options – the public should have a choice of more than one option for the theatre.*
- *Three Waters, Future Airports should be included in the Consultation Document for discussion.*
- *Hihiaua should be included in the budget, a small capital investment will provide the means to drive this further.*
- *Sealing of rural roads was supported, this is both a health and an access issue.*
- *Key issues for the consultation document – Covid 19 catch up, resilience is an important aspect.*
- *City Centre revitalisation – we should paint a bigger picture in the Consultation Document e.g. include the property portfolio, urban design and the inner-city living work that's going on. This will reflect a positive position about the fact that we are approaching things in different ways.*
- *Our district is growing over the next 30 years and we need to be thinking about resilience of our infrastructure to accommodate this growth.*
- *For key priorities that we set, we should state what we have done with those and how we are going to proceed.*
- *Should include a list of all Councils policies, plans and strategies that which inform our decisions.*
- *Some elected members raised concerns about the amount budgeted for the animal shelter.*

Jane Ashley (Manager Communications) covered the Consultation and Engagement Programme.

### **Elected Member discussion / feedback**

- *We should be going to the A&P Show.*
- *What form can people make submissions in? Jane Ashley advised submissions can be made verbally, online or by post, the feedback is considered as a submission and people can say whether they want to speak or not.*
- *We need to use the Leader and get it out to the communities e.g. outside libraries and supermarkets*
- *Resident and Ratepayer groups – very few and the same people make submissions. There are other neighbourhood groups where people connect in different ways, we should collaborate with these groups as well as traditional R&R groups.*
- *Resident and Ratepayer meetings in rural and coastal areas are usually well attended. Councillors have been alerting them that engagement is coming up.*

*In these areas, the meeting location is important e.g. the hall or schools. Councillors should have input into where these meetings are going to be held.*

- *The Whanau Day is a good idea as long as it doesn't clash with Whanau at the Falls.*
- *Schools, teachers and large work places are good places to engage with people.*
- *Elected members raised concerns about the short timeframe for consultation.*  
Jane Ashley advised that the timeframe for consultation is based on what communities are used to and what we stand to deliver. Dominic Kula advised that it is a massive process to consider, compile and deliberate on community views and then go through audit.
- *The approach to this LTP has been compressed because previously we had early consultation. We have had submissions to the Annual Plan which will feed into the LTP and is in itself a form of consultation.*
- *What role to elected members play?* Jane Ashley advised that Councillor attendance at meetings is crucial.
- *What about communication with businesses?* Jane Ashley advised that staff are working with the District Development team and using their channels.

### **3. Closure of Meeting**

The briefing closed at 10.42am.