

Risk and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 9 December, 2020

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Council Chamber

Forum North, Rust Avenue

Whangarei

In Attendance John Isles (Chairperson)

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai

Cr Vince Cocurullo Cr Nicholas Connop Cr Ken Couper Cr Tricia Cutforth Cr Shelley Deeming

Cr Phil Halse
Cr Greg Innes
Cr Greg Martin
Cr Anna Murphy
Cr Carol Peters
Cr Simon Reid

Not In Attendance Cr Gavin Benney

Cr Jayne Golightly

Also present Carl Wessels (Audit New Zealand)

Richard Harrison (AON Insurance)
Mathew Wilson (AON Insurance)

Scribe C Brindle (Senior Democracy Adviser)

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. Apologies

Crs Gavin Benney and Jayne Golightly (absent)
Crs Tricia Cutforth, Greg Martin, Anna Murphy and Simon Reid (late arrival)

Moved By Cr Vince Cocurullo Seconded By Cr Shelley Deeming

That the apologies be sustained.

Carried

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Risk and Audit Committee Meeting

3.1 Minutes Risk and Audit Committee Meeting held Wednesday 23 September 2020

Moved By Cr Vince Cocurullo Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That the minutes of the Risk and Audit Committee meeting held on Wednesday 23 September 2020, including the confidential section, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.

Carried.

4. Information Reports

4.1 Financial Management Activity Update Report – December 2020

Moved By Cr Shelley Deeming **Seconded By** Cr Vince Cocurullo

That the Risk and Audit Committee notes the financial management activity in relation to risk and audit matters.

Carried

Cr Reid joined the meeting at 1.09pm during discussions on Item 4.1.

4.2 AON Insurance Update

Moved By John Isles Seconded By Cr Vince Cocurullo

That the Risk and Audit Committee notes the report.

Carried.

4.3 Health and Safety Report

Moved By Cr Greg Innes Seconded By Cr Shelley Deeming

That the Risk and Audit Committee notes the health and safety report.

Carried

4.4 Audit NZ - Verbal Update Report

Moved By Cr Shelley Deeming Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That the Risk and Audit Committee notes the report from the external auditors.

Carried

Cr Murphy (2.04pm) and Cr Cutforth (2.05pm) joined the meeting during discussions on Item 4.4.

4.5 Audit NZ - LTP Engagement Letter

Moved By Her Worship the Mayor **Seconded By** Cr Vince Cocurullo

That the Risk and Audit Committee notes the Long Term Plan Audit Engagement Letter.

Carried

Item 4.9 was taken after Item 4.5.

4.6 Risk Report

Moved By Cr Nicholas Connop **Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

That the Risk and Audit Committee notes the report.

Carried

4.7 Policy Status Report

Moved By Cr Nicholas Connop Seconded By Cr Anna Murphy

That the Risk and Audit Committee notes the policy status report for December 2020.

Carried

4.8 Variations to Procurement Process Report

Moved By Cr Ken Couper Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That the Risk and Audit Committee notes the variations to procurement process report.

Carried

Cr Halse requested his vote against be recorded.

Extra ordinary business

Subsequent to the agenda being circulated Item 4.9 – final Audit NZ Report at 30 June 2020 was distributed separately but not within the timeframe specified in LGOIMA. Council's Standing Orders (9.12) require a council resolution to deal with items of business that cannot be delayed.

The item was not included on the agenda for the reason that the report had not been received from Audit NZ at the time of the agenda closure.

The Committee are asked to consider Item 4.9 at today's meeting rather than delay to the next scheduled Risk and Audit Committee meeting which is some time away on 24 March 2021.

Moved By Cr Greg Innes Seconded By Cr Vince Cocurullo That council consider Item 4.9 Final Audit NZ Report at 30 June 2020 at this meeting.

Carried

4.9 Final Audit NZ Report at 30 June 2020

Moved By Cr Ken Couper Seconded By Cr Vince Cocurullo

That the Risk and Audit Committee

- a) Notes the Final Audit Management Report issued by Audit NZ for the 2109/20 Financial Year.
- b) Notes the recommendations raised by Audit NZ.

Carried

Cr Martin joined the meeting at 2.28pm during discussions on Item 4.9.

5. Public Excluded Business

Moved By Cr Shelley Deeming Seconded By Cr Vince Cocurullo

That the public be excluded from the following parts of proceedings of this meeting. The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution
1.1	Confidential Minutes Whangarei District Council Meeting 23 September 2020	Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
1.3	ICT Risks Report		

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, are as follows:

Item	Grounds	Section
1.1	For the reasons as stated in the open minutes	
1.4	To prevent the disclosure or use of official	Section 7(2)(j)

information for improper gain or advantage	

Carried

6. Closure of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 3.09pm

Confirmed this 24th day of March 2021

John Isles (Chairperson)