

Whangarei District Council Meeting

Agenda

Date: Tuesday, 13 April, 2021
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Council Chamber
Forum North, Rust Avenue
Whangarei
Elected Members: 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

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1. Karakia/Prayer
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Apologies
4. Decision Reports
- 4.1. Long Term Plan 2021-24 Public Submissions, Hearings and Associated Statements of Proposals 1
5. Closure of Meeting

Recommendations contained in the Council agenda may not be the final decision of Council.

Please refer to Council minutes for final resolution.

4.1 Submissions and hearings for the Long Term Plan 2021-2031, Consultations alongside the Long Term Plan and 2021-2022 Fees and Charges

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Reporting officer: Dominic Kula (General Manager Strategy and Democracy)
 Emily Thompson (Manager – Democracy and Assurance)

1 Purpose

To receive and/or hear the submissions to the draft 2021-2031 Long Term Plan and concurrent consultations.

2 Recommendations

That Council;

1. Receive and hear the submissions relating to the Consultation Document for the 2021 - 2031 Long Term Plan, consultations alongside the Long Term Plan and 2021-2022 Fees and Charges; and
2. That any submissions identified as being received after the close of the submission period (prior to the closure of this meeting), be accepted for consideration by Council.

3 Background

On 25th February 2021, Council adopted for consultation the following document which are subject to the Special Consultative Procedure process under the Local Government Act 2002:

- 2021-2031 Long Term Plan Consultation Document
- Statement of Proposal and draft rates remission and postponement policy
- Statement of proposal and draft revenue and financing policy
- Statement of proposal and draft development contributions policy
- Statement of proposal and fees and charges 2021-2024

These documents have been available to the community for consultation between 1st March to 1st April 2021 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

4 Discussion

2969 submissions received from members of the public, organisations, groups and businesses. 150 submitters have confirmed that they wish to speak to their submission in the hearing.

Copies of all submissions, including those to be heard before Council, have been circulated and provided in full under a separate cover to this report.

Of all of the submissions received eight were either duplicates, withdrawals or had indiscernible handwriting.

Bulk submissions

Included in the total number of submissions received three bulk submissions relating to a single topic.

Bulk submissions are when the same submission has been submitted by multiple people or groups.

Topic	No. Of Submissions
Submission on Cat control in the district	1008
Ruakaka Community Centre	970
Beach Road Onerahi	148

Petitions

No petitions were received.

Concurrent consultations

Submission on the concurrent consultation documents were also received. These submissions have been indexed in concurrent consultation volume (under separate cover).

Consultation	Submissions Received
Fees and charges 2021-22 Revenue Financing Policy	7
Concurrent Consultations: Statement of proposal on rates remission and postponement policy & early payment of rates policy Statement of proposal on revenue and financing policy Statement of proposal on development contribution policy	10

Late or unaccounted for submissions will be provided as a separate volume prior to the meeting.

5 Significance and engagement

5.1 Significance

Having considered the Significance and Engagement Policy, hearing submissions for the 2021-31 Long Term Plan is considered a step in the process that could result in potentially

significant decisions. Potentially significant decisions were included in the Consultation Document for the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.

5.2 Engagement

Council must use the special consultative procedure when adopting a Long Term Plan. The Local Government Act 2002 has removed the requirement of mandatory formal hearings. Instead it retains a requirement to ensure any person has an opportunity to present their views verbally to appropriately delegated representatives of Council.

Having considered the provisions and intent of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, it is proposed that formal hearing sessions be made available for any submitter that chooses to speak to their submission. This approach remains familiar to and expected by the community. As such is an appropriate form of engagement.

Council held 15 public meetings around the District, as well as a Long Term Plan Engagement hui with Nga Hapū o Whangārei at Terenga Parāoa Marae. One of these meetings (held at Forum North) was livestreamed to Facebook and also included a sign language interpreter.

A total of 325 people attended at least one public meeting. Council also hosted a 'Family Fun Day' event. The event provided a range of free activities for kids, while giving families an opportunity to learn more about the future of our District via conversations with staff and elected members, and to make submissions.

The event was very well attended with an estimated crowd of just over 3000 people.

6 Attachments

Under separate cover – available on council's website

1. Submissions Volumes 1 – 11
2. Submissions Cats Volumes 1 – 10
3. Submissions Beach Road, Onerahi Volumes 1 & 2
4. Submissions Ruakaka Recreation Centre Volumes 1 & 2

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

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:

1.	The making available of information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of persons who are the subject of the information. {Section 7(2)(c)}
2.	To enable the council (the committee) to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial negotiations. {(Section 7(2)(i))}.
3.	To protect the privacy of natural persons. {Section 7(2)(a)}.
4.	Publicity prior to successful prosecution of the individuals named would be contrary to the laws of natural justice and may constitute contempt of court. {Section 48(1)(b)}.
5.	To protect information which is the subject to an obligation of confidence, the publication of such information would be likely to prejudice the supply of information from the same source and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied. {Section 7(2)(c)(i)}.
6.	In order to maintain legal professional privilege. {Section 2(g)}.
7.	To enable the council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations {Section 7(2)(i)}.

Resolution to allow members of the public to remain

If the council/committee wishes members of the public to remain during discussion of confidential items the following additional recommendation will need to be passed:

Move/Second

"That _____ be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of his/her/their knowledge of Item _____.

This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because _____.

Note:

Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public.