

Council Briefing Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 17 October, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Council Chamber

Forum North, Rust Avenue

Whangarei

In Attendance

**Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai
(Chairperson)**

Cr Crichton Christie

Cr Vince Cocurullo

Cr Tricia Cutforth

Cr Shelley Deeming

Cr Sue Glen

Cr Phil Halse

Cr Cherry Hermon

Cr Greg Innes

Cr Greg Martin

Cr Sharon Morgan

Cr Anna Murphy

Not in Attendance

Cr Stu Bell

Also in attendance: Simon Weston (General Manager - Infrastructure), Jill McPherson (General Manager- Strategy and Democracy), Sandra Boardman (General Manager – Community), Alan Adcock (General Manager - Corporate), Dominic Kula (Manager - Infrastructure Development), Jason Marris (Manager – Democracy and Assurance), Tony Horton (Manager - Strategy), Nicolene Pestana (Democracy Advisor), Hsi-en Soo (Democracy Advisor).

Her Worship the Mayor convened the briefing at 9.01am. The Elected Members received an updated LTP Schedule.

1. Apologies

Cr Stu Bell.

2. Reports

Tony Horton led the presentation.

2.1 LTP Activity Profiles

Overview

- Activity profiles provide a basis for draft content of the LTP 2018-28.
- Each profile represents a function of WDC and contains the following:
 - The purpose and strategic fit – what each profile does and the strategic importance of the profile to the district.
 - Contribution to community outcomes
 - Levels of service and performance measures - what each outcome group seeks to achieve over the 10 years of the LTP and how this will be measured.
 - Funding impact statement – outlines the sources and applications of operational and capital funding.

LTP Activity Profiles

- Transport
 - Core Service.
 - New measure included in the LTP 2018-28.

Elected member's comments and questions

- *There is no measure for cycling and foot paths? These are currently being measured by the public's satisfaction with foot and cycle paths. Accidents are not measured as the recording of incidents are not always recorded.*
- *There must be accessible transport options and maps to be clear to the community where the responsibility for public transport lies and what are WDC assets.*

- Water
 - Core Service.
 - Change to Level of Service.

Elected member's comments and questions

- Our network provides for this level of service in the current LTP, WDC only provides service for residents on the reticulation network which is 80% of the district.
- *Reticulated areas should be specified.*
- *A further performance measure should be added to retain water quality and treat it to a high standard. We have a responsibility to have a measure for the quality of water we are providing.*

- Stormwater
 - Core Service.

- Change to Level of Service.

Elected member's comments and questions

- *Levels of service are very traditional, would like there to a bit more innovation especially for stormwater.*

- Wastewater

- Core Service.
- Change to Level of Service.

Elected member's comments and questions

- *Number of public toilets should be increased.*
- *Wastewater is not provided across the district.*

- Flood Control

- Hikurangi Swamp Scheme

Elected member's comments and questions

- *Need to measure both the catchment and the swamp area.*

- Community Services and Facilities

- Change to performance measures (sports parks, parks)

Elected member's comments and questions

- *Levels of Service for environmental impact have been taken out, this is concerning.* Tony advised this is still being clarified. The measures are in the current LTP. There are no changes to the LOS or performance measures. This briefing is to go through the changes to the performance measures. The current performance measures are still in.
- Council is going to embark on a strategy process where parks and sports fields will be reconsidered. This strategy will fall outside of the LTP.

- District planning and regulatory services

Elected member's comments and questions

- *Compliance should be bought in as a performance mechanism because we need to report to central government.*
- *Council must be open to applications for resource consents and must not be too restrictive.*

- District Governance and Strategy

- New profile group.
- New measures included in the LTP 2018-28.

Elected member's comments and questions

- Economic development has been recognised as a leadership activity which is why it has gone into strategy and democracy. There are existing and new measures in the LTP for Economic development.
- Solid Waste
- Levels of service currently being developed following the adoption of the Waste Minimisation Plan.

2.2 Additional Projects and Service Levels for consideration for inclusion in the Long Term Plan 2018-28

Jill McPherson led the presentation to provide feedback on the earlier prioritisation exercise.

- Still work to do to obtain a balanced budget. With the modelled budget, the debt is too high at the end of the ten years and the Opex is too high in the early years.
- The budget and associated documents will be reviewed with the Elected Member's in October and November.

Elected member's comments and questions

- *Will the draft plan have all the funding allocated and will requests from the community be allowed to be considered or is the LTP budget at full capacity?*
Council must be prepared as in previous years, if something goes in, something comes out as debt goes up, rates go up.
- *Core infrastructure and asset management is always top priority, then some community projects follow.*
- What is critical is that projects already started must be completed.

Comments by Elected Members on new requests

- *Additional Hydrotherapy Rehabilitation pool should be in.*
- *Floodgates, civil defence equipment should be in.*
- *Stands at Toll Stadium should be in.*
- *Safety improvements to roading and signage at Parua Bay should be in.*
- *Housing for the aged should be in.*
- *Tutukaka car and boat trailer parking should be in.*
- *Sestercentennial event should be considered. This is a big national event and is a good opportunity for the district to be on an international stage.*
- *Additional safety compliance checks of coastal structures should be considered as we do not want any liabilities.*

3. Closure of Meeting

Her Worship the Mayor concluded the briefing at 10.45am.