

Council Briefing Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 26 September, 2018
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber
Forum North, Rust Avenue
Whangarei

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| In Attendance | Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson) |
| | Cr Stu Bell |
| | Cr Gavin Benney |
| | Cr Vince Cocurullo |
| | Cr Sue Glen |
| | Cr Phil Halse |
| | Cr Cherry Hermon |
| | Cr Greg Innes |
| | Cr Sharon Morgan |
| | Cr Anna Murphy |
| Not in Attendance | Cr Crichton Christie |
| | Cr Tricia Cutforth |
| | Cr Shelley Deeming |
| | Cr Greg Martin |

The workshop convened at 2.35pm and was facilitated by Her Worship the Mayor.

1. Apologies

Cr Cutforth - Leave of Absence
Cr's Christie, Martin and Deeming – absent

2. Reports

2.1 Whangarei District Council Smoke Free Policy

Tony Horton provided the background and went through the presentation on the draft Whangarei District Smoke Free Policy with the elected members. Key issues to be discussed with Elected Members is whether to include vaping in the policy and whether to include beaches in the district.

Discussion and feedback

- The Elected Members showed support for this policy but felt that there should be a strong educational programme to accompany the policy and the policy must align with other strategies such as the Al Fresco Dining Policy.
- There was consensus that vaping should be included in the policy but more information on vaping was requested.
- Tony confirmed that signs would be erected and the message would be consistently reinforced.
- There were mixed views on whether public beaches should be included.
- Tony confirmed that the policy can only be enforced on council owned properties and events as it is a non-statutory policy.

Bridget Rowse from the Northland District Health Board provided a presentation and two videos on various activities that have been undertaken to date for example consultation by way of online and in-person surveys, signage and the Fresh Air Project.

Feedback from the Elected Members was positive and the policy will progress to the October Council meeting for adoption.

3. Closure of Meeting

The briefing concluded at 15.19pm.