



**Minutes of the
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL
held in the Council Chambers and via Zoom, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2021 commencing at 11.30 am**

Present in the Council Chambers

The Mayor J C Leggett (in the Chair), Cllrs J L Andrews, C J Brooks, J D N Croad, B A Faulls, M J Fitzpatrick, G A Hope, F D Maher, M A Peters, T P Sowman and N P Taylor.

Present via Zoom

Cllr J A Arbuckle.

In Attendance in the Council Chambers

Mr M S Wheeler (Chief Executive), Mr M F Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer) and Mr M J Porter (Democratic Services Manager).

Karakia

The meeting opened with a karakia.

The Mayor welcomed all to the meeting, whether present in the Council Chambers or via Audio Visual link (Zoom) as per Standing Orders and the *COVID-19 Response (Urgent Management Measures) Legislation Act 2020*. The Mayor also advised the meeting was being recorded and that a link to the recording would be loaded to Council's website as soon as practicable following the meeting in accordance with the *COVID-19 Response (Urgent Management Measures) Legislation Act 2020*.

Apologies

The Mayor/Cllr Croad:

That the apologies for absence from Cllrs D D Oddie (at the Aquaculture Hearings on behalf of Council) and B G Dawson be received and sustained.

Carried

Cncl-1121-127 Declaration of Interests

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Members were reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

Cncl-1121-128 Annual Report 2020-21

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Members noted that the purpose of the report was to adopt the Annual Report for the Marlborough District Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Mr Fletcher reported that the Annual Report reports the performance of Council against non-financial performance targets and financial forecasts.

Members noted the circulated letter from Mr Ian Marshall (Chairperson of the Audit & Risk Sub-Committee) confirming the 2020-21 Annual Report had been reviewed by the Audit & Risk Sub-Committee and had been audited by Audit New Zealand and therefore recommended that Council adopt the 2020-21 Annual Report

Members of the Audit & Risk Sub-Committee advised that at the Sub-Committee meeting held earlier that morning that they had met with Rehan Badar, Audit Director, and received an explanation of the audit process and the issues that needed to be worked through during the audit. Rehan also advised that the audit had progressed smoothly.

Members of the Audit & Risk Sub-Committee recommended that the Mayor and Chief Executive sign the proposed letters of Representation for the 2020-21 Annual Report and that Council adopt the 2020-21 Annual Report as presented without alteration, together with the Auditor's unmodified opinion.

Members acknowledged the considerable effort by the Finance team and other Council staff involved in the process.

The Mayor/Clr Hope:

That Marlborough District Council's Final Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 be adopted subject to receiving the relevant Audit Opinions.

Carried

Following that resolution Mr Fletcher advised that an unmodified audit opinion had been received from Audit New Zealand.

The Mayor/Clr Taylor:

That the unmodified Audit Opinion of Audit New Zealand be received.

Carried

The meeting closed at 11.58 am.

Confirmed this 9th day of December 2021

J C LEGGETT
MAYOR

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