



**Minutes of the
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2022 commencing at 3.00 pm**

Present

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

In Attendance

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

Karakia

The meeting opened with a karakia.

The Mayor welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies

The Mayor/Cllr Arbuckle:

That the apologies for absence from Cllrs C J Brooks and G A Hope be received and sustained.

Carried

Cncl-1022-122 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-1022-123 Better Off Funding

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Members noted that the purpose of the report was to seek Council approval to apply to the Crown (through the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) and Crown Infrastructure Partners Limited (CIP)) for Tranche 1 Three Waters Better Off Funding projects.

Staff reported that the Government announced the provision of Three Waters Better Off Funding support in July 2021. The funding is described by DIA as "an investment by the Crown into the future for local government and community wellbeing; and in recognition of the significance to the local government sector (and the communities they serve) of the transfer of responsibility for water service delivery. The use of this funding supports Councils to transition to their new role post-reform through meeting some or all of the criteria, as laid out in the Heads of Agreement. Council's allocation from the total national package is \$23.04 Million with \$5.76 Million available from Tranche 1 and the balance from Tranche 2.

Staff further reported that the August Storm event has diverted senior staff from finalising the report to Council and final iwi engagement process. DIA approached Council and agreed to an extension of time from 30 September to 30 November 2022 to enable final applications to be properly lodged and final iwi engagement to be concluded.

Members discussed the proposal and were generally in favour. Cllr Arbuckle argued that the decision should be left to the new Council, however, the majority were not of that opinion.

The Mayor/Cllr Fitzpatrick:

- 1. That Council approves the Schedule of Tranche 1 Better Off Funding project applications to the value of \$5,760,000 as scheduled below, subject to completing engagement with iwi:**

Tranche One Proposals approved by Council in the 2022/23 Annual Plan

Giving effect to the National Policy Statement on Freshwater management (NPSFM)	\$375,000
Giving effect to Te Mana o te Wai	\$650,000
Rezoning Variations to the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan (PMEP)	\$300,000
River Flood Protection and Climate Change Enhancement	\$350,000
Emergency Management Response	\$475,000
Total	<u>\$2,150,000</u>

Additional Proposals

Proposal	Tranche One Funding		Combined Score
Marlborough Sounds Long Term Recovery plan	\$210,000		16
Solar Panels Library Building	\$250,000		13.5
Upgrade Lights (LED) - Lansdowne Park	\$100,000	*	12.5
Wairau River Aquifer Recharge Enhancement Study	\$220,000		12.5
Capacity Building (Cadetship Proposal)	\$300,000		12
Nelson Square (Waitohi) redevelopment	\$200,000	*	12
Cultural Competency	\$170,000		12
Identify Iwi requirements for geospatial data and build digital tools	\$200,000	*	11.5
Air Quality Monitoring Picton	\$330,000		11.5
Wairau River Regional park	\$100,000		11.5
Heritage Centre Investigation	\$120,000		11.5
Tracks and Pathways (Improving accessibility)	\$150,000	*	11
Technology and Innovation Hub	\$460,000		11
Water Allocation and Accounting database	\$800,000		11
<u>Upgrade Lights (LED) - Other Sports Parks (5)</u>	<u>\$45,000</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>10.5</u>
<u>Acceleration of Reserve Management Plan Review</u>	<u>\$715,000</u>		<u>10.5</u>
Total Additional Proposals	<u>\$4,370,000</u>		
Total of Tranche 1I Proposals	<u>\$6,520,000</u>		
Available (refer slide 5)	\$5,760,000		
Shortfall	\$760,000		

* Investigation and Design to be followed by Tranche 2 implementation

2. That Council delegates final approval to lodge applications or make amendments following completion of iwi engagement to the Mayor and Chief Executive.

Carried

NB: Cllr Arbuckle requested that his vote against the above motion be recorded

Cncl-1022-124 Decision to Conduct Business with the Public Excluded

The Mayor/Clr Fitzpatrick:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- Approval of Legal Agreements
- Relationship Agreement

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 the passing of this resolution
Approval of Legal Agreements Relationship Agreement	To enable the Council, as holder of the information, to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) as provided for under Section 7(2)(i).	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under Section 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Carried

The meeting closed at 4.00 pm.

Confirmed this 27th day of October 2022

N P TAYLOR
MAYOR

M S WHEELER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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