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DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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Ask For: Mike Porter

Notice of Council Meeting – Thursday, 29 June 2023

Notice of the Council Meeting to be held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim on Thursday, 29 June 2023 to commence at 9.00 am.

BUSINESS

As per Order Paper attached.

**MARK WHEELER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**



**Order Paper for the
COUNCIL MEETING
to be held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on THURSDAY, 29 JUNE 2023 commencing at 9.00 am**

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1. Karakia

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa
E te Atua tō mātou Kai-hanga,
ka tiāho te maramatanga me te ora, i āu kupu kōrero,
ka tīmata āu mahi, ka mau te tika me te aroha;
meatia kia ū tonu ki a mātou
tōu aroha i roto i tēnei huihuinga.
Whakakī a matou whakaaro ā mātou mahi katoa,
e tōu Wairua Tapu.
Āmine.

(God our Creator,
when you speak there is light and life,
when you act there is justice and love;
grant that your love may be present in our meeting.
So that what we say and what we do may be filled with your Holy Spirit.
Amen.)

2. Apologies

3. Declaration of Interests

Members are 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.

4. Minutes

- 4.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 May 2023
(Minute Nos. Cncl-0523-362 to Cncl-0523-371)



**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Marlborough District Council
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on THURSDAY 18 MAY 2023 commencing at 9.00 am**

Present

The Mayor N P Taylor (in the Chair), Cllrs S R W Adams, J A Arbuckle, S J Arbuckle, A R Burgess, J D N Croad, D A Dalliessi, B G Dawson, B A Faulls, M R K Flight, G A Hope, R J Innes, B J Minehan, J C Rosene and T P Sowman.

In Attendance

Mr M S Wheeler (Chief Executive), Mr A J Lyall (Property and Community Facilities Manager), Mr P J Hawes (Manager Environmental Policy), Captain J T Oliver (Harbourmaster), Ms N J Chauval (Committee Secretary) and Mr M J Porter (Democratic Services Manager).

Karakia

The meeting opened with a karakia.

Cncl-0523-362 Declaration of Interests -

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.

A number of declarations were noted in the agenda:

- The various interests as declared under Minute Nos. Cncl-0423-327 and Cncl-0423-e-61;
- The interest as declared under Minute No. A&S-0423-334 (Minute No. A&S-0423-e-66);
- The interests as declared under Minute No. E&P-0423-343 (Minute Nos. E&P-0423-344, E&P-0423-352 and E&P-0423-353); and
- The interest as declared under Minute No. EFC-0523-360 (Minute No. EFC-0523-365).

Cncl-0523-363 Confirmation of Minutes -

The Mayor/Cllr Croad:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 April 2023 (Minute Nos. Cncl-0423-327 to Cncl-0423-333) be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

Cncl-0523-364 Confirmation of Minutes -

Cllrs J Arbuckle/Croad:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 24 April 2023 (Minute Nos. Cncl-0423-358 to Cncl-0423-359) be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

Committee Reports

Cncl-0523-365 Assets & Services Committee -

Cirs Croad/Dalliessi:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. A&S-0423-334 to A&S-0423-342 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

Cncl-0523-366 Environment & Planning Committee -

A correction to the preamble under Minute No. E&P-0423-355 (Gambling Venue Policy Review) was requested – the second to last paragraph should refer to Option 3 not Option 4. Staff will correct this.

Clr Arbuckle moved an amendment (with Clr Adams seconding) to Minute No. E&P-0423-352 (Biosecurity – RPMP Amendment Appeal Proceedings), that Council withdraw from further action on an appeal to the High Court on the interim decision of the Environment Court received by Council on 17 March 2023. This is in relation to Council amending its Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP) in July 2020 to incorporate a new programme for 'pest conifers'. Following discussion on the amendment, the amending motion was put to the vote.

Cirs J Arbuckle/Adams:

That Minute No. E&P-0423-352 be amended as follows:

1. **That the information be received.**
2. **That Council withdraws from further action on an Appeal with the High Court on the interim decision of Environment Court received by Council on 17 March 2023.**

Lost

The original motion was then put to the vote.

Cirs Hope/Fauls:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. E&P-0423-343 to E&P-0423-357 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

Cncl-0523-367 Economic, Finance & Community Committee -

Cirs J Arbuckle/Dawson:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. EFC-0523-360 to EFC-0523-374 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

Cncl-0523-368 Marlborough Navigation Safety Bylaw H100-001-01

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to brief Council on the proposed replacement navigation bylaw for the region and seek approval to commence a special consultative procedure on the replacement bylaw.

Captain Oliver reported that the navigation safety bylaw assists with the regulation of shipping and activities on the waters of the region. The Navigation Bylaw 2009 came in force on 1st July 2010. The bylaw contains rules relating to maritime and navigation safety and is in need of replacement with some minor amendments. The changes made to this version of the bylaw include correcting information related to the working channel for Picton Harbour Radio, incorporating water ski access lanes that are not currently included in schedule 4 of the bylaw; updating fees and charges levied on activities, and making a range of minor editing changes to improve consistency and readability.

There are areas of the bylaw that will need greater attention and in-depth consultation with operators and members of the community. These will be pursued as amendments at a later date. These are anticipated to include requirements around lifejackets, carriage of communications, vessel identification, and carriage of AIS (automatic identification system), common passage plans and commercial shipping operations.

Cirs Innes/Croad:

1. **That Council determines that in the absence of a navigation bylaw made in accordance with the Maritime Transport Act 1994, Council (and the Harbourmaster) have limited powers to regulate shipping and other activities on the water in the Marlborough region.**
2. **That Council determines that a navigation bylaw, in accordance with the Maritime Transport Act 1994, is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem (regarding otherwise limited powers to regulate shipping and navigational safety).**
3. **That Council adopts and approves the draft Statement of Proposal and Bylaw attached to the Agenda as Appendices 1 and 2 respectively.**
4. **That Council authorises the Harbourmaster to make any required minor formatting changes and correction of errors in the draft Bylaw and Statement of Proposal.**
5. **That a special consultative procedure in accordance with section 87 of the Local Government Act 2002 be commenced, by public notice of the final Statement of Proposal and draft Bylaw on 1 June 2023.**
6. **That a submission period opens on 1st June 2023 and closes on 1st October 2023.**
7. **That if necessary a sub-committee is formed to hear and deliberate on any submissions made, consisting of a minimum of three Councillors.**

Carried

ATTENDANCE: The Mayor declared an interest in the following item and vacated the Chair, the Deputy Mayor assumed the Chair.

Cncl-0523-369 Variation 2 – Ecologically Significant Marine Sites –Summary of Decisions M100-11-07

Members noted that the purposes of the report were to determine whether late submissions to Variation 2: Ecologically Significant Marine Sites are to be accepted, to adopt a summary of decisions requested in submissions to Variation 2, and to approve the public notification of the summary of decisions requested.

Mr Hawes advised that submissions on Variation 2 to the PMEP closed on 11 April 2023. Council is now required to summarise the decisions being sought through submissions and to publicly notify the availability of the summary. The public notification also commences the period for further submissions to be made on submissions. To progress the variation, Council needs to adopt the summary of decisions and approve its public notification. In addition, three submissions were received after the submission period had closed. Members agreed to accept these submissions based on the matters set out in Section 37 of the RMA.

Cirs Hope/Fauls:

1. **That Council accept the late submissions from NZ Rock Lobster Industry Council, Te Ātiawa o Te Waka a Māui Trust and Alan Riwaka.**
2. **That Council adopt the summary of decisions requested in submissions, as set out in Attachment 7.1 as attached to the Agenda.**
3. **That Council publicly notify the summary of decisions, as soon as practicable, in the Marlborough Express, Blenheim Sun, Nelson Evening Mail, The Post and Christchurch Press.**

Carried

ATTENDANCE: The Mayor returned to the Chair.

Cncl-0523-370 Variation 3 – Heritage Resource - Meretoto/Ship Cove – Summary of Decisions M100-11-08

Members noted that the purposes of the report were to determine whether late submissions to Variation 3: Heritage Resource - Meretoto/Ship Cove are accepted, to adopt a summary of decisions requested in submissions to Variation 3, and to approve the public notification of the summary of decisions requested.

Mr Hawes advised that submissions on Variation 3 to the PMP closed on 11 April 2023. Council is now required to summarise the decisions being sought through submissions and to publicly notify the availability of the summary. The public notification also commences the period for further submissions to be made on submissions. To progress the variation, Council needs to adopt the summary of decisions and approve its public notification. In addition, two submissions were received after the submission period had closed. Members agreed to accept these submissions based on the matters set out in Section 37 of the RMA.

Cirs Adams/Innes:

1. That Council accept the late submissions from Te Ātiawa o Te Waka a Māui Trust and Alan Riwaka.
2. That Council adopt the summary of decisions requested in submissions, as set out in Attachment 8.1 as attached to the Agenda.
3. That Council publicly notify the summary of decisions, as soon as practicable, in the Marlborough Express, Blenheim Sun, Nelson Evening Mail, The Post and Christchurch Press.

Carried

Cncl-0523-371 Decision to Conduct Business with the Public Excluded -

Cirs J Arbuckle/Dawson:

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

- Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes
- Committee Reports (Public Excluded Sections)
- Flaxbourne Irrigation

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
Minutes and Committee Reports	As set out in the Minutes	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.
Flaxbourne Irrigation	To enable the Council, as holder of the information, to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) 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 10.48 am.

Confirmed this 29th day of June 2023

N P TAYLOR
MAYOR

Record No. 23122246

4. Minutes

- 4.2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 June 2023
(Minute Nos. Cncl-0623-373 to Cncl-0623-376)

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Marlborough District Council
held in the Council Chambers and via Teams, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on MONDAY 12 JUNE 2023 commencing at 9.00 am**

Present

The Mayor N P Taylor (in the Chair), Clrs S R W Adams, J A Arbuckle, S J Arbuckle, A R Burgess (from 2.00 pm), J D N Croad, B G Dawson, B A Faulls, M R K Flight, G A Hope, R J Innes, B J Minehan, J C Rosene and T P Sowman.

Present via Teams

Clrs A R Burgess (from 9.36 am to 10.24 am) and D A Dalliessi.

In Attendance

Mr M S Wheeler (Chief Executive); Mr M F Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer), Mr A J Lyall (Property & Community Facilities Manager), Mr D G Heiford (Manager Economic, Community & Support Services), Mrs C L Lake (Financial Services Manager), Mr D A Craig (Management Accountant – Operations), Mr M J Porter (Democratic Services Manager) and Ms N J Chauval (Support Services Administrator).

Karakia

The meeting opened with a karakia.

Apology

Clrs J Arbuckle/Dawson:

That the apology for lateness from Clr A R Burgess be received and sustained.

Carried

The Mayor introduced the purpose of the meeting. It was noted that additional information had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Cncl-0623-373 Declaration of Interests -

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.

A number of declarations were noted in the agenda:

- The interest as declared by Mayor Taylor under submission 6176 (*Brian Nicolas [Marlborough District Brass Band Inc]*);
- The interest as declared by Clr Arbuckle under submission 6210 (*Simon Lamb [Marlborough Farmers Market]*); and
- The interests as declared by Clrs Faulls and S Arbuckle in regard to their association with Destination Marlborough as accommodation owners.

Cncl-0623-374 Total Mobility Scheme Funding Increase

F230-A22-09-03

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to seek approval for additional funding for the operation of the Total Mobility Scheme.

Mr Craig reported that public transport usage and total mobility travel were both impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the highest COVID-19 alert levels, only essential travel was permitted. Following the lifting of those restrictions, the Government introduced (and funded) a half price fare scheme for the public transport

sector, which included total mobility, to encourage a return to public transport use. The Government has recently announced that the temporary half price fares for total mobility users have been made permanent. The Crown will continue to fund 50% of the *user's share* of the fare. The extra discount has caused an upsurge in total mobility usage. Additional funding is required to meet Council's share of increased travel costs.

A presentation on Reserve Balances and Levels of Service Increases was given at the meeting (filed in CM: Record No. 22118028). Members discussed both topics noting the Reserve balances. Members expressly discussed the Picton Foreshore Maintenance and following this discussion an amended resolution to that included in the agenda was put to the vote.

Clrs Rosene/Croad:

That Council approve additional net annual funding of \$28,000 for operation of the Total Mobility Scheme, from general rates, and that application be made to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency for an increase in the standard total mobility fare allocation (funded at 60 percent) of \$70,000.

Carried

Cncl-0623-375 Consultation Summary

F230-A22-09-03

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to provide Councillors with a summary of the consultation process.

Mr Fletcher advised that this year's consultation process yielded 77 submissions. This number is slightly up on last year's 75. This response rate most likely reflects that the direction taken by Council over recent years and that ratepayers are generally happy with the suggested levels of service increases. This is reinforced by the responses to the questions posed in the Consultation Document whereby far the biggest number of responses were "NA", followed by "yes". In Total, there were only two "No" responses, one each for both "Catchment Care Options" and "Balancing Rates by increasing Fees". A handout on Corporate Reserve Movements - 2023-24 Draft LTP was handed to members at the meeting.

Clrs J Arbuckle/Dawson:

That Council agrees to confirm the decisions it made as part of the 2 March 2023 Budget Meeting regarding increased levels of service.

Carried

Cncl-0622-376 Deliberation on Submissions on the 2023-234 Annual Plan Consultation Document

F230-A23-09-03

Listed below are decisions on all issues raised in the submission process under headings of the relevant submitter (and numbered as per the submission order as attached to the Order Paper for the Council meeting of 6 and 7 June 2023). Where funding has been allocated, the source of the funding has also been identified. Individual replies will be made to each submitter.

6239 *Samantha Forrest (Marlborough Stadium Trust)*

Clrs J Arbuckle/Croad:

- 1. That the funding request from Samantha Forrest (Marlborough Stadium Trust) for an annual CPI adjustment be approved with \$31,462.50 (50% of the requested amount) from the Forestry and Land Development Reserve for the 2023-24 financial year only;**
- 2. That the Marlborough Stadium Trust's Asset Management Plan be referred to the Assets & Services Committee for reviewing;**
- 3. That Council considers the Marlborough Stadium Trust should review its fees.**
- 4. That the issue of CPI adjustments for all ongoing grants be referred to the LTP Working Group for policy development.**

Carried

ATTENDANCE: Clr Burgess joined the meeting at 9.36am during the above discussion

6240 *Shana Pinker (Marlborough Netball Centre)*

Cirs Croad/Hope:

That the submission from Shana Pinker (Marlborough Netball Centre) be referred to the 2024-34 Long Term Plan process.

Carried

6220 *Brian McNamara (Abbeyfield Marlborough)*

Cirs Hope/Dalliessi:

That further investigation be undertaken by staff in relation to the submission from Brian McNamara (Abbeyfield Marlborough) for land options of around 5,000m² including reserve, revocation and consultation processes, and that this be referred through the Assets & Services Committee for consideration.

Carried

6247 *Hularii Mckenzie*

The Mayor undertook to follow-up with KiwiRail and Port Marlborough regarding what specialist change facilities are being included in the new development.

The Mayor/Cir Hope:

That Mr McKenzie be thanked for his submission and advised that a review of Council's Specialist Change Facilities Policy is due later this year.

Carried

6225 *Jeanine Sadd (Crossroads Charitable Trust)*

Cirs J Arbuckle/Minehan:

- 1. That the funding request from Jeanine Sadd (Crossroads Charitable Trust) be declined, however the submitter is to be advised that an avenue for funding for their request is Council's Community Grants (open mid-August 2023).**
- 2. That the submitter be advised that the issue of CPI adjustments for all ongoing grants are to be referred to the LTP Working Group for policy development.**

Carried

6241 *Evelyn Duncan (Tua Marina-Waikakaho Residents and Ratepayers Association)*

The Mayor/Cir Croad:

That the submission from Evelyn Duncan (Tua Marina-Waikakaho Residents and Ratepayers Association) for the upgrading of the Tuamarina Memorial Hall be referred to the Assets & Services Committee as part of a further consideration of all community hall facilities.

Carried

6233 *William Harris (Marlborough A&P Association)*

Cirs Croad/Flight:

That the funding request from William Harris (Marlborough A&P Association) for the replacement of the stable gates at A&P Park be declined.

Carried

6199 *Chris Marshall (Endeavour Park Pavilion Society trading as Port Marlborough Pavilion)*

The Mayor/Cir Adams:

That the submission from Chris Marshall (Endeavour Park Pavilion Society trading as Port Marlborough Pavilion) be referred to the Long Term Plan Working Group for further consideration.

Carried

6254 *Melanie Cherry (Pelorus Rugby Football Club Inc)*

Cirs J Arbuckle/Fauls:

That the submission from Melanie Cherry (Pelorus Rugby Football Club Inc) for the upgrading of the Havelock Domain facilities be referred to the Assets & Services Committee for further consideration.

Carried

6193 Jason Mackie (Waitaria Bay Settlers Hall)

Clrs Faulls/Sowman:

That the submission from Jason Mackie (Waitaria Bay Settlers Hall) for the replacement of the Waitaria Bay Settlers Hall roof be referred to the Assets & Services Committee as part of a further consideration of all community hall facilities.

Carried

6230 Kate Horrey (Wairau Valley Community Hall Board)

Clrs Croad/Hope:

That the submission from Kate Horrey (Wairau Valley Community Hall Board) for the resurfacing of parking areas around the Wantwood Community Room and Wairau Valley Community Hall be referred to the Assets & Services Committee as part of a further consideration of all community hall facilities.

Carried

6238 Stephen Hall (Picton Maritime Festival Trust)

Clrs J Arbuckle/Dawson:

1. **That the funding request from Stephen Hall (Picton Maritime Festival Trust) be declined.**
2. **That the submitter be advised that the issue of CPI adjustments for all ongoing grants are to be referred to the LTP Working Group for policy development**

Carried

6216 Brian Henstock (Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust)

The Mayor/Clr Hope:

That Brian Henstock (Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust) be thanked for their submission noting that the Mayor will take up their submission with the local MP and Te Whatu Ora.

Carried

ATTENDANCE: The meeting adjourned at 10.32 am and resumed at 10.50 am

6260 Helen Reynolds (Top of the South Neighbourhood Support Charitable Trust)

Clrs J Arbuckle/Minehan:

That the funding request from Helen Reynolds (Top of the South Neighbourhood Support Charitable Trust) be declined, however the submitter is to be advised that an avenue for funding for their request is Council's Community Grants (open mid-August 2023).

Carried

6214 Simon Feltham (NZ Police)

It was noted that Parliament are discussing, at Select Committee stage, amending the law to repeal the ability to appeal LAPs. This report back is due later in June 2023.

Clrs Adams/Faulls:

That the submission from Simon Feltham (NZ Police) for the development of a community Local Alcohol Policy be referred to the Economic, Finance and Community for consideration of the process and funding the project.

Carried

6270 Heather Turnbull (Awatere Valley Trust)

Clrs Croad/Hope:

That the submission from Heather Turnbull (Awatere Valley Trust) be referred to the Assets & Services Committee for further consideration.

Carried

6261 Bradley Roberts (Riverlands School)

Staff are to send a copy of/link to the Speed management Plan consultation documentation.

Clrs Croad/Rosene:

That the submission from Bradley Roberts (Riverlands School) be referred to the Assets & Services Committee for further consideration during the Speed Management Plan consultation.

Carried

6178 *Kevin Wilson (Thursday Recreation Mountain Bikers)*

Cirs Croad/Hope:

That the funding request from Kevin Wilson (Thursday Recreation Mountain Bikers) for bike cattle stops be referred to the 2023-24 Land Subdivision Account process for funding consideration.

Carried

6242 *Fraser Brown (Marlborough Mountain Bike Club)*

Staff are to continue to work with the submitter.

Cirs Croad/Minehan:

That the submission from Fraser Brown (Marlborough Mountain Bike Club) be referred to the Assets & Services Committee for further consideration taking into account the Wither Hills Farm Park Management Plan.

Carried

6252 *Nigel Muir (The Whale Trail)*

The Mayor/Cir Rosene:

1. **That the submission from Nigel Muir (The Whale Trail) (except for The Elevation section) be referred to the Assets & Services Committee, noting that the Mayor will continue to take the lead in advocating for The Whale Trail.**
2. **That the submission from Nigel Muir (The Whale Trail) regarding The Elevation section be referred to the Regional Transport Committee.**

Carried

6264 *Nigel Muir (Wild Waikawa)*

The submitter invited Council to visit their property, this will be arranged by staff.

Cirs Adams/Croad:

That Nigel Muir (Wild Waikawa) be thanked for their submission and congratulated on the enthusiasm shown for the Environment. Staff will be in contact with the submitter to arrange visit to their property in Spring 2023.

Carried

NB: Cir Dalliessi abstained from voting on the above motion

6256 *Bruce Richards*

The Mayor/Cir Rosene:

That Bruce Richards be thanked for his submission and that Council will be referring a copy of his submission to the local MP.

Carried

6245 *John Kershaw*

Cirs J Arbuckle/Croad:

1. **That John Kershaw be thanked for his submission and advised that his submission will be referred to relevant staff.**
2. **That John Kershaw's submission on the vehicle fleet is to be referred to the Economic, Finance and Community Committee for further consideration.**
3. **That John Kershaw's submission on bollards is to be referred to the Assets & Services Committee for consideration.**
4. **That John Kershaw be invited to the next meeting of the Road Safety Action Planning Group.**

Carried

6258 Jane Buckman

The Mayor/Clr J Arbuckle:

1. That Jane Buckman be thanked for her submission and advised that her submission will be referred to relevant staff.
2. That Jane Buckman's submission on the vehicle fleet is to be referred to the Economic, Finance and Community Committee for further consideration.
3. That in relation to Jane Buckman's comment on pedestrian access to the Boathouse Theatre the following is the decision in regard to the submission from Peter Morice (Marlborough Repertory Society):

That the submission from Peter Morice (Marlborough Repertory Society) regarding pedestrian access issues be referred to the Assets & Services Committee for further consideration and possible funding consideration from the Land Subdivision Account.

Carried

6143 David Dew (Blenheim Club)

Cirs Croad/J Arbuckle:

That the funding request from David Dew (Blenheim Club) be declined at this time, however the submitter is to be advised that this issue will be discussed during the Heritage Strategy development process.

Carried

6221 Rick Wilson (Millennium Public Art Gallery)

Members acknowledged the situation the Millennium Public Art Gallery was in, however decided it was too early to make a final call on staffing levels etc until six to nine months' time. Discussions with the Art Gallery will be ongoing.

Cirs J Arbuckle/Hope:

1. That the funding request from Rick Wilson (Millennium Public Art Gallery) for an increase in their annual operating and staffing grant be approved by increasing the funding by \$100,000 per annum (to be funded from general rates), taking the total operating grant to \$260,500; noting that no CPI adjustment will be made at this stage.
2. That the funding request be also referred to the 2024-34 Long Term Plan process for further consideration for future years.
3. That the submitter be advised that the issue of CPI adjustments for all ongoing grants are to be referred to the LTP Working Group for policy development.

Carried

ATTENDANCE: The meeting adjourned at 12.09 pm and resumed at 1.03 pm

6255 Paul Davidson

Clr Croad/The Mayor:

1. That Paul Davidson be thanked for his submission.
2. That in principle the submission from Paul Davidson is declined. It should be noted that Council commenced a review of the functionality of the Marlborough Heritage Trust (MHT) in March 2021. The outcome of the review that was agreed with the MHT was that the level of expertise and investment required for the Museum, Archives, Brayshaw Heritage Park and the wider heritage community could not be achieved with a volunteer trust and the current level of funding. The MHT have met the minimum requirements of their Trust Deed for winding up resolutions. Council agreed to take over the operation of the Trust and the facilities within current Council funding levels with the proposal to have a strategic development and funding plan presented to the 2024/34 LTP. Council has also requested a review and renewal of the Marlborough Heritage Strategy as part of this plan. The MHS Chairperson and Committee were made aware of the winding up of the Trust due to the need to transfer the collection loan and management agreement to Council.
3. The submission on the Heritage Education Programme is noted. The Mayor is to pursue at a political level the funding for a Heritage Education Facilitator based in Marlborough.

Carried

6263 *Paul Davidson*

Cirs J Arbuckle/Sowman:

That Paul Davidson be thanked for his submission and that he be advised that this issue will be discussed during the Heritage Strategy development process.

Carried

ATTENDANCE: The Mayor declared an interest in the following submission and Clr Croad assumed the chair.

6176 *Brian Nicholas (Marlborough District Brass Band Inc)*

Cirs J Arbuckle/Dalliessi:

- 1. That the funding request from Brian Nicholas (Marlborough District Brass Band Inc) be declined.**
- 2. That the submitter be advised that the issue of CPI adjustments for all ongoing grants are to be referred to the LTP Working Group for policy development**

Carried

ATTENDANCE: The Mayor assumed the Chair.

6229 *Clara Watt*

Cirs J Arbuckle/Fauls:

- 1. That Clara Watt be thanked for her and Dylan Martin's very good submission and presentation to Council.**
- 2. That the submission from Clara Watt for the reinstatement of the recycling station in Renwick be declined due to the cost of reinstatement and the introduction of a wheely bin system on 1 July 2024.**

Carried

6235 *Ailie Suzuki (Envirohub Marlborough)*

The Mayor/Clr Croad:

- 1. That the funding request from Ailie Suzuki (Envirohub Marlborough) be declined; however the Group are to be commended for what they are achieving in the environmental space.**
- 2. That the submission from Ailie Suzuki (Envirohub Marlborough) on Waste Minimalisation be referred to the Assets & Services Committee for further consideration.**

Carried

6234 *Catherine van der Meulen (Entrepreneurial Women with Purpose)*

Cirs Dawson/Fauls:

That Catherine van der Meulen (Entrepreneurial Women with Purpose) be thanked for her submission noting that:

- Council's Cycling and Walking Strategy 2019-29 is available on Councils' website which shows current and planned cycleways for Blenheim, Picton, and the Wairau Plains. As budgets allow, staff are working to expand the cycle network based on these maps.**
- Council is aware of various alternative stormwater systems but has no funding allocation to incentivise these at present.**
- The Government waste strategy released on 29 March 2023 has signalled to Council that an organics solution for the district must be in place by 2030. This signal will be confirmed through appropriate legislative changes. As the majority of organic input into the landfill is from the primary industry sector a commercial processing facility will require establishment. Pilot trials of potential commercial organic processing solutions are underway and Council expects to receive an update on their progress by the end of 2023. At this time Council's position is to await the outcome of these commercial trials before advancing any standalone solution for domestic organics. Residents and businesses can procure composting bins from the market. However, these bins have had mixed outcomes for users.**

Carried

6266 *Graham Gosling (Picton Business Group)*

Clrs Croad/Fauls:

That the submission from Graham Gosling (Picton Business Group) be referred to staff to monitor and update the submitter on project plans, timelines etc; and then report back to the Assets & Services Committee.

Carried

6251 *John Hickman (Flaxbourne Settlers Association)*

Clrs Hope/Croad:

That the funding request from John Hickman (Flaxbourne Settlers Association) be declined at this time; however the submission is to be referred to the Assets & Services Committee and to the Small Townships Programme for further consideration.

Carried

6269 *Debs Martin (Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance/The Nature Conservancy)*

A motion was withdrawn prior to voting. Following further discussion the following motion was put to the meeting.

Clrs Hope/Fauls:

1. That the funding request from Debs Martin (Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance/The Nature Conservancy) of \$40,000 in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 financial years be approved with funding from carryforwards.
2. That the submission from Debs Martin (Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance/The Nature Conservancy) be referred to the Environment & Planning Committee for further consideration.

Carried

6268 *Scott Burnett (Forest & Bird)*

The Mayor/Clr Rosene:

That Scott Burnett (Forest & Bird) be thanked for their submission noting that:

- Council is a signatory to the Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance. Funding of \$20,000 per annum is provided to the Alliance for management services and coordination. Council has agreed at deliberation meeting to fund this further from carry forwards. Council is already supporting strategic conservation projects in the region through grants and contributions to particular community programmes and Trusts. Council is working with DOC on the implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategy Te Mana o te Taiao. The outputs from this Strategy are under review.
- Plague Skink distribution: The matter has been raised directly by Marlborough Forest & Bird Branch by Council staff and has been responded to on a technical level. In summary, this outlined the fact that the new freight hub will not add a substantial increase into what is already a high level movement risk environment. This technical feedback was based on a) the long established presence of plague skinks occurring in the vicinity of the new freight hub (including within the pre-existing industrial hubs of Riverlands Industrial Estate and Cloudy Bay Business Park), b) a substantial number of unmanaged pathways associated with freight movements from the North Island, and c) likely unfavourable habitat associated with a high use freight hub.
- Cat Control: This is to be discussed at the Animal Control Sub-Committee.

Carried

6267 *Evan White (Federated Farmers of New Zealand)*

Clrs Croad/Minehan:

That Evan White (Federated Farmers of New Zealand) be thanked for their submission noting that:

- **UAGC:** At the budget meeting, Council were advised that a rates increase of 5.7% rates was forecast in the Long Term Plan (LTP) for 2023-24. Council also advised that the 2023-24 rates increase forecast in LTP was determined in a totally different economic environment. When preparing the 2021-31 LTP the forecast CPI increase was 1.2% for 2022, 1.4% for 2023 and 1.8% for 2024. This compares with the current and forecast CPI increases 7.3%, 6.4% and 3.5% for the same periods. Council's UAGE represents 26.94% (26.26%) of this year's draft budget. It is important to keep a small margin to the 30% to avoid the risk of a statutory breach.
- **Flood Protection:** Gravel extraction and channel maintenance are some of a suite of tools that the rivers team have to help mitigate the effects of flood and climate change. The Rivers team

is working closely with Council's Environmental Science team to ensure that the flood protection works that are carried out while protecting the community are also in line with the guidance and rules set in the MEP.

- **Roads:** Rates in relation to roading are normally part of general rates as the road network is a network that everyone uses. Exceptions include the Sounds which currently has a targeted rate for seal extensions. Comment from Marlborough Roads: Councils current policy is to only seal roads where it can be justified by reduction in maintenance costs or to improve safety. This is generally restricted to steep inclines that are prone to corrugations and potholing. The cost of all other seal extensions are met by the area that benefits from the improved amenity value of sealing. The long term maintenance costs of a sealed road are considerably higher than an unsealed road.
- **Sewerage:** Urban water and wastewater supplies are already targeted rated to the urban communities they serve.
- **Resource Consent processing fees:** The 13.5% increase in fees and charges will allow the Resource Consent Team to continue to meet statutory and customer demands and maintain the current levels of service while maintaining the 60:40 ratio between user and rate payer funding of the activity. The sole purpose of the charges is to recover the reasonable and actual costs incurred by Council in the processing of resource consent applications. The base charges quoted in the submission such as the non-notified resource consent fee are lodgement fees only with the applicant being charged at the completion of the process the actual cost of processing the application. Applicants then receiving an invoice if costs exceed the base fee or a refund if the costs are less than the base fee. The increased base fee reflects the increase in the hourly rate for officers, charges are calculated on actual time spent in the processing of an application.

Carried

6265 *Chris Davies*

The Mayor/Clr Dawson:

That Chris Davies be thanked for his submission.

Carried

6218 *Zoe Aitchison (Picton Dawn Chorus)*

Clrs Hope/S Arbuckle:

That the funding request from Zoe Aitchison (Picton Dawn Chorus) for enhancement of the Picton area by planting be approved by way of a one-off \$5,000 (to be funded from the Forestry and Land Development Reserve) in the 2023-24 financial year.

Carried

6211 *Michelle Madsen (Marlborough Four Paws)*

Clr Dalliessi is to discuss with Dr McNeil the issue of stary cats at the transfer station.

Clrs Faulls/Sowman:

That the submission from Michelle Madsen (Marlborough Four Paws) be referred to the Animal Control Sub-Committee for further consideration.

Carried

6244 *Peter Chapman*

Clrs J Arbuckle/Dawson:

That the submission from Peter Chapman be received.

Carried

6215 *Tim Newsham (Spring Creek Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc)*

The Mayor undertook to send Tim Newsham information on projects and why they had not been completed etc.

Clrs Faulls/Minehan:

1. **That the funding request from Tim Newsham (Spring Creek Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc) for replacing windows in the Spring Creek Hall be approved by way of an one-off \$5,000 (to be funded from the Halls Capital budget) in the 2023-24 financial year.**
2. **That the submission from Tim Newsham (Spring Creek Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc) for plantings be referred to the Small Townships Programme.**

3. That Tim Newsham be thanked for all his efforts in the Spring Creek community over many years.

Carried

6219 *Tim Newsham (Marlborough Environment Centre Inc)*

The Mayor/Clr J Arbuckle:

That Tim Newsham (Marlborough Environment Centre Inc) be thanked for their submission noting that in relation to the Wairau River Recreational Reserve that when the consultant which was approved by Mana Whenua Iwi met with them, Iwi were not resourced sufficiently at that point to enter a co design/consultation process for this project. Since this time, David Aires left Council and the in house knowledge to drive this project left with him. The feedback from Iwi was that a more robust consultation and co design process was required which would need a full time resource. Application was made in mid-2022 for better off funding for \$100,000 to help fund this project. A significant staff restructure of the Rivers Team took place in late 2022, and the new Rivers and Drainage Engineering Manager has this project as a project to start work on in the second half of 2023, as it is connected to matters such as rubbish dumping, illegal wood harvesting etc in the River Reserve.

Carried

6210 *Simon Lamb (Marlborough Farmers Market)*

Clr Croad/The Mayor:

That Simon Lamb (Marlborough Farmers Market) be thanked for their submission noting that:

- 1: Council has provided permission for a pedestrian gate to be installed on Alabama Road for Pedestrian access.
- 2: A&P Association and Marlborough Farmers Market are in discussions around loading dock and storage.
- 3&5: Council is awaiting the outcome of the User Review that is being undertaken by Visitor Solutions for the Open Space section. Discussions will then continue.
- 4: Discussions ongoing between Marlborough Farmers Market and A&P Association.
- 6: This work is underway.
- 7: Marlborough Farmers Market have two leases, one for land with Council and one for the Sheep Pavilion with A&P Association - discussions are ongoing.
- The proposal for more twilight markets is a positive move.

Carried

NB: Clr J Arbuckle declared an interest in the above and did not take part in discussions nor vote on this issue.

6217 *Lee Harper (The Omaka Observatory Charity Trust)*

Clrs Rosene/Flight:

That Lee Harper (The Omaka Observatory Charity Trust) be thanked for their submission noting that to achieve a dark sky initiative, a regulatory approach would require a plan change to the proposed Marlborough Environment Plan. Council's Economic and Community Development teams are happy to investigate this project further with the submitters. Staff will be in contact with the submitter to arrange a visit as offered at the hearing.

Carried

6237 *Nicola Kitson*

Clrs Croad/Dawson:

That the submission from Nicola Kitson regarding Manor Place Reserve is to be referred to the Assets & Services Committee for further consideration.

Carried

6253 *Yvonne Wratt (Grovetown Residents Association)*

Clrs J Arbuckle/Hope:

That Yvonne Wratt (Grovetown Residents Association) be thanked for her submission, noting that:

- Information on the Grovetown land Council purchased: The site was purchased for a pump station. Subsequently the design was amended, and the pump station was not required immediately. However, it may be required in future to deal with growth so has been kept. It cost \$28,000 plus survey and subdivision costs – a small component of the scheme's cost.

- **Grovetown Sewerage Loan Rate:** The proposed Grovetown Sewerage Loan Rate is \$99,933 GST Incl. The Combined Sewerage Rate is proposed at \$10,781,111 GST Incl. Therefore, the increase would be 0.927%.

Carried

6206 *Ed Shuttleworth (Tasman Regional Sports Trust)*

Clr Rosene requested that the Youth Council be thanked for providing comment on this and other submissions.

Clrs Dawson/Rosene:

That Ed Shuttleworth (Tasman Regional Sports Trust) be thanked for their submission.

Carried

6212 *Kelvin Watt (Graeme Dingle Foundation Marlborough)*

Clrs J Arbuckle/Flight:

1. **That the funding request from Kelvin Watt (Graeme Dingle Foundation Marlborough) to facilitate greater numbers of young people to access the broader programme offerings be declined.**
2. **That the Graeme Dingle Foundation Marlborough be commended on the great work they do for the youth of Marlborough.**

Carried

6222 *Meg Martin (Volunteer Marlborough Charitable Trust)*

Clrs J Arbuckle/Burgess:

That the funding request from Meg Martin (Volunteer Marlborough Charitable Trust) be declined, however the submitter is to be advised that an avenue for funding for their request is Council's Community Grants (open mid-August 2023).

Carried

6246 *Andrew Caddie (KCSRA (Kenepuru & Central Sounds Residents Assn Inc))*

The Mayor/Clr Rosene:

That Andrew Caddie (KCSRA (Kenepuru & Central Sounds Residents Assn Inc)) be thanked for their submission noting that Steve Murrin has been seconded to MDC to perform the in house roading engineer role for the roading recovery. MDC has requested to Waka Kotahi that this secondment continue for a further 12 months to 30 June 2024. In relation to the Climate Change questions about coastal inundation, MDC has engaged NIWA to prepare an inundation report for Marlborough using the recently completed LIDAR work that has been carried out. This work is already committed and being funded from existing Climate Change budgets. We hope to have a finalised report on this matter in late 2023 which can be shared with the public and then an action plan based on the findings can be developed.

Carried

6250 *Emily Hargreaves (Te Pukenga/NMIT)*

Clrs Adams/S Arbuckle:

That the submission from Emily Hargreaves (Te Pukenga/NMIT) be declined, noting that Council considers this to be a project for Te Pukenga/NMIT to consider on their land.

Carried

6232 *Marsha Woodbury (Woodbury Family Trust)*

Clr J Arbuckle/The Mayor:

That Marsha Woodbury (Woodbury Family Trust) be thanked for her submission.

Carried

6200 *Doug Saunders-Loder (New Zealand Federation of Commercial Fishermen)*

The Mayor/Clr Faulls:

That Doug Saunders-Loder (New Zealand Federation of Commercial Fishermen) be thanked for their submission noting that Council agrees with the mountains to sea approach to the management of the coastal environment as evidenced in the work of the Te Hoiere Project.

Carried

ATTENDANCE: The meeting adjourned at 3.00 pm and resumed at 3.17 pm

6184 *Glenda Robb*

Clrs Adams/Fauls:

That Glenda Robb be thanked for her submission, noting that:

- **The Renwick Cycle Way required land access agreements across private land prior to construction getting underway. The expected completion of the link from Renwick Township to Jacksons Road is Spring 2023. Central government transport policy is focussed on reducing emissions and getting New Zealanders more active in terms of their transport.**
- **Mounds/Rocks on SH6 near the Rapaura Road Intersection: The greenspace/open space area is maintained by a Council contractor. While the area around the roundabout was sold to Waka Kotahi to enable the build, the rest of the land remains in Council ownership.**
- **The issue of signage for the toilet facilities at the Dog Park in Renwick will be referred to the Animal Control Sub-Committee for further consideration.**
- **Non implementation of the NPS for Freshwater and its attendant Regulations is not an option given that this is an express direction from the Government. There is considerable work to be undertaken to achieve compliance. The programme that is put forward and resources sought are the absolute minimum estimated to make some meaningful progress towards compliance. The submitters submission is a vote in opposition to the implementation of Government direction which in all reality ought more appropriately be taken up with Central Government**
- **Dog activities are governed by the Dog Control Act 1996, Dog Control Bylaw 2021 and Dog Control Policy 2021. The Bylaw and Policy was reviewed in 2021 where the public made submissions on what areas they wished dogs to be on leash, off leash and prohibited. At the conclusion of the consultation the full Council approved the designated areas. There was overwhelming support to allow dogs in the CBD on leash and since that time no issues have been reported. Harling Park was designated an off lead area. The introduction of dog parks is as a result of the submissions and approaches by the community over the years wanting areas where dogs can exercise in a restricted area without worry of dogs running away.**
- **Biosecurity: Council increased investment in the Chilean Needle Grass Management programme in 2018. There are existing legal obligations on landowners within infested areas to clean vehicles and equipment within property boundary limits. Fennel is a very prevalent weed species that primarily occupies waste land areas. Intervention would be subject to cost benefit tests under the Biosecurity Act. It is recommended that these matters are submitted on during the review process of the RPMP in 2027.**
- **Resource Consents: The proposed increase in fees and charges will allow the Resource Consent Team to continue to meet statutory and customer demands and maintain the current levels of service while maintaining the 60:40 ratio between user and rate payer funding of the activity. The sole purpose of the charges is to recover the reasonable and actual costs incurred by Council in the processing of resource consent applications. The base charges quoted in the submission such as the non-notified resource consent fee are lodgement fees only with the applicant being charged at the completion of the process the actual cost of processing the application. Applicants then receiving an invoice if costs exceed the base fee or a refund if the costs are less than the base fee. The increased base fee reflects the increase in the hourly rate for officers, charges are calculated on actual time spent in the processing of an application.**
- **Monitoring Fees: The proposed increase in fees and charges will allow the Compliance Team to continue to meet statutory and customer demands and maintain the current levels of service while working towards the 60:40 ratio between user and rate payer funding of the activity. The sole purpose of the charges is to recover the reasonable and actual costs incurred by Council in the monitoring of resource consents.**

Carried

6185 *Chris Beech*

Clrs Croad/Hope:

That Chris Beech be thanked for her submission, noting that:

- **Create cycle lane on New Renwick Road between Paynters Road and Burleigh: There is no funding within current budgets. This is not a case of simply widening the road shoulder to accommodate a cycleway, as new drainage channels will need to be constructed as part of the construction. Also to fit a cycleway, powerlines would need to be moved along New Renwick Road. The estimated cost for all of this in the current construction climate is \$1,100,000; \$600,000 for building a cycleway and \$500,000 for powerlines to be moved. Waka Kotahi's focus**

of funding for cycleways is in the urban environment, so funding from Waka Kotahi is very unlikely for this rural cycleway which Council would have to 100% fund.

- Toilet at Redwood Street Wither Hills carpark: Based on user demand and visitor numbers to the Wither Hills Farm Park, staff will propose a new toilet facility at Redwood Street Carpark - Wither Hills in a report to the Assets & Services Committee this calendar year. Staff propose the facility be built in the 2025-26 financial year. Facility is costed at approximately \$170,000.
- Investment in re-vitalising streets in the CBD: The BBA have invested in a number of painted murals within Blenheim's CBD.

Carried

6192 Sandra Currie

Cllrs J Arbuckle/Sowman:

That Sandra Currie be thanked for her submission, noting that the initial year of a food business costs more due to the initial application fee reflecting the work that goes into setting up the business in both the MPI system and MDC databases as well as assisting the food business get underway with their Food Control Plan. There is an additional site charge as further sites need to be set up again in both MPI systems and the MDC database and additional certificates issued. Renewal charges are lower as this is a reflection that the business is already set up electronically and just needs to be updated. The hourly charge has been calculated by MDCs Financial team as a true reflection of the cost of operating the activity. All Environmental Health Fees reflect the time undertaken to complete each task. Verification fees are time based and a reflection of the time required to set up the verification, undertake it, write and provide a report and update MDC and MPI databases. All registered sites require on on-site visit to check compliance. A business that performs well will have a reduced verification frequency and may not be verified more than once every 18 months. The travel charge is a reflection on the cost of the Officer and vehicle travelling to the food business. These have been calculated to take into account when it is likely that multiple verifications can be undertaken so the cost can be shared. They are a standard fee to provide certainty to the food business as to what the travel charge will be. Environmental Health does allow time payment of verification costs to assist food businesses financially.

Carried

6194 Philip Sim

The Mayor/Cllr Minehan:

That Philip Sim be thanked for his submission on native plantings in Victoria Domain, noting that his submission will be passed on to Picton Dawn Chorus who have received some funding from Council to do such plantings.

Carried

6195 Philip Sim

The Mayor/Cllr Flight:

That Philip Sim be thanked for his submission on memorial seating in Victoria Domain, noting that an avenue for funding for his request is Council's Community Grants (open mid-August 2023). In regard to his submission regarding a carved pātaka in the Community Garden area it is suggested that he contact Envirohub Marlborough based in Picton to further this idea.

Carried

6196 Steve Hut

Rivers and Open Spaces staff are to provide an update to the Assets & Services Committee on rabbits in the Taylor River Reserve, noting numbers, controls etc.

Cllrs Adams/Croad:

That Steve Hut be thanked for his submission, noting that:

- Taylor River Reserve: Dog stations are at each main entrance to the Taylor River system. On average there is a rubbish or dog bag bin every 600m. The longest distance between a dog station is 1200m. There are seven dog stations and a further three Rubbish bins on the 3.5km stretch of the Taylor River from Riverside Quay to Burleigh Bridge. At each major entrance there are way finding maps and signs providing direction to visitor and locals to toilets, town etc. On average from Riverside Quay to Monro Street entrance there is a bridge to cross the Taylor river every 500m. From Monro street to Burleigh Bridge, a distance of 1500m, there are no crossing points. Staff will review the track markers and update as necessary.

- **Athletic Park:** Council does not believe, at this stage, that extra funding is required for Athletic Park maintenance.
- **Rabbits:** Numerous control measures are practiced to control rabbits in the Taylor River Reserve, the most recent being the release of the K5 virus.
- **Flood Inundation Maps:** Flood hazard maps are available on Council's website.
- **Emergency Management:** In 2022 Marlborough District Council funded a full time Community Resilience Advisor role within the Marlborough Civil Defence and Emergency Management (CDEM) team. Marlborough CDEM has also successfully attained funding in 2022-23 from the National Emergency Management Agency to complete a Marlborough community resilience study. The project will identify significant hazards and the communities that are most exposed and vulnerable to them. This will be completed by September 2023. The outcome will enable Marlborough CDEM to develop a 5-year Strategic Resilience Plan that will identify key areas of work to improve the resilience of communities within Marlborough. The plan will align with the National Disaster Resilience Strategy. In the 2023-24 financial year Council will also be funding a complete review of the Marlborough CDEM Group Plan which has a 5-year lifespan. This plan is the guiding document for the next 5 years and will include a significant focus on hazard identification and community resilience. Evacuation sites such as Marae/Schools are already identified in the CDEM Flood Response Plan.

Carried

6198 *David Grigg*

Clrs Croad/J Arbuckle:

That the submission from David Grigg regarding being added to the kerbside waste/recycling collection be referred to the Assets & Services Committee for a proposed consultation process with the communities of Marlborough Ridge and Rapaura.

Carried

6201 *Kura Stafford (Te Taiuhu Iwi Implementing Te Mana o Te Wai Project)*

The Mayor/Clr J Arbuckle:

That the funding request from Kura Stafford (Te Taiuhu Iwi Implementing Te Mana o Te Wai Project) be approved by way of funding an additional \$10,000 from existing budgets (bringing the total to \$40,000); with the submission being referred to staff for reporting to the Environment & Planning Committee.

Carried

6203 *Philip Sim*

Clr Faulls/The Mayor:

That Philip Sim be thanked for his submission on Animal Control, noting that this issue will be discussed at the Animal Control Sub-Committee.

Carried

6205 *Dennis McAulay (Wairau Valley Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc)*

Staff are to update the submitter on the Morse Street Bridge.

The Mayor/Clr Hope:

That Dennis McAulay (Wairau Valley Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc) be thanked for their submission, noting that:

- Staff will update the submitter on the Morse Street Bridge.
- **Flood Protection:** When the resource Consent Team receive new resource consent applications for vineyard developments a hydrological assessment is undertaken to avoid downstream effects.
- **River Rates Options:** Wairau Valley township and surrounds are currently Class D or no direct specified service in the current Wairau Scheme rating. A small amount of money is budgeted to deal with minor watercourse issues west of the Waihopai (circa \$6,000 pa for everything west of the Waihopai). Council have used this and more to undertake some Walkers Creek maintenance and patch Andersons Floodway. To get Andersons Floodway back up to scratch Council needs:
 - **Capital rebuild budget.** The current estimate for repair of Andersons Floodway to rebuild to robust and long term stable standard is in the order of \$2million. The current river rating for Wairau Valley Township is very low, circa \$6,000 pa, so there is no funding available

currently for a repair such as this. Council has applied to central government for funding of this project and we are currently awaiting a decision on this application.

- Agreement from the benefitting landowners to pay an appropriate serviced rate plus any residual loan (this will be included in the Wairau River Rating Review work).
- Detailed design, landowner agreement and any consenting requirements. The current Andersons Floodway was built with no easements in place, ie Council only have the goodwill of the landowners the floodway passes through to allow access for works.
- Construction. Patch repairs were completed on Andersons Floodway post the August 2022 event, to maintain it so it can cope in a normal flood event.
- River Rating Review - Council are planning to go out to communities in late 2023 with consultation on the current and what increased levels of service for the Wairau River Scheme would look like. Council are currently checking of revised rating model boundaries which would then flow through to any proposed rating increases.

Carried

6209 *Chris Corbyn*

Clrs J Arbuckle/Flight:

That Chris Corbyn be thanked for his submission on funding to extend the mower contract on the upper Taylor River Reserve, noting that Council have approved budget to maintain the disc golf area and can use other R&M from the Parks budget should that be required. This is a new asset to Council's recreational activities and staff are monitoring the state of the grounds. Should there be a higher Level of Service required, staff will seek an increase in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan.

Carried

6223 *Valarie Seatter (Havelock Community Association)*

Clrs Croad/Fauls:

That Valarie Seatter (Havelock Community Association) be thanked for their submission, noting that:

- The submission on an improved playground at Memorial Park is to be referred to the Assets & Services Committee for further consideration and prioritisation.
- Sewerage system: Staff are working with consultants on the new discharge consent application due later in 2023. A site for the new treatment plant has been secured and designs for the new treatment plant are at an early stage currently.
- Community Facilities: The HCA are recognised as a very active and positive community group in Havelock. The group seems to have been at the front of several major improvements over the years in terms of socialising with the community - these projects are seen as supporting recreational activities in the community including the Havelock Motuweka Pathway and the Neil St Upgrade project.
- Seniors Housing: In the past capital funding for pensioner/senior housing was provided by Central Government. The current Governments funding model is an operating funding model and not a capital funding model. To access operational funding, entities must be Community Housing Providers (CHP's). Council are not eligible to become CHP's. Council is not aware of any demand for Senior Housing in Havelock.

Carried

6226 *Philip Sim*

Clr J Arbuckle/The Mayor:

That Philip Sim be thanked for his submission on a land purchase, noting that the land is in private ownership. An application for a 66 lot residential subdivision was lodged in November 2022 under Resource Consent U220886.

Carried

6227 *Richard Potez (The Blenheim Club)*

The Mayor/Clr Hope:

That the funding request from Richard Potez (The Blenheim Club) be declined at this time, however the submitter is to be advised that this issue will be discussed during the Heritage Strategy development process.

Carried

6228 *Lynda Aitchison*

The Mayor/Clr Adams:

That Lynda Aitchison be thanked for her submission on Picton Foreshore land, noting that the area is owned by Port Marlborough NZ Limited. They will be using it for the current iReX project in the short/medium term. Once this is finished, they intend to seek community input for its future use. Council has paused its future development investigations in Picton until the iReX planning, design and consequences are fully understood and staff resources and project funding sources allow.

Carried

6231 *Susan Foster (Canvastown Community Association)*

Cirs J Arbuckle/Adams:

1. That the funding request from Susan Foster (Canvastown Community Association) for an increase in their annual operating grant be approved by increasing the funding by \$1,500 per annum (to be funded from general rates), taking the total operating grant to \$3,500; noting that no CPI adjustment will be made at this stage.
2. That the issue of CPI adjustments for all ongoing grants be referred to the LTP Working Group for policy development.

Carried

6243 *Melva Robb*

The Mayor/Clr Dawson:

That Melva Robb be thanked for her submission, noting that:

- **Biosecurity:** Any background risk of erosion associated with the removal of the wilding pines will depend on the underlying land cover. In most cases, the removal of the wilding pine infestation is of greater long term benefit to the surrounding ecosystem. Unfortunately, many other factors may influence erosion risk, including the integrity of the soil substrate, and ecosystem which is commonly affected by severe ungulate browse. As a result, programmes such as those overseen by community Trusts are moving toward total ecosystem restoration as opposed to single target programmes. Fennel – this weed is widely established predominantly on roadsides and other highly disturbed areas. This is not a feasible target (cost benefit) for a species-led biosecurity intervention.
- **Sculpture:** The new sculpture will not be moving.
- **Flood Protection:** In relation to the flooding in the Taylor River a number of articles have been published about this in local news media. Weed growth was very high this autumn season and the MEP prevents weed cutting from February to April when the flooding occurred. As soon as we were in May, the weed boat was out cutting the weed to reduce river levels. In relation to trees in the river, these are removed post a flood event by Waka Kotahi for the State Highway bridges and by Kiwirail for the rail bridge over the Wairau River. Gravel extraction is carried out on a regular basis in conjunction with analysis of river bed levels. If too much is removed, this places a risk on the security of stop banks, and ecological considerations needs to be taken into accounts as well.
- **Mounds/Rocks on SH6 near the Rapaura Road Intersection:** The greenspace/open space area is maintained by a Council contractor. While the area around the roundabout was sold to Waka Kotahi to enable the build, the rest of the land remains in Council ownership.
- The issue of signage for the toilet facilities at the Dog Park in Renwick will be referred to the Animal Control Sub-Committee for further consideration.

Carried

6248 *Rana Moanaroa (Legion Legacy Charitable Trust)*

Cirs J Arbuckle/Dalliessi:

That the funding request from Rana Moanaroa (Legion Legacy Charitable Trust) be declined, however the submitter is to be advised that an avenue for funding for their request is Council's Community Grants (open mid-August 2023).

Carried

6257 Robin Dunn

The Mayor/Clr Dawson:

That Robin Dunn be thanked for his submission, noting that:

- **Public Transport: Council's budgets for public transport in Picton are for the public bus services as opposed to supporting a private operator.**
- **Support Kevin Wilson's submission: The result of Mr Wilson's submission is "That the funding request from Kevin Wilson (Thursday Recreation Mountain Bikers) for bike cattle stops be referred to the 2023-24 Land Subdivision Account process for funding consideration."**
- **Create cycle lane on New Renwick Road between Paynters Road and Burleigh: There is no funding within current budgets. This is not a case of simply widening the road shoulder to accommodate a cycleway, as new drainage channels will need to be constructed as part of the construction. Also to fit a cycleway, powerlines would need to be moved along New Renwick Road. The estimated cost for all of this in the current construction climate is \$1,100,000; \$600,000 for building a cycleway and \$500,000 for powerlines to be moved. Waka Kotahi's focus of funding for cycleways is in the urban environment, so funding from Waka Kotahi is very unlikely for this rural cycleway which Council would have to 100% fund.**
- **Alabama Road/Riverlands Hall: There is a large open drain that would need to be piped, but the environmental science team advise that this drain, as it has permanent water flowing in it, has ecological value. If the drain can't be piped, then land would have to be purchased from adjoining landowners along this path. From a purely construction point of view the estimated cost to seal a path would be \$800,000 which is not included in existing budget. Funding from Waka Kotahi is very unlikely for this rural cycleway which Council would have to 100% fund. The Town Branch Drain stormwater project design includes a cycleway once land purchase can be achieved with adjoining landowners, which could provide the cycle path to the Riverlands School.**

Carried

6262 Peter Morice (Marlborough Repertory Society)

Cirs Croad/Hope:

That the submission from Peter Morice (Marlborough Repertory Society) regarding pedestrian access issues be referred to the Assets & Services Committee for further consideration and possible funding consideration from the Land Subdivision Account.

Carried

6271 Staff Submission

Cirs Faulls/Minehan:

That Council agree to the remission of the Kenepuru Road Rate in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 financial years at a cost of \$35,497 and \$17,749 respectively.

Carried

6273 Pam Benseman (Renwick Sports & Events Centre)

Cirs J Arbuckle/Flight:

That the submission from Pam Benseman (Renwick Sports & Events Centre) be referred to the Assets & Services Committee for further consideration.

Carried

Members discussed some further savings proposed by staff. Three options were proposed:

- Reduce Staff advertisements \$7,250
- Reduce Smart+Connected costs \$25,000
- Reduce Yellow / White Pages Advertising \$3,300

Clr Croad moved (with Clr Rosene seconding) a motion to accept all three savings offered. Clr Arbuckle moved an amendment (with Clr Dawson seconding) to accept two of the savings (excluding the Yellow / White Pages).

The amendment was put to the vote and was carried therefore becoming the substantive motion.

Cirs J Arbuckle/Dawson:

That the following savings as proposed by staff be included in the 2023-24 Annual Plan:

- **Reduce Stuff advertisements** **\$7,250**
- **Reduce Smart+Connected costs** **\$25,000**

Carried

Cirs J Arbuckle/Croad:

That the 2023-24 Annual Plan be amended as appropriate to incorporate the decisions made by Council on submissions, and that the revised budgets and resultant rates and charges be adopted for inclusion in the 2023-24 Annual Plan.

Carried

Staff reported that following the above decisions Council is proposing a 7.97% (approximately) rates increase.

The meeting closed at 4.12 pm.

Confirmed this 29th day of June 2023

N P TAYLOR
MAYOR

Record No. 23126914

4. Minutes

- 4.3 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 16 June 2023
(Minute Nos. Cncl-0623-387 to Cncl-0623-388)



**Minutes of the
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL
held in the Council Chambers and via Teams, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2023 commencing at 2.00 pm**

Present

The Mayor N P Taylor (in the Chair), Cllrs S R W Adams, J A Arbuckle, S J Arbuckle, J D N Croad, B G Dawson, B A Faulls, G A Hope, B J Minehan, J C Rosene and T P Sowman.

Present via Teams

Cllrs A R Burgess and D A Dalliessi.

Karakia

The meeting opened with a karakia.

The Mayor welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies

Cllrs Rosene/Sowman:

That the apologies for absence from Cllrs M R K Flight and R J Innes be received and sustained.

Carried

Cncl-0623-387 Declaration of Interests -

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-0623-388 Decision to Conduct Business with the Public Excluded -

The Mayor/Cllr Rosene:

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

- Legal Action

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
Legal Action	Maintain legal professional privilege as provided for under Section 7(2)(g).	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 2.55 pm.

Confirmed this 29th day of June 2023

N P TAYLOR
MAYOR

Record No. 23126915

5. Committee Reports

5.1 Economic, Finance & Community Committee

Economic, Finance & Community Committee Meeting held on 13 June 2023
(Minute Nos. EFC-0623-377 to EFC-0623-386)



**Report and Minutes of a Meeting of the
ECONOMIC, FINANCE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2023 commencing at 9.00 am**

Present

Cirs J A Arbuckle (Chairperson), B G Dawson (Deputy), S R W Adams, S J Arbuckle, J D N Croad, R J Innes, B A Faulls, M R K Flight, G A Hope, B J Minehan, J C Rosene, T P Sowman and Mayor Nadine Taylor

Present via Teams

Cirs A R Burgess and D A Dalliessi

In Attendance

Messrs M F Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer), D G Heiford (Manager, Economic, Community & Support Services) and Ms N Chauval (Committee Secretary)

Apologies

No apologies received.

EFC-0623-377 Declaration of Interests -

Clr Dawson declared an interest in PE Item 1 – Techhub

ATTENDANCE: Mr Neil Henry, Council's Manager, Strategic Planning & Economic Development and Mark Unwin, Council's Economic Development Programmes Manager, were present for the following item.

EFC-0623-378 Economic Development Update E100-010-01

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to provide an update on the activities of Council's Economic Development (ED) team between March and May. To highlight this report a powerpoint presentation was shown (presentation filed in CM Record No. 23119699).

Topics covered in the presentation were:

- *Updated infometrics data*
A link to the full report had been circulated to members.
- *Sister region*
A delegation from Ningxia, China visited Marlborough on 4-5 May. It was the first visit of a delegation since 2019 due to Covid. The delegation visited a number of locations and discussions were held about further co-operation related to wine technology, wine education and talent exchanges. Mr Henry noted further visits are being discussed and we have been invited to visit Ningxia in September, dates to be finalised. Currently working with local businesses that had been part of a previous delegation to gauge interest in attending.
- *Smart and Connected Updates*
Progression workshops for the Aquaculture group on Mussels as a superfood and are continuing to progress two key projects, one regarding profiling the health benefits of greenshell mussels and the other looking at opportunities to boost mussel spat retention.

- *Virtual Reality Videos*
14 June is the launch date for the VR Videos promoting roles within the aviation and wine industry. The next S+C Aviation and Aerospace meeting is scheduled for 25 July and members were invited to attend as a tour of the hangar is on the agenda.
- *Tech Week*
Eight events were arranged. 450 people involved over the week.
- *Winepro*
First booking has been received.
- *Te Ara o Tai*
Mr Henry provided a response to a query on current iwi consultation and how that will remain strong.

It was noted that if members have an interest in a particular area to advise the ED team and information on developments and meeting dates will be circulated.

Cirs Croad/J Arbuckle:
That the information be received.

Carried

ATTENDANCE: Ms Jodie Griffiths, Council's Community Partnerships Advisor, was present for the following item.

EFC-0623-379 Waiving of Fees Review for Community
C150-001-000

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to consider the overall budget for waiving of fees, the policies and to review the fee waiver for Community Use of the Marlborough Events Centre.

It was noted that the waiving of fees was established as an acknowledged way for Council to assist non-profit organisations to reduce costs when developing facilities for community, social, recreation and cultural needs or carrying out activities of community benefit.

The waiver of fee policies relate to Resource Consents, Building Consents, Food Licencing and Transfer Station fees.

In February 2010 the policy was reviewed with a maximum level which could be claimed per application set at \$1,500 + GST per organisation. This is on a per annum basis. The annual budget for waiving of fees is \$30,000.

Ms Griffiths noted there is steady demand for this waiver, with the requests being managed within the current budget. Prior to Covid-19 demand on the budget was increasing and that pressure could once again increase as community projects develop in the Post-Covid environment. Approximately 25% of the requests exceed the \$1500 + GST policy maximum.

Members were advised the community is grateful for this contribution as it does make a difference in projects going ahead. Ms Griffiths noted that the Council's Consents Team do forward eligible applications.

It was reported that momentum is gaining for community groups requesting a fee waiver in respect of the Marlborough Event Centre. Four events have been held with a further four due to be held in the coming months. It was reported that events over the next 12 month period can be funded from budget carry overs.

Ms Griffiths noted the 2024 -2034 Long Term planning process could be the ideal time to reconsider the policies and budgets for fee waivers as a further year would provide a better overview of demand and any increases could be considered.

It was reported that at last year's Annual Plan a budget of \$20,000 was approved for community events at the Events Centre, to date five events have been held and three are pending. The budget has not been expended

as it will take some time for momentum to build for those community events. Members were advised that this can be managed within the current budget but would like review.

Cllrs Croad/Adams:

That Council retain current budget levels and policies with a review of the policies, overall budget amount per waiver for the 2024-34 LTP.

Carried

EFC-0623-380 Library Report

L300-018-001-02

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to provide an update to members on the operations of the library service.

Mr Heiford noted that on Friday 12 May the new library was opened to the public with the Marlborough Art Gallery opening a week later.

Since opening the library has been busy with glowing feedback being received.

Stats for the period 12 – 28 May show - items checked out 24,832, checked in 29,667, 705 people joined the library, 858 have renewed their memberships. The number of people who have visited during that period is 26,293.

Clr Dawson noted a comment made during the Annual Plan Hearing in regard to providing only takeaway containers and cups and whether there could be consideration given to sustainable options for the café. Mr Heiford advised that the café is a satellite installation and doesn't have the dishwashing and cleaning facilities that would be required but he will have a discussion with operators.

It was suggested that for now customers could be encouraged to bring their own reusable cups and promote that on Council's community page.

Members sort information on the final construction in respect of screens and solar panels. Mr Heiford will organise for the information to be circulated.

Mr Heiford provided members with an update on bus access and current road works. It was reported that the official opening for the library is scheduled for 30 June 2023 and the road will be closed from 7.00 am that morning. Businesses in the area have been contacted.

During the report members requested that visitor stats for the new library, art gallery and the number of new memberships be continued to be provided in future reports.

Clr S Arbuckle/The Mayor:

That the report be received.

Carried

Postscript: Mr Lyall emailed Councillors with an update on the exterior lighting screens, public change area and the solar roof panels advising that the installation of the panels would commence 3 July and take 2-3 weeks to complete.

EFC-0623-381 Three Waters Better Off Funding

E100-004-01

Mr Fletcher noted that the purpose of the report was to provide information on the list of projects approved under Tranche One of Three Waters Well Being Funding and to seek Councillors agreement to amend the content and funding for one project.

In summary Mr Fletcher advised that the Crown had approved \$5.76 million of "Better Off Support" tranche one funding proposals. At the time of approval there was to be a further Tranche Two funding pool of \$17.28 million which would be available for application from 1 July 2024. The Crown have subsequently removed the tranche two funding.

Members were advised that the approvals for Tranche One funding permit Council to amend its proposals at six monthly intervals. This enables Council to amend its proposals to align with the funding requirements of each project and the evolving priorities. It was proposed that the changes agreed by Council are actioned to take effect from 1 July 2023. Members were advised that subsequent changes will be reported to Council at each six-monthly reset.

The following amendments to the funding proposals were noted:

- a) Lansdowne Park Lights – reduce funding from \$100,000 to \$20,000 to complete engineering report which is already underway.
- b) Tracks, trails and accessibility – utilise existing \$150,000 budget and \$80,000 from Lansdowne Park lights towards Okiwi Bay track and boardwalk project. The project will provide a pathway/boardwalk through native land and around a significant wetland providing protection to the wetland and allowing people to experience the values of the area. The land was accepted to be vested as a reserve with the subdivision in Okiwi Bay.
- c) Refer other projects marina 2 marina sealing, community hall audit and Seymour Square and Taylor Reserve back to Council for future funding consideration.
- d) Technology Hub – As Kanoa have provided further funding support of \$577,700 for improved fit out, this proposal is being modified in a separate paper in the “Public Excluded” section of this Agenda, as commercial negotiations are still in progress.

Members asked a number of questions on the amendments to the funding proposals which were answered by Jane Tito, Council’s Manager, Parks & Open Spaces.

Members requested a list of the projects that Council had signalled for Tranche Two and further information on the Okiwi Bay project.

The Mayor/Clr S Arbuckle:

1. **That Council note the list of projects approved under Tranche One of Three Waters Well Being Funding;**
2. **That Council agree to the amendments as outlined below to the Better Off Funding proposals.**
 - (a) **Lansdowne Park Lights – reduce funding from \$100,000 to \$20,000 to complete engineering report which is already underway.**
 - (b) **Tracks, trails and accessibility – utilise existing \$150,000 budget and \$80,000 from Lansdowne Park lights towards Okiwi Bay track and boardwalk project. The project will provide a pathway/boardwalk through native land and around a significant wetland providing protection to the wetland and allowing people to experience the values of the area. The land was accepted to be vested as a reserve with the subdivision in Okiwi Bay.**

Carried

EFC-0623-382 Financial Report for Council – Period Ended 30 April 2023

F275-001-01

Mr Fletcher presented Council's financial report for the period ended 30 April 2023 and noted that the Assets and Services and Community Facilities (including Parking) Departments Financial Report was attached as an addendum to the report due to this being a combined committee meeting.

It was noted that the forecast values have been reviewed with particular emphasis on capital expenditure. Much of this data has been extracted from the 2023-24 Annual Plan process with additional updates made to reflect updated progress expectations at year end. Forecast data will continue to be updated as information comes to hand.

Members were advised that the major variances between actual and budget are higher than anticipated development contributions and vested assets as subdivisions have reached the title issue stage requiring contributions to be made, receipt of un-budgeted Affordable Water Reform Council Transition Support Package Funding, and lower than anticipated roading reinstatement expenditure due to the impacts of the August 2022 flood event. Accounting entries will be made at year end to move some of these costs to capital. Lower than

anticipated grants uplifted by community-based organisations. External and internal interest expenses are lower than anticipated due to the savings, deferrals, delays and grant funding in past capital expenditure programmes resulting in less external borrowings.

It was reported that the Capital expenditure progress is impacted by many reasons including finalising community consultation, obtaining land access, obtaining resource consents, the availability of external professional expertise and receiving an acceptable contract price and contractor availability.

To address this Council has a \$120.0M (including \$37.6M of carryovers from previous financial years) capital works programme. This ensures that multiple projects can continue to progress. Council has also funded a 2022-23 Capital Expenditure budget of only \$82.4M to better match funding requirements with expected year end expenditure.

It was reported that the capital expenditure section of the financial report compares the full \$120.0M programmed to the actual capital expenditure and identifies those key projects which will be deferred.

It was noted that with the current inflationary environment and having Capex projects being delayed that budgets will need to be reviewed as part of the LTP process to ensure there is sufficient funds available to complete the projects.

Comments were provided in the report on variances greater than \$100,000.

Cllrs Croad/J Arbuckle:

That Council receive the Financial Report for the period ended 30 April 2023.

Carried

EFC-0623-383 Debtors Overdue Reports as at 30 April 2023 **F220-002-020-22**

Mr Fletcher presented the Debtors Overdue Reports as at 30 April 2023 to members.

Members were advised that the Current and 30 – 90 Days balance includes a large Development Contribution invoice of \$800k which has been paid in May 2023. It also had a large government department invoice which had to be credited and recharged in May.

The 90 Days balance includes several Development Contribution invoices that will be paid once the building project is near completion. The list of overdue Building Consents is increasing as building projects are not being started due to the unavailability of materials and builders.

The Property Leases and Licences Debtors Report as at 30 April 2023 was attached to the agenda for Councillors' information.

Cllrs J Arbuckle/Dawson:

That the information be received.

Carried

EFC-0623-384 Rates Report as at 30 April 2023 **F270-36-21**

Mr Fletcher advised that the purpose of the report was to advise the Council of the rates position as at 30 April 2023.

Members were advised on the current rating year arrears. It was noted 78.05% of the 2022-2023 rates have been collected this is slightly lower on the same period last year, which was 78.21%.

Of the arrears outstanding at 30 June 2022, 83.12% have been collected which is less than the 88.18% of the arrears outstanding at 30 June 2021. Members were advised that this lower collection rate could be attributed to the current cost of living situation and higher mortgage interest rates. It was noted that the Rates Team are continuously working with rate payers to find mutually agreeable repayment plans to help them manage their rates payments.

Mr Fletcher advised that as at 30 April 2022 1,629 rates rebate applications had been processed for the current rating year. This figure is more than the 1,572 applications processed for the same period last year. Council will be promoting the rates rebate scheme in the coming months.

Cllrs J Arbuckle/Adams:
That the information be received.

Carried

EFC-0623-385 Information Package

Cllrs Hope/Fauls:
That the Economic, Finance & Community Information Package dated be received and noted.

Carried

EFC-0623-386 Decision to Conduct Business with the Public Excluded

Cllrs J Arbuckle/Croad:
That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- Techhub
- Contractual Negotiations
- Debtors Report

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
Debtors Report	In order to protect the privacy of natural persons, as provided for under Section 7(2)(a).	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.
Techhub Contractual Negotiations	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

ATTENDANCE: The meeting adjourned at 10.17 am and reconvened at 10.32 am

The meeting closed at 11.15 am.

Record No: 23122123

5. Committee Reports

5.2 Special Hearing Committee to hear submissions on the 2023-24 Annual Plan Consultation Document

Special Hearing Committee to hear submissions on the 2023-24 Annual Plan Consultation Document
Meeting held on 6 & 7 June 2023
(Minute No. AP-0623-372)



**Report of a Meeting of a Special Hearing Committee to hear submissions
on the 2023-24 Annual Plan Consultation Document
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2023 and WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2023
commencing each day at 8.30 am**

Present

The Mayor N P Taylor (in the Chair), Cllrs S R W Adams, J A Arbuckle, S J Arbuckle, A R Burgess, J D N Croad, B G Dawson, B A Faulls, M R K Flight, G A Hope, R J Innes, B J Minehan, J C Rosene and T P Sowman

Present via Teams

Cllr D A Dalliessi

In Attendance

Mr M Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer), Ms C Lake (Financial Services Manager) and Ms N J Chauval (Committee Secretary),

Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

AP-0623-372

Annual Plan Update 2022-23

F230-A22-09-02

For each of the Hearing sessions Mayor Taylor welcomed those present and explained the proceedings that would be undertaken for the hearings and noted the member attending by Teams.

There were 78 submissions received and of those 55 submitters wanted to speak to their submission.

The following speakers had indicated they would speak to their submission but withdrew from the Hearing.

- 6232 Masha Woodbury (Woodbury Family Trust)
- 6200 Doug Saunders-Loder (New Zealand Federation of Commercial Fisherman)
- 6269 Debs Martin (Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance/The Nature Conservancy) – additional information provided by Ms Martincirculated to Mayor and Councillors CM Record No. 23126208
- 6240 Shana Pinker (Marlborough Netball Centre)
- 6193 Jason Mackie (Waitaria Bay Settlers Hall)

The following is a list of those that spoke to their submission, a note of any presentations and information circulated to the Mayor and Councillors. All submitters were present in the room or attended via Teams.

ATTENDANCE: Chris Lake, Council's Financial Services Manager joined the Hearing at 8.30 pm.

Tuesday, 6 June 2023

6239 Samantha Forrest (Marlborough Stadium Trust)

Matt Kerr, Chair Stadium Trust, spoke to the submission. Bridget Taylor, Stadium 2000 Trust's General Manager was present in the public gallery.

Budget Requested: \$62,925

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: The notes that the Long-Term Plan proposed an increase to the Trust's grants from Council be requests that this is upheld in the Annual Plan process. We submit for approval an annual CPI adjustment to the existing annual grant.

NB: Current set of financial accounts. Information on CPI adjustments regarding the Stadium. Clarify last paragraph of submission.

6220 *Brian McNamara (Abbeyfield Marlborough)*

Brian McNamara, Brian Ross, Gayle chambers (President Greypower and Committee Member Abbeyfield) and Russell Hopkins spoke to the submission.

Decision Sought: Request that Council consider subdividing 2054m² from the Kingwell Drive Reserve to establish an Abbeyfield house.

NB: Council staff to clarify the status of Kingwell Drive Reserve and provide the management plan for the reserve.

6247 *Hularii Mckenzie (via Teams)*

Topic: Accessibility

Decision Sought: 1. Amend Accessibility Policy to reflect the needs of our disabled community to continue make it easier to see the need and then provide the facility for the accessibility we long for in our community. Taking away of 4.3 - Policy 4.3 - There will be two specialist change facilities located in Council buildings in Blenheim so even the possibility of asking for changing facilities isn't prevented. 2. Council to continue the work and commitment made towards an accessible change facility at Pollard Park. 3. Council to consider and commit to a Changing Places NZ facility in Picton to help service our changing needs. 4. Westwood Business Park, we ask council to commit when building proposed public facilities, they include accessible changing facilities for our disabled community that can be accessed 24/7. 5. Council to liaise with Changing Places NZ for consultation regarding a facility in Picton to service our community needs but also the needs of our disabled visitors, friends, and families. 6. Work with the Stadium 2000 to provide two additional change tables for the other family change rooms at the stadium to lessen the wait and danger times our disabled community face in entering and exiting the pools. Work with the Stadium to make two of the family change rooms specific to disability changes instead of being family change and help to educate and get the information out about why leaving these rooms for those that need it is so important.

6225 *Jeanine Sadd (Crossroads Charitable Trust)*

An updated profit and loss sheet was tabled (CM Record No. 23114223) and a video was shown 23113965.

Decision Sought: Request from Council an annual contribution towards the running costs of Crossroads.

NB: Members requested a complete Profit and Loss sheet for the year ended 31 March 2024 as the one circulated at the Hearing had not included the information for - Kiwisaver – Employer's contribution; Wages and Salaries; Total Operating Expenses; Net Profit.

6241 *Evelyn Duncan (Tua Marina-Waikakaho Residents and Ratepayers Association)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125697

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: Funding from Council to upgrade the community memorial hall.

6233 *William Harris (Marlborough A&P Association)*

An additional document containing images of the sheep pavilion was circulated Rec No. 23114225

Budget Requested: \$12,384.46

Topic: Parks and Reserves

Decision Sought: Funding to undertake restoration of the heritage sheep pavilion.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearing adjourned at 10.00 am and reconvened at 10.43 am.

6216 *Brian Henstock (Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust)*

Brian Henstock and John Aldridge (Treasurer Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust) spoke to the submission.

Topic: Community Support

Decision Sought: Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust to remain on the Annual Plan for the next year. The Trust is included in the Strategic Plan, and the 5 year Marlborough Age-Friendly Strategy. The Marlborough District Council provide support and assistance to minimise current problems with the District Health Board.

NB: Mayor suggested that she meets with Stuart Smith MP to discuss a Marlborough approach to Whatu Ora.

6199 *Chris Marshall (Endeavour Park Pavilion Society trading as Port Marlborough Pavilion)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125712

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: Acknowledgment that provision needs to be made in Council budgets for maintenance of the current building which has now been in operation for 10 years. 2. Acceptance of the Stage 2 Feasibility Study as tabled.

NB: Further detailed information on the playground and covered courts.

6254 *Melanie Cherry (Pelorus Rugby Football Club Inc.)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125719

Denis Marfell (Chairperson Pelorus Rugby Football Club) also spoke to the submission.

Topic: Parks

Noted that the scoreboard from the park has been removed.

NB: Details on whether they have applied for further discount from Havelock Community Assn for use of the facilities and have they you applied elsewhere for funding eg RATA or Cogs. New scoreboard in place has been paid for by MDC.

6230 *Kate Horrey (Wairau Valley Community Hall Board)*

Jill Odell (Chair Wairau Community Hall) and Angela Woolfe (Chair of Wantwood Community Room) spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125727

Budget Requested: \$29,158

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: Assistance in funding, or co-funding, the community outdoor surface areas at the Wantwood Community Room and Wairau Valley Community Hall.

6238 *Stephen Hall (Picton Maritime Festival Trust) (via Teams)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125740

Budget Requested: \$750

Topic: Community Support

Decision Sought: Increase the PMF Annual Grant by the lower of CPI or the Rates Increase each year. Investigate the options for having a suitable stage in Marlborough for events to use, thus eliminating having to hire in from outside the region.

NB: Cost of a stage and who would look after it.

6214 *Simon Feltham (NZ Police)*

Graham Single (Police), Simon Langford, Rebecca Lowe (Te Whatu Ora) and Michael Neal (Hospitality Business Owner) spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125744

Topic: Alcohol

Decision Sought: MAGG would like Council to introduce a Local Alcohol Policy (LAP). That the development of an LAP be included in the work plan for the MDC Annual Plan 2023.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearing adjourned at 12.35 pm and reconvened at 1.30 pm.

6270 *Heather Turnbull (Awatere Valley Trust)*

An image was shown CM Record No. 23125750

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: Whale Trail - We want an attractive bollard that lifts up for garden/WT track maintenance for trucks at both ends at Seymour St and Mills Rd (SH1) of the cycle/walkway. Clean-up and maintain the unkempt Starborough Creek riparian land along the Underpass Walkway where the Whale Trail goes. Remove willows to open up the area for more light (H&S) and to get better river flow. Drinking water bubbler near Tui Garden or somewhere central for Whale Trail riders and others. Electric charging station for vehicles and bikes. Township Highway Safety - Need rail over bridge foliage cut back on SH1 (NZTA & MDC) - Need sign saying "watch out for pedestrians" both ends of Seddon's centre.

NB: Clarity on the playground. How is the campground administered.

ATTENDANCE: Martin Fletcher, Council's Chief Financial Officer joined the meeting at 1.50 pm and Chris Lake (Financial Services Manager) withdrew from the meeting at 1.50 pm.

6261 *Bradley Roberts (Riverlands School)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125764

Topic: Kea Crossing

Decision Sought: Safety improvements at the crossing on Alabama Road, near School Rd. A Kea Crossing, or similar.

NB: Link to the Speed Management Plan be sent to Mr Roberts.

6178 *Kevin Wilson (Thursday Recreation Mountain Bikers)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125769

Budget Requested: \$9,500

Topic: Parks

Decision Sought: Employ and pay a contractor to do any fencing required and drive the posts for the five proposed structures, pay for all material with estimated total cost for contractor and materials \$9,500.

6242 *Fraser Brown (Marlborough Mountain Bike Club)*

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: MDC commission an MTB economic benefit study specifically relating to Marlborough. An audit of the current trail network looking at synergy of trails, grading of trails and subsequent safety concerns. Allocated funding for the upkeep and development of MTB trails. A review of the contractor approval process, including volunteers.

NB: Copy of financial accounts.

6264 *Nigel Muir (Wild Waikawa)*

Nigel Muir and Mish Clark were present and spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125779

Topic: Environment

Decision Sought: To encourage Council to do more in the environmental space.

6252 *Nigel Muir (The Whale Trail)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125783

Topic: Parks

Decision Sought: Support increased investment in this space and seek the Council to consider investments around the development of the Whale Trail cycling/walking route. Specifically, this includes the foreshore at Waitohi where users of the Whale Trail, Queen Charlotte Track and Linked Pathway all congregate. The routes for the Whale Trail through the townships of Waitohi and Blenheim will also require partnership and investment to ensure a safe, enjoyable experience for all and this will include wayfinding, directional signage, bike stands, connection with other walkway/bikeways and other aspects that make for a "bike friendly" environment.

6256 *Bruce Richards*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125787

Topic: Cycling

Decision Sought: Development of safe cycling infrastructure throughout the region.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearing adjourned at 3.19 pm and reconvened at 3.41 pm

6245 *John Kershaw*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125818

NB: Cllr Dawson will contact the submitter in regard to submitting to the Regional Transport plan.

6258 *Jane Buckman*

Topic: Community Facilities – Culture/Heritage – Library Services – Solid Waste

Decision Sought: Community Facilities - For sufficient resource allocation [person time, expertise, and money] to ensure that planning and consultation work directed towards establishment of a new Regional Park resumes/continues. Undertake an update to the Council's website with information on timelines so that a website search produces more than two results.

Culture/Heritage - To not close off a potential avenue for future development of a Blenheim based museum building by selling out of Council's control of the old library building at 33 Arthur Street. If Council's revenue contribution of \$3.5 million towards the new library must be completed in the 2023-4 fiscal year, then I request that additional Reserves funding is used by Council to "buy time" keeping the old library building until a full review and consultation process is completed.

Library Services - That Council work with The Boathouse's committee to ensure that all new Council signage for the "arts and culture precinct" area, physical and electronic, and including that for the new winery and cellar door, also include directions to The Boathouse Theatre. That the Council works closely with the sale/purchase

process for the Marlborough Clubs building to ensure the best outcome for this significant piece of infrastructure, ensuring the result compliments the Community Centre and ASB Theatre.

Solid Waste - The Staff working at the transfer station stop the dumping of recyclable materials.

6229 Clara Watt

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125835

Topic: Environmental Protection

Decision Sought: A recycling facility (Container) for Renwick until the kerbside collection is put into place.

The Tuesday, 6 June 2023 Hearing adjourned at 4.26 pm and reconvened on Wednesday, 7 June 2023 at 8.30 am.

Wednesday, 7 June 2023

ATTENDANCE: Martin Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer) was present at the commencement of the Hearing.

The Mayor welcome everyone to the Hearing and noted the process for the day.

At the beginning of the session the following Conflicts of Interests were noted:

- The Mayor for submission 6176 Marlborough District Brass Band

6143 David Dew (Blenheim Club)

A copy of the submitter's notes were circulated to members CM Record No. 23110191.

Topic: Heritage

Decision Sought: Create a rating category that assists the Club by reducing rates or create a grant that must be spent on maintenance to assist preserving the Blenheim Club building.

Mr Dew advised that Councillors were welcome to undertake a tour of the Club.

NB: Latest financial information for the Club.

6255 Paul Davidson (Heritage)

Paul Davidson and Dale Webb spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126031

Topic: Heritage

Decision Sought: 1. Take no further action regarding transfer of assets pending proper consultation with the Heritage Trust, the Historical Society and all relevant community organisations. 2. Maintain the Marlborough Heritage Trust operating budget (excluding staff) for a further 12 months, reappoint Council and Iwi representatives and support its operation as the Partnership Agreement requires; 3. Underwrite the operation of the Heritage Education programme to the end of the 2023 school year and assist with securing continued Ministry funding for future years; 4. Support and fund an appropriate heritage working group and heritage consultants to develop strategic visions and economic feasibility studies for a future reset of the Marlborough Heritage sector; 5. Include in this year's Annual Plan a budget for development of a 10 year capital development plan for the region's museums, with project timelines and priorities for inclusion in the next Long Term Plan.

NB: Information on the cost to fund the education programme until the end of the year. KPI Information for the Marlborough Historical Society.

6263 Paul Davidson (Film Archive)

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126066

Topic: Culture

Decision Sought: 1. Recognise the significance of the audio visual heritage of Marlborough and the absence of any formal means to preserve and maintain this heritage assets; 2. Encourage a partnership between the heritage sector and Screen Marlborough to develop a strategy for collection and protection of the region's film heritage. 3. In consultation with the heritage and filmmaking sectors of the community, develop appropriate strategies and budgets to research, access, collate and preserve all significant audio visual resources relevant to the Marlborough Iwi and community.

NB: Copy letter of support.

6176 *Brian Nicholas (Marlborough District Brass Band Inc)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126075

Topic: Culture

Decision Sought: That Marlborough District Brass Band's annual grant be adjusted by CPI annually.

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Taylor declared a conflict of interest in the above submission and withdrew for this presentation and the Deputy Mayor Croad assumed the chair.

NB: Current financial information.

6235 *Ailie Suzuki (Envirohub Marlborough)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126079

Budget Requested: \$64,473

Topic: Minimising Waste

Decision Sought: Greater support for community and grassroots efforts to drive zero waste practices throughout the region, with an emphasis on events of any size and type. Financial support allowing for the Zero Waste service to reach further and be equitable and accessible to ALL members of our community and driving the community-wide change we need to minimise our environmental impact.

NB: Current financial information for the Hub and details of the Council events they have provided the service to.

6234 *Catherine van der Meulen (Entrepreneurial Women with Purpose) (present via Teams)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126085

Topic: Various

Decision Sought: Regional development - Campaigns that support innovation and imaginative solutions to craft organisations, business models and ideas to bring these into our community. Activating projects like "We love it here" to attract the next generation of environmental guardians. Waste - Subsidised composting bins with the new roll out of wheely bins for general rubbish and recycling.

6221 *Rick Wilson (Millennium Public Art Gallery)*

Rick Wilson and Cressida Bishop spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126092

Budget Requested: \$230,000

Topic: Culture

Decision Sought: 1. An increase to the operating costs grant by \$60,000 per annum from July 2023. 2. Funding of MPAG staffing increases by an extra \$120,000 per annum from the 2023/24 financial year (CPI adjusted). 3. Funding for the storage, maintenance and conservation of the Marlborough Collection subject to a separate contract for service being negotiated and funded up to \$50,000 per annum. 4. That all operating funding be CPI adjusted on an annual basis.

NB: Requested information on the operating grant they are receiving now plus the CPI. Provide budget scenarios on options for operating at new hours but 6 days a week and 5 days a week.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearing adjourned at 10.55 am and reconvened 11.09 am.

ATTENDANCE: Martin Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer) withdrew from the meeting at 10.55 am and Chris Lake (Financial Services Manager) joined the meeting at 11.09 am.

6266 *Graham Gosling (Picton Business Group)*

Graham Gosling and Maria Baxter spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126102

Topic: Community Facilities, Roads and Footpaths

NB: Plans for the temporary terminal – entranceway, shelter.

6251 *John Hickman (Flaxbourne Settlers Association)*

Budget Requested: \$34,397

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: Seeking an increase in the community contract grant to fund services and tasks as required by Council and assistance with items that need attention and those that the community wishes to pursue.

NB: Latest financial information.

6265 *Chris Davies*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No.

Topic: Various

6268 *Scott Burnett (Forest & bird)*

Topic: Environmental monitoring and compliance; East Coast Vehicle Bylaw – budget funds for permitting, monitoring and enforcement; Port Marlborough Inland Hub in Riverlands industrial area and Plague Skinks; Cat control; Better practice in plantation forestry; Climate; Nature based solutions ahead of engineered solutions to flood risk and inundation; Environmental funding support of Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance projects.

NB: Provide minutes and/or bylaw from Tasman District Council on cat management.

6267 *Evan White (Federated Farmers of New Zealand)*

Chris Dawkins spoke to the submission.

Decision Sought: That the Council Cap the percentage rates increase to no greater than stated in the Council's 2021 Long Term Plan for the 2023/24 financial year and reduce expenditure to ensure there is no need for loans to cover revenue shortfall. That MDC should fully utilise the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) mechanism at 30% of the total rates income, to provide equity between ratepayers. That MDC funds freshwater management and monitoring through the Council's reserves and the UAGC due to the district-wide benefit for all ratepayers. That the Council continue to ensure that rural landowners are not rated for Three Waters services. That any increase in roading debt which is incurred by transportation projects in nonrural areas be recovered from ratepayers in non-rural areas where the transportation projects are situated unless there is a demonstrable benefit to rural ratepayers. That the Council to continue to improve and seal more roads in Marlborough's rural areas.

6218 *Zoe Aitchison (Administration Coordinator)*

Brin Evans (Chair Picton Dawn Chorus), Dave Johnston (Head Ngahere Planting Group) spoke to the submitters. Members of the Picton Dawn Chorus Board were present in the public gallery. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126174

Budget Requested: \$5,000

Topic: Parks

Decision Sought: Seek sufficient funding to purchase planting tools and an administrative allowance.

6211 *Michelle Madsen (Marlborough Four Paws)*

Liz spoke to the submission and Lesley and Michelle (Founders of Marlborough Four Paws) were in the public gallery. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126188

Topic: Stray Cats

Decision Sought: A stray cat management plan be developed.

ATTENDANCE: The hearing adjourned at 1.10 pm and reconvened at 1.45 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Chris Lake (Financial Services Manager) withdrew from the Hearing at 1.10 pm and Martin Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer) joined the meeting at 1.45 pm.

6244 *Peter Chapman*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126212

Topic: Destination Marlborough

Decision Sought: Immediate action on all the following in regard to Destination Marlborough; Legal structure; Board structure; Trust Board appointment process; DM Annual Plan & Funding; Q & A's with the MDC District Secretary (April 2023); I-Site operations; Employee entitlements and full disclosure of all operating expenses (Salaries & wages); Marlborough brand confusion; All Inclusive Tourism; Cruise ship ground transport.

NB: Requested clarification on what Destination Marlborough is registered as.

6217 *Lee Harper (The Omaka Observatory Charity Trust)*

Lee Harper and Emily Barraclough spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126231

Topic: Dark Skys Over Marlborough

Decision Sought: Council to agree that the creation of dark skies reserves / parks / places should be investigated. Establish a working group to work through what is involved. Membership to include: Omaka Observatory Council staff from environment and planning teams (and any other effected parts of Council).

Council to promote dark sky friendly lighting on any replacement or new work being undertaken and on buildings and car parks by it and its commercial subsidiaries (dark sky friendly lighting should save money in the long run due to less energy use and therefore have a zero-cost impact to the Council).

Mr Harper extended an invitation to the Mayor and Councillors to visit the area where they would be given a tour from a dark sky perspective.

6215 *Tim Newsham (Spring Creek Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc.)*

Budget Requested: \$5,000

Topic: Community Halls

Decision Sought: Funding to paint and replace the Spring Creek Hall's windows.

NB: Information on the status of the hall's piles. Update on small townships programme for Spring Creek.

6219 *Tim Newsham (Marlborough Environment Centre Inc.)*

Topic: Wairau River Recreational Reserve

Decision Sought: An accurate explanation of why this project has stalled. A new co-ordinator appointed for the project. Project to be back on Council's agenda for 2023/24 with full funding as was originally allocated.

6210 *Simon Lamb (Marlborough Farmers Market)*

Simon Lamb and Euan Mackeller spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126272

Topic: Parks & Reserves/Community Facilities

Decision Sought: Funding to allow improvements to the A&P Park to address a number of health and safety issues and to facilitate the future expansion of the market.

6253 *Yvonne Wratt (Grovetown Residents Association)*

Topic: Grovetown Sewerage

Decision Sought: Change the way that the Grovetown ratepayer is charged for their sewerage rates. Take a serious look at how stormwater can be dealt with cost effectively for those original ratepayers who were told, if Grovetown agreed to a sewerage scheme, we would be able to sub-divide our larger sections.

NB: Requested information on the Grovetown land purchased by Council.

The Hearing adjourned at 3.32 pm and reconvened at 3.47 pm

6260 *Helen Reynolds (Top of the South Neighbourhood Support Charitable)*

Meg Martin spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126315

Topic: Community Support / Emergency Management / Environmental Health

Decision Sought: That Marlborough District Council make a financial contribution to the \$22,500 annual salary costs of the Marlborough Area Co-ordinator.

NB: A plan for connecting with people down the Sounds; Latest financial information for Top of the South and the Marlborough Branch; Information on whether residents/households in longer streets are being contacted and how many; Identify the core expense that the Trust would be looking for the operating grant to cover.

6222 *Meg Martin (Volunteer Marlborough Charitable Trust)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126330

Budget Requested: \$15,000

Topic: Community support

Decision Sought: We seek an annual operating grant for Volunteer Marlborough of \$15,000.

6206 *Ed Shuttleworth (Tasman Regional Sports Trust)*

Ed Shuttleworth and Mahina Henry-Campbell spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126351

Topic: Community Sport and Recreation

6212 *Kelvin Watt (Graeme Dingle Foundation Marlborough)*

Kelvin Watt and Taylor Haze spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126362

Budget Requested: \$13,000

Topic: Youth

Decision Sought: Funding to continue the additional support for Career Navigator through to the upcoming year, which would allow us to work with increasing numbers of students in the region. Propose the Council spearhead a research project to create a comprehensive benchmark of youth wellbeing and employment issues in the region/local economy. With a clearer picture of what is happening, and needed, in our community, capacity can be built and resources better targeted to meet that need.

6246 *Andrew Caddie (KCSRA (Kenepuru & Central Sounds Residents Assn Inc))*

Topic: Roading

Decision Sought: For Council to fund and recruit a suitably qualified and experienced in-house roading engineer to more effectively monitor and improve the outcomes from its current contractual arrangements, particularly in relation to rural roads. An update on the Council's obligations under the Marlborough Environment Plan to implement a plan of action to assess Climate Change risk on existing Council infrastructure such as the roading network.

6250 *Emily Hargreaves (Te Pukenga/ NMIT)*

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: Seeking consideration for a joint venture with Te Pukenga/NMIT to enhance Ballinger Park for the benefit of the community by including a 3x3 basketball area within the park.

6237 *Nicola Kitson*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126393

Topic: Reserves

Decision Sought: Approval for and the construction of a paved pathway in the Manor Place Reserve connecting the rights-of-way from Manor Place, Lewis Street with each other and to Redwood Street.

Petition circulated to the Mayor and Councillors.

The Hearing concluded at 5.27 pm

The Mayor, Councillors and Council staff reconvened at 5.30 pm to discuss the process and distributing the additional information requested of staff and submitters for the Council (Decision) meeting on Monday 12 June 2023.

Postscript: All submitter, Council staff responses and additional information were collated into one document and circulated to the Mayor and Councillors prior to the Council (Decision) meeting on Monday 12 June 2023. CM Record No. 23117880

Record No: 23126708

6. Adoption of the 2023-24 Annual Plan

(also refer to separately circulated attachment)

(The Mayor) (Report prepared by M Fletcher)

F230-A23-03

Purpose of report

1. To adopt the final Annual Plan document for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Annual Plan for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Comments

2. Council at its 12 June 2023 meeting made decisions on all matters raised in submissions on its Draft 2023-24 Annual Plan.
3. Council also resolved:
Cllrs J Arbuckle/Croad:
That the 2023-24 Annual Plan be amended as appropriate to incorporate the decisions made by Council on submissions, and that the revised budgets and resultant rates and charges be adopted for inclusion in the 2023-24 Annual Plan.
Carried
4. At the conclusion of the 12 June 2023 meeting, Council was advised that the indicative rates increase was 7.97%.
5. The minutes of the 12 June 2023 Council meeting are on the Agenda for confirmation at this meeting with only issues of accuracy able to be raised.
6. The 2023-24 Annual Plan document, as amended in terms of the decisions made, will be **separately attached**. Council has already seen and discussed the majority of this document at previous meetings, except for changes made as a result of decisions at the Council meeting on 12 June 2023.

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Authoriser	Mark Wheeler, Chief Executive

7. Setting of Rates for the 2023-24 Financial Year

(also refer to Attachment 7.1)

(The Mayor) (Report prepared by C Lake)

F270-24-01

Purpose of report

1. To set the rates and charges for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2023 and ending on 30 June 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Marlborough District Council set the rates and charges, as set out in the schedule hereto (Attachment 7.1), under the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on rating units in the District for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2023 and ending on 30 June 2024.

Background

2. **Attached** (as Attachment 7.1) is the schedule of rates and charges to be set for the 2023-24 financial year to give effect to the decisions made by Council on 12 June 2023.

Attachment

Attachment 7.1 - Setting of Rates for the 2023-24 Financial Year

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Authoriser	Martin Fletcher, Chief Financial Officer

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Setting of Rates for the 2023-24 Financial Year

That the Marlborough District Council set the following rates under the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on rating units in the district for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2023 and ending on 30 June 2024.

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GST has been calculated on the basis of 15% for the year. The rates below are GST inclusive.

TARGETED GENERAL TYPE RATES

1. Geographic Area General Works and Services Rates

General Works and Services Rates are set differentially for six geographic areas, depending on where the land is situated.

Within each geographic area, the rating units are further differentiated into categories of rateable land in accordance with the use to which the land is put i.e. Residential or rural, commercial or industrial and homestay or farmstay.

Rating units may be partitioned by Council where there are two or more land uses that fit into different differential rating categories.

These rates fund the "Geographic Area's Rate Component" of the net cost of operations, capital expenditure and debt servicing cost, after making provision for targeted rates and charges, general revenue, and utilisation of various reserves.

A Geographic Area General Works and Services Rate pursuant to Sections 16 and 17 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and Schedule 2 of that Act, based on the rateable land value of all rating units in the District, to be set and assessed differentially for one or more of the following categories of rateable land -

- **Blenheim Geographic Area (BM)**
 - 1171 Blenheim rating units with a residential or rural land use – 0.354053 cents in the dollar.
 - 1172 Blenheim rating units with a commercial or industrial land use – 1.089335 cents in the dollar.
 - 1173 Blenheim rating units with a homestay or farmstay type land use occurring on a residential or rural rating unit where a Building Act consent and/or Resource consent is required – 0.532844 cents in the dollar.
- **Blenheim Vicinity Geographic Area (BV)**
 - 1191 Blenheim Vicinity rating units with a residential or rural land use – 0.283375 cents in the dollar.
 - 1192 Blenheim Vicinity rating units with a commercial or industrial land use – 0.535362 cents in the dollar.

1193 Blenheim Vicinity rating units with a homestay or farmstay type land use occurring on a residential or rural rating unit where a Building Act consent and/or Resource consent is required – 0.346435 cents in the dollar.

- **Picton Geographic Area (PN)**

1211 Picton rating units with a residential or rural land use – 0.447149 cents in the dollar.

1212 Picton rating units with a commercial or industrial land use – 0.855511 cents in the dollar.

1213 Picton rating units with a homestay or farmstay type land use occurring on a residential or rural rating unit where a Building Act consent and/or Resource consent is required – 0.549471cents in the dollar.

- **Picton Vicinity Geographic Area (PV)**

1231 Picton Vicinity rating units with a residential or rural land use – 0.251197 cents in the dollar.

1232 Picton Vicinity rating units with a commercial or industrial land use – 0.520496 cents in the dollar.

1233 Picton Vicinity rating units with a homestay or farmstay type land use occurring on a residential or rural rating unit where a Building Act consent and/or Resource consent is required – 0.318570 cents in the dollar.

- **General Rural Geographic Area (GR)**

1251 General Rural rating units with a residential or rural land use – 0.287838 cents in the dollar.

1252 General Rural rating units with a commercial or industrial land use – 0.464206 cents in the dollar.

1253 General Rural rating units with a homestay or farmstay type land use occurring on a residential or rural rating unit where a Building Act consent and/or Resource consent is required – 0.331944 cents in the dollar.

- **Sounds Admin Rural Geographic Area (AR)**

1271 Sounds Admin Rural rating units with a residential or rural land use – 0.147148 cents in the dollar.

1272 Sounds Admin Rural rating units with a commercial or industrial land use – 0.275265 cents in the dollar.

1273 Sounds Admin Rural rating units with a homestay or farmstay land use occurring on a residential or rural rating unit where a Building Act consent and/or Resource consent is required – 0.179186 cents in the dollar.

2. Geographic Area General Works and Services Charges

A targeted Geographic Area General Works and Services Charge on the basis of a fixed amount on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit ensures that rating units contribute on a uniform basis to fund the "Geographic Area's Uniform Charge Component" of the net cost of operations, capital expenditure and debt servicing charges, after making provision for targeted rates and charges, general revenue and utilisation of various reserves.

These charges are to be set differentially for six geographic areas, depending on where the land is situated; on the same basis as for the Geographic Area General Works and Services Rates.

A Geographic Area General Works and Services Charge to be set on the basis of a fixed amount on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit pursuant to Sections 16 and 17 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 in the following geographic areas, or on infrastructural utilities that are not rated under the geographic areas:

Blenheim Geographic Area	\$1,004
Blenheim Vicinity Geographic Area	\$915
Picton Geographic Area	\$1,015
Picton Vicinity Geographic Area	\$882
General Rural Geographic Area	\$666
Sounds Admin Rural Geographic Area	\$536
Infrastructural Utilities (not rated in areas above)	\$836

3. Targeted Debt Servicing Rates

A Grovetown Sewerage Loan Rate pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to be set at 0.242685 cents in the dollar on the land value of every rating unit in the Grovetown Sewerage Special Rating Area in respect of which no contribution to the lump sum scheme was chosen to fund debt servicing costs on Grovetown Sewerage Loans.

A Renwick Sewerage Loan Rate pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to be set at 0.034049 cents in the dollar on the land value of every rating unit in the Renwick Sewerage Special Rating Area in respect of which no contribution to the lump sum scheme was chosen, such rate to be applied towards debt servicing costs on the Renwick Sewerage Loan.

A Southern Valleys' Irrigation Loan Rate, pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to be set on the basis of a fixed amount per irrigable hectare of \$296.40 on every rating unit in the Southern Valleys' Special Rating Area in respect of which no contribution to the lump sum scheme was chosen to fund debt servicing costs on Southern Valleys' Irrigation Loans.

A Flaxbourne Community Irrigation Loan Rate, pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to be set on the basis of a fixed amount per hectare of \$1 on all land committed to receive a base allocation of water on every rating unit in the Flaxbourne Special Rating Area. The quantum of the loan rate will alter as the proposal is progressed and will be used to either fund investigation costs incurred should the scheme not proceed or the total cost of the scheme should construction contracts be awarded.

4. Targeted Roading Rates and Charges

A French Pass Road Charge – Road Access, pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$99.00 on every rating unit in the French Pass Rating Area, such rate to be applied towards the cost of seal extension in the targeted area.

A French Pass Road Charge – No Road Access, pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$25.00 on every rating unit in the French Pass Rating Area, such rate to be applied towards the cost of seal extension in the targeted area.

A Kenepuru Road Rate, pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to be set at 0.009824 cents in the dollar on the capital value of every rating unit in the former Kenepuru Riding, for roading improvements in that area. This rate will be remitted for 2023-24.

5. Targeted Rivers Rates

A Wairau Valley Rivers Works Rate, being a targeted rate pursuant to Sections 16 and 17 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to be set on the Capital Value of every rating unit situated in the Wairau Valley Rivers Rating Area classified in one or more of the following categories to fund the Cost of Operations, Capital Expenditure, etc of River Planning, Control and Flood Protection, in the above Rating Area:

Wairau Valley Rivers Works - Rural A	0.065816 cents in the dollar
Wairau Valley Rivers Works - Rural B	0.059710 cents in the dollar
Wairau Valley Rivers Works - Rural C	0.044819 cents in the dollar
Wairau Valley Rivers Works - Rural D	0.005906 cents in the dollar
Wairau Valley Rivers Works – Blenheim Urban 1	0.048887 cents in the dollar
Wairau Valley Rivers Works - Blenheim Urban 2	0.041654 cents in the dollar
Wairau Valley Rivers Works - Blenheim Urban 3	0.036245 cents in the dollar
Wairau Valley Rivers Works - Blenheim Urban 4	0.020557 cents in the dollar
Wairau Valley Rivers Works – Other Urban 1 in Wairau Catchment	0.046528 cents in the dollar
Wairau Valley Rivers Works - Other Urban 2 in Wairau Catchment	0.031573 cents in the dollar

6. Targeted Sewerage Rates

Definitions:

For the purposes of this section –

“Connected” refers to any separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit that is connected, either directly or indirectly, through a private drain to a public drain. “Serviced” has the same meaning.

“Serviceable” refers to any separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit situated within 30 metres of a public sewerage or stormwater drain to which it is capable of being effectively connected, either directly or through a private drain, but which is not so connected.

“Combined sewerage rates and charges” do not include the initial debt servicing requirements for any new schemes not paid by lump sum contributions.

7. Combined Sewerage Scheme Capital Works Rate

A combined Sewerage Capital Works Rate, pursuant to Sections 16 and 17 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to be set and assessed differentially on the land value of every rating unit in the Combined Sewerage Rating Area, classified in the following areas, to meet capital expenditure and debt servicing costs of the combined sewerage scheme:

Blenheim Group	0.04215 cents in the dollar
Havelock	0.06449 cents in the dollar

Picton	0.04594 cents in the dollar
Seddon	0.07713 cents in the dollar

8. Combined Sewerage Scheme Charge

Pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 the following Rates are to meet expenditure of the combined sewerage scheme other than capital and debt servicing costs:

- A Sewerage User Charge to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$480 on every separately used or inhabited part of a serviced rating unit connected to the Combined Sewerage Scheme.
- A Sewerage Non-User Charge to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$240 on every separately used or inhabited part of a serviceable rating unit within the Combined Sewerage Rating Area.

9. Targeted Water Supply Rates

Definitions:

For the purposes of this Section –

"Serviced" or "Connected" refers to any separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit to which water is supplied.

"Serviceable" refers to any separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit to which water can be but is not supplied (being property situated within 100 metres from any part of the waterworks).

10. Combined Water Scheme Capital Works Rate

A combined Water Capital Works Rate, pursuant to Sections 16 and 17 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to be set and assessed differentially on the land value of every rating unit in the Combined Water Rating Area, classified in the following areas, to meet capital expenditure and debt servicing costs of the combined water scheme:

Blenheim	0.048486 cents in the dollar
Havelock	0.074184 cents in the dollar
Picton	0.052850 cents in the dollar
Koromiko	0.033456 cents in the dollar
Renwick	0.051881 cents in the dollar
Seddon	0.088730 cents in the dollar

11. Combined Water Scheme Charge

Pursuant to Sections 16 and 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 the following Rates are to meet expenditure of the combined water scheme other than capital and debt servicing costs:

12. Blenheim Water Supply

- A Blenheim Water User Charge for non-metered rating units, being a rate to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$376 on every separately used or inhabited part of a serviced rating unit in the Blenheim Water Supply Area [including the Burleigh Extension].

- A Blenheim Water Non User Charge for non-metered rating units, being a targeted rate to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$188 on every separately used or inhabited part of a serviceable rating unit in the Blenheim Water Supply Area [including the Burleigh Extension].
- A Blenheim Metered Water Charge, for metered rating units [including the Burleigh Extension], being a rate to be set for the quantity of water provided to residential metered connections according to the following scale of charges:

A charge of \$94.24 per quarter for the volume of any water supplied between 0 m³ and 62 m³ (and)

A metered charge of \$1.52 per cubic metre for the volume of water supplied in excess of 62 m³ per quarter.

13. Havelock Water Supply

- A Havelock Water User Charge, for residential units, being a rate to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$384 on every separately used or inhabited part of a serviced rating unit in the Havelock Water Supply Area.
- A metered charge of \$2.30 per cubic metre for the volume of water supplied in excess of 200 cubic metres per annum.

14. Picton Water Supply

- A Picton Water User Charge, for non-metered rating units, being a rate to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$642 on every separately used or inhabited part of a serviced rating unit in the Picton Water Supply Area.
- A Picton Water Non User Charge, for non-metered rating units, being a rate to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$321 on every separately used or inhabited part of a serviceable rating unit in the Picton Water Supply Area.
- A Picton Metered Water Ordinary Charge, for metered rating units, being a rate to be set for the quantity of water provided to residential metered connections (excluding "Koromiko Special Pipe-line Agreement" consumers) according to the following scale of charges:

A charge of \$158.46. per quarter for the volume of any water supplied between 0 m³ and 38m³ (and)

A metered charge of \$4.17 per cubic metre for the volume of water supplied in excess of 38 m³ per quarter.

- A Picton Metered Water Koromiko Charge, for metered rating units, being a rate to be set for the quantity of water provided to all "Koromiko Special Pipe-line Agreement" consumers of \$3.34 per cubic metre.

15. Renwick Water Supply

- A Renwick Water User Charge, for residential units, being a rate to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$384 on every separately used or inhabited part of a serviced rating unit in the Renwick Water Supply Area.

A metered charge of \$1.28 per cubic metre for the volume of water supplied in excess of 200 cubic metres per annum.

16. Seddon Water Supply

A Seddon Water Charge, pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, being a rate to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$576 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the Seddon Water Supply Area (excluding all commercial consumers) and any new lots created by subdivision of such rating units whether connected or not.

Pursuant to Sections 16 and 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a Seddon Metered Water Charge being a rate to be set for the quantity of water provided for all residential consumers on the Seddon Water Supply of \$2.18 per cubic metre for all usage in excess of 275 cubic metres per annum.

17. Wairau Valley Water Supply

A Wairau Valley Water Charge, pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, being a rate to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$257 for each water meter, excluding all commercial water meters, connected to a rating unit within the Wairau Valley Water Supply Area.

Pursuant to Sections 16 and 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a Wairau Valley Metered Water Charge being a rate to be set for the quantity of water provided for each residential water meter connected to a rating unit within the Wairau Valley Water Supply Area of \$2.90 per cubic metre for all usage in excess of 350 cubic metres per annum.

These two rates are set to recover the net cost of operations, capital expenditure and debt servicing costs.

18. Commercial Metered Water Charges

Pursuant to Sections 16 and 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, the following rates to recover the net cost of operations.

19. Blenheim Commercial Metered Water Charge

- A Blenheim Metered Water Charge for metered rating units [including the Burleigh Extension], being a rate to be set for the quantity of water provided to commercial metered connections according to the following scale of charges:

A charge of \$54.50 per quarter for the volume of any water supplied between 0 m³ and 50 m³ (and)

A metered charge of \$1.09 per cubic metre for the volume of water supplied in excess of 50 m³.

20. Havelock Commercial Metered Water Charge

- A Havelock Metered Water Charge to be set for metered rating units, being a rate for the quantity of water provided to commercial metered connections according to the following scale of charges:

A charge of \$148.00 per quarter for the volume of any water supplied between 0 m³ and 50 m³.

A metered charge of \$2.96 per cubic metre for the volume of water supplied in excess of 50 m³.

21. Picton Commercial Metered Water Charge

- A Picton Metered Water Ordinary Charge, for metered rating units, being a rate to be set for the quantity of water provided to commercial metered connections (excluding connections where water is Onsold) according to the following scale of charges:

A charge of \$172.00 per quarter for the volume of any water supplied between 0 m³ and 50 m³ (and)

A metered charge of \$3.44 per cubic metre for the volume of water supplied in excess of 50 m³.

- A Picton metered Water Onsold Rate, for metered rating units, being a rate to be set for the quantity of water provided to commercial metered connections that is subsequently Onsold according to the following scale of charges:

A charge of \$170.55 per quarter for the volume of any water supplied between 0 m³ and 45 m³.

A metered charge of \$3.79 per cubic metre for the volume of water supplied in excess of 45 m³.

22. Renwick Commercial Metered Water Charge

- A Renwick Metered Water Charge, for metered rating units, being a rate to be set for the quantity of water provided to commercial metered connections according to the following scale of charges:

A charge of \$111.00 per quarter for the volume of any water supplied between 0 m³ and 50 m³ (and)

A metered charge of \$2.22 per cubic metre for the volume of water supplied in excess of 50 m³.

23. Seddon Commercial Metered Water Charge

Pursuant to Sections 16 and 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a Seddon Metered Water Charge for metered rating units being a rate to be set for the quantity of water provided for all commercial metered connections on the Seddon Water Supply according to the following scale of charges:

A charge of \$209.00 per quarter for the volume of any water supplied between 0 m³ and 50 m³ and

A metered charge of 4.18 per cubic meter for the volume of water supplied in excess of 50 m³.

24. Wairau Valley Commercial Metered Water Charge

Pursuant to Sections 16 and 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a Wairau Valley Metered Water Charge being a rate to be set for the quantity of water provided for each commercial water meter connected to a rating unit within the Wairau Valley Water Supply Area according to the following scale of charges:

A charge of \$214.00 per quarter for the volume of any water supplied between 0 m³ and 50 m³ (and)

A metered charge of \$4.28 per cubic metre for the volume of water supplied in excess of 50 m³.

This rate is set to recover the net cost of operations, capital expenditure, and debt servicing costs.

25. Rural Awatere Water Supply

A Rural Awatere Water Charge, pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, being a rate to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$1,000.00 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the Rural Awatere Water Supply Area and any new lots created by subdivision of such rating units whether connected or not.

Pursuant to Sections 16 and 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a Rural Awatere Metered Water Charge being a rate to be set for the quantity of water provided for all consumers on the Rural Awatere Water Supply of \$2.43 per cubic metre for all usage in excess of 275 cubic metres per annum.

These two rates are set to recover the net cost of operations, capital expenditure, and debt servicing costs.

26. Riverlands Water Supply

Water Rates, pursuant to Sections 16 and 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to recover the costs of operations, capital expenditure and debt servicing.

A Riverlands Metered Water Charge, for metered rating units, being a rate to be set for the quantity of water provided to all consumers according to the following scale of charges:

A charge of \$80.50 per quarter for the volume of any water supplied between 0 m³ and 40 m³ (and)

A metered charge of \$1.51 per cubic metre for the volume of water supplied in excess of 40 m³.

27. Southern Valleys' Irrigation Scheme

A Southern Valleys' Metered Irrigation Charge, pursuant to Section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, being a rate to be set for the quantity of water provided to metered connections of \$0.27 per cubic metre.

The metered irrigation rate is set to recover the scheme's net operating costs.

TARGETED REFUSE AND RECYCLING CHARGES

28. Blenheim/Picton (Residential) Refuse and Kerbside Recycling Collection

A Blenheim/Picton (Residential) Refuse and Kerbside Recycling Collection Rate, pursuant to Sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$152.00 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the collection rating area, in respect of which Council is prepared to provide a refuse and kerbside recycling collection service.

29. Blenheim/Picton (Residential) Refuse Collection

A Blenheim/Picton (Residential) Refuse Collection Rate, pursuant to Sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$96.00 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the collection rating area, in respect of which Council provides or is prepared to provide a refuse collection service only.

30. Blenheim/Picton (Commercial/Industrial) Refuse Collection

A Blenheim/Picton (Commercial/Industrial) Refuse Collection Rate, pursuant to Sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$96.00 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the collection rating area, in respect of which Council provides or is prepared to provide a refuse collection service.

OTHER TARGETED RATES

31. Energy Efficiency Rates

A Targeted Energy Efficiency Rate, pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to be set on the basis of a calculation on the extent of energy efficiency services provided to a rating unit as a percentage of the service amount (inclusive of associated costs including both interest and principal) until the service amount is recovered as follows:

Energy Efficiency Rate 5	16.096598%
Energy Efficiency Rate 6	15.963864%
Energy Efficiency Rate 7	15.897569%
Energy Efficiency Rate 8	15.832943%
Energy Efficiency Rate 9	15.801902%
Energy Efficiency Rate 10	15.771579%
Energy Efficiency Rate 11	15.807701%
Energy Efficiency Rate 12	15.877303%
Energy Efficiency Rate 13	15.946051%

32. Residential Pool Inspections

A Targeted Residential Pool Inspections Rate pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$105 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit with a residential pool, such rate to be used to fund the costs associated with carrying out residential pool inspections in Marlborough under the Building (Pools) Amendment Act 2016.

33. Tourism Rates

A Targeted Tourism Rate, pursuant to Sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to be set on the basis of a fixed amount on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, set differentially for the following land uses, to enable Destination Marlborough to promote Marlborough as a tourist destination:

Residential or rural properties that are advertised for short term rental accommodation - \$255.

Commercial properties used for short term rental accommodation where less than 30 people can be accommodated - \$255.

Commercial properties used short term rental accommodation where 30 or more people can be accommodated - \$390.

Commercial properties used for Tourism Activities (excluding the groups above) - \$284.

Where a tourism operator operates in two or more of the groups above from the same rating unit, only the highest applicable group charge will be assessed.

34. Landscape Rates

A Targeted Landscape Rate, pursuant to Sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to be set on the basis of a fixed amount on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit with higher landscaping standards for new subdivisions (and existing subdivisions following consultation) to fund the resulting additional maintenance costs, according to the following scale of charges:

Properties with Urban level 1 landscaping standards	\$45
Properties with Urban level 2 landscaping standards	\$57
Properties with Rural level 1 landscaping standards	\$63
Properties with Rural level 2 landscaping standards	\$192

35. Tuamarina/Waikakaho Hall Rate

A Tuamarina/Waikakaho Hall Rate, pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, being a rate to be set on the basis of a fixed amount of \$18.45 on every rating unit in the Tuamarina/Waikakaho Rating Area, towards to upkeep of the Tuamarina/Waikakaho Hall.

36. Residential Rates Postponement Scheme

To cover costs for this scheme, the following fees and charges are set for the 2023-24 rating year. All fees and charges will be added as either a one-off or annual charge as the case may be, to the approved applicant's rate account.

Initial charges	Fees and charges
Application fee	\$50.00

Initial charges		Fees and charges
Contribution to the decision facilitation process		\$300.00
Annual charges		
Administration fee		\$50.00
Interest rate		
2023-2024		5.0%

Property insurance: a ratepayer must submit a current certificate annually.

37. Due Dates For Payment

The above rates and charges are for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 and will become due and payable by four instalments as follows:

Instalment	Last date for payment before penalty is added
One	7 September 2023
Two	7 December 2023
Three	7 March 2024
Four	7 June 2024

Charges for Metered Water:

Meter reading date between	Last date for payment before penalty is added
1 Jul 2023 –30 Sept 2023	20 Oct 2023
1 Oct 2023 – 31 Dec 2023	20 Jan 2024
1 Jan 2024 - 31 Mar 2024	20 Apr 2024
1 Apr 2024 – 30 Jun 2024	20 Jul 2024

38. Penalty Provisions (Additional Charges on Unpaid Rates)

A penalty, equivalent in amount to 10% of the instalment amount remaining unpaid at the close of day on the "Last Date for Payment", shall on the next day be added to that amount of unpaid rates.

Pursuant to sections 57/58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a further penalty of 10% will be added to all rates and charges that remain unpaid on 30 June 2023.

39. Penalty Provisions (Unpaid Metered Water)

A penalty, equivalent in amount to 10% of the metered water amount remaining unpaid at the close of day on the "Last Date for Payment", shall on the next day be added to that amount which remains unpaid.

Pursuant to sections 57/58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a further penalty of 10% will be added to any unpaid amount from the third quarter or earlier that remain unpaid on 30 June 2023.

40. A Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Rating Unit (SUIP)

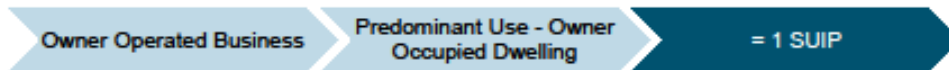
A SUIP includes any portion inhabited or used by the owner or a person other than the owner who has the right to use or inhabit that portion by virtue of a tenancy, lease, licence, or other agreement. It includes separately used parts, whether or not actually occupied at any particular time, which are used by the owner for rental (or other form of occupation) on an occasional or long term basis by someone other than the owner.

A rating unit that has a single use or occupation is treated as having one separately used or inhabited part.

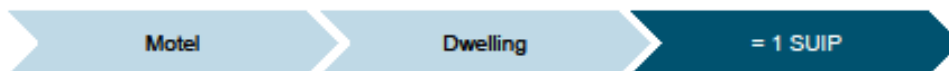
Vacant land and vacant premises offered or intended for use or habitation by a person other than the owner and usually used as such are defined as 'used'.

Exceptions to the definition:

- Predominantly residential rating units where the owner of the unit resides and operates a business (including a homestay or farmstay activity) from the same rating unit will be charged as being one SUIP.

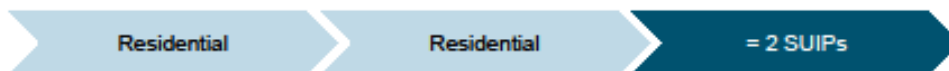


- Motels, and hotels used for commercial rental and dwellings used by owners or managers of a hotel or motel are treated as one business use even though each accommodation unit may be capable of separate use.

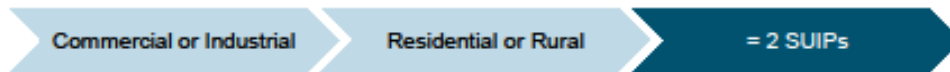


Examples of the application of the definition:

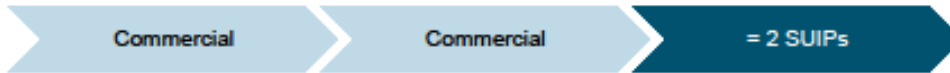
- Where a rating unit has two separately used parts, whether or not actually occupied at any particular time, they will be treated as two SUIPs.



- Where a rating unit contains both a commercial or industrial type use, and a residential or rural type use they will be treated as two SUIPs.



- Where a number of different businesses are located on one rating unit, each separate business will be assessed as a SUIP.



41. Rating Categories

It shall be at the sole discretion of the Council to determine the use or predominant use of any property in the district. The Council has adopted the following rating categories:

Residential or Rural

All land used for a private residence and all land used for rural purposes. This excludes rest homes and residential establishments that provide residential care. It also excludes all forms of commercial accommodation.

Rural purpose means any agricultural, horticultural or pastoral purpose and includes the keeping of bees, poultry or livestock. This group will include all rating units not otherwise categorised within a specified category.

Forestry is included in this category for the purposes of the General Works and Services Rate.

Commercial or Industrial

All land used for a commercial or industrial purpose. It includes but is not limited to, any trade or service or activity undertaken or provision of facilities, by any person with a view to making a profit or charging any fee or deriving any other consideration in relation to the trade or service or activity or provision.

Industrial includes a business, manufacturer, undertaking, or service associated with the production of any type of goods.

For the purposes of the general works and services rate, this category includes residential rest homes and residential establishments that provide residential care and all forms of commercial accommodation as well as rating units otherwise assessed as utilities.

Commercial accommodation includes but is not limited to the provision of accommodation for a fee or other consideration but does not include:

- Properties where the principal purpose is the provision of long stay accommodation ie: 28 days or more.
- Properties that provide accommodation for five or less people.
- Properties that were originally constructed as residential properties that provide accommodation for six or more, which are included in the homestay or farm stay category.

Homestay or Farm Stay

Includes all rating units that are used for a homestay or farm stay activity on land predominantly used for residential or rural purposes, where a Building Act or resource consent was required for homestay or farm stay use (i.e. for six or more persons).

Infrastructural utilities

Land used for an essential service such as water, electricity, gas, telecommunications or sewerage.

42. Geographic Areas

The geographic areas can generally be described as follows:

Blenheim Area (BM)

All of that area encompassed by the former Blenheim Borough Council together with those properties within a 1.5 km radius of that area which have a zoning of Residential or Industrial in the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan (eg: includes, Burleigh, Hammerichs Road, Riverlands and Waipuna Street); as well as any properties that are connected to (or are able to be connected to) either the Blenheim Water or Blenheim Group Sewerage Schemes, but excluding properties in the Renwick, Spring Creek and Grovetown Sewerage Rating Areas; and residential or rural properties and properties in the Riverlands Industrial Estate and Cloudy Bay Business Park that have an area of greater than one hectare.

Also included in the Blenheim area are a number of properties where it was an express condition of subdivisional resource consent.

Growth areas rezoned Urban Residential 2 Greenfields will be excluded from the Blenheim Area until granting of subdivision title.

Other land rezoned Urban Residential 2 or 3 as a result of the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan will be similarly excluded from the Blenheim Area until granting of subdivision title.

Blenheim Vicinity Area (BV)

All of that area encompassed within the following general description, but excluding the Blenheim areas described above:

From just north of the Rarangi Settlement following around the foothills in a south-westerly direction; taking in the Tuamarina Settlement; to the south bank of the Wairau River and then up the Wairau south bank to the Waihopai River; up the east bank of the Waihopai River to just north of Omaka Downs; and then generally following the base of the foothills; around to include the Taylors Pass in a south easterly direction as far as the Branch River; following the boundaries of properties on the south east side of the Taylor River; then around the base of the foothills to include land between SH 1 and both sides of Redwood Pass Road to and including 393 Redwood Pass Road; then to the coast on the south of the Vernon Lagoons.

Picton Area (PN)

All of that area encompassed by the former Picton Borough Council; together with the area of those properties serviced by the Picton Water or Sewerage Schemes (excluding those properties listed in the schedule below).

Schedule

Pt Lot 1 DP 8881, Pt DP 467 Waitohi Valley Blk XI Linkwater SD, Lot 1 DP 303616 Lot 1 DP 8240, Pt Sec 41 District of Waitohi, Lot 2 DP 3716, Lot 1 DP 3716, Lot 1 DP 9175, Lot 2 DP 9175, Lot 1 DP 10989, Lot 2 DP 10989, Lots 1 2 DP 1353 Lot 1 DP 1148 Pt Sec 37 Waitohi Reg Dist, Lots 2 5 DP 3183, Pt Sec 103 Waitohi Valley District Blk XV Linkwater SD, Lot 1 DP 402932 Lot 1 DP 5595 Lot 2 DP 5680 Sec 38 Pt Sec 37 Waitohi Dist, Lot 1 DP 9268, Pt Lot 1 DP 7160, Lot 1 DP 12294, Lot 2 DP 10225 Lot 1 DP 10476, Lot 1 DP 10882, Lot 2 DP 434941 Pt DP 747 Pt Sec 25 Wairau Dist Pt Lots 1-3 DP 693 Pt Sec 12 Pt Sec 13 Blk XV Linkwater SD, Secs 105 106 Pts Sec 36 104 Waitohi Valley Dist, Lot 1 DP 6397, Lots 1 2 DP 303945, Lots 3 4 DP 303945 Sec 129 Pt 159 Picton Subn Sec 18

Blk XV Linkwater SD, Lot 1 DP 302741, Lot 1 DP 10871, Lot 1 DP 6129, Lot 1 DP 759 Lot 2 Pt Lot 1 DP 1594, Pt Sec 63-65 Picton Subn. Lots 1-9 12 DP 1086, Sec 1 SO 429571 Lot 10 DP 1086, Lot 11 DP 1086, Lot 13 DP 1086, Lot 14 DP 1086, Lot 2 DP 3080, Sec 1 SO 416848 Lot 1 DP 3080, Sec 2 SO 416848 Lot 16 DP 1086, Lot 18 DP 1086, Pt Waikawa 2C2, Lot 4 DP 11736, Lot 1 DP 335692, Lot 2 DP 344933, Lot 3 DP 11736, Lot 1 DP 11736, Lot 1 DP 344933, Lot 2 DP 404985, Lot 1 DP 424360, Lot 2 DP 424360, Lot 3 DP 424360, Lot 4 DP 424360, Lot 5 DP 424360, Waikawa 3B Blk XII Linkwater SD Blk XI Arapawa SD, Lot 1 DP 9994, Lot 1 DP 10354, Waikawa Sec A2 Waikawa West Blk XII Linkwater SD Blk XI Arapawa SD, Waikawa Sec 4B2 Waikawa West Blk XII Linkwater SD Blk XI Arapawa SD, Lot 2 DP 7961 Pts Sec 10 & Pt Sec 11 Waitohi Dist Pts Sec 100 Waitohi Dist, lot 3 DP 8884.

Also included in the Picton area are a number of properties where it was an express condition of subdivisional resource consent.

Picton Vicinity Area (PV)

All of that area from the western point of Ngakuta Bay to the former Picton Borough boundary; plus all of that area from the eastern point of Waikawa Bay to Whatamongo Bay; plus a corridor area from the southern boundary of the former Picton Borough to Speeds Road; excluding properties serviced by the Picton Water or Sewerage Schemes, but including the properties listed in the Schedule above.

General Rural Area (GR)

All of that area administered by the former Marlborough County and excluding that part of the former County's area which has been included in either the Blenheim, Blenheim Vicinity, Picton, Picton Vicinity or Sounds Admin Rural areas.

Sounds Admin Rural Area (AR)

All of that area with basically sea access only, which was subject to the former Marlborough County Council Empowering Act 1965.

8. Remission and Postponement of Rates on Māori Freehold Land Policy Update

(also refer to Attachment 8.1)

(The Mayor) (Prepared by Linda Fletcher-Firks and Chris Lake)

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Purpose of Report

1. To consider updating the current Remission and Postponement of Rates on Māori Freehold Land Policy to include general land owned by Māori as relates to the Māori Affairs Amendment 1967 Act.

Executive Summary

2. This report will provide background information on the difference between Māori freehold land and general land owned by Māori so consideration can be given to whether a change to the current Remission and Postponement of Rates on Māori Freehold Land Policy is required.
3. The three categories of land considered are:
 - a) Māori freehold land;
 - b) general land owned by Māori (1967 Land); and
 - c) all other Land

RECOMMENDATION

That Council update the Remission and Postponement of Rates on Māori Freehold Land Policy so that general land owned by Māori, as changed by the Māori Affairs Amendment 1967 Act, is treated in the same way as Māori freehold land under Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Background

4. One ratepayer has requested that Council considers treating 1967 Land the same as Māori freehold land. However, before progressing further it is important to understand the differences between Māori freehold land and 1967 Land.

Māori Freehold Land:

5. In July 2021 the Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act was enacted amending the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The purpose of this Act was to ensure the fair and equitable collection of rates from all sectors of the community recognising that certain Māori-owned lands have specific conditions, features, ownership structures, or other circumstances that make it appropriate to provide relief from rates.
6. The Act provides:
 - a) local authorities with the power to write off rates arrears on any land where they cannot be recovered or, in the case of Māori freehold land a person has effectively inherited rates arrears from a deceased owner;
 - b) for Māori freehold land rating units that are entirely unused and Māori Land protected by Ngā Whenua Rāhui kawenata to be non-rateable, (Kawenata translates to covenant. Provides the landowners a way of protecting the whenua in its natural state. A legal agreement that states what the land can and can't be used for);
 - c) a statutory remission process to promote rates remissions for Māori freehold land under development;

- d) allowance for multiple rating units of Māori freehold land to be treated as one for the purposes of calculating rates if they are used as one economic unit, which will reduce uniform charges and lower the overall rates charged; and
 - e) for multiple homes on a rating unit of Māori freehold land to have separate rate accounts if the owner requests, which will enable owners to access rates rebates.
7. Our current policy provides relief to Māori freehold land only. Māori freehold land is defined in the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 as land whose beneficial ownership has been determined by a freehold order issued by the Māori Land Court.
 8. Māori freehold land is fully non-rateable under Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 under the following criteria:
 - land used solely or principally as a place of religious worship (clause 9);
 - land used as a Māori burial ground (clause 10);
 - Māori customary land (clause 11);
 - land that is used for the purposes of a marae (some exceptions apply) (clause 12);
 - land set apart as a Māori reservation (some exceptions apply) (clauses 13 and 13(b));
 - Māori freehold land on which a meeting house is erected (some exceptions apply) (clause 13(a));
 - an unused rating unit of Māori freehold land (clause 14(a)).
 9. The nature of Māori freehold land is different to 1967 Land. Differences include ownership structure as often Māori freehold land has many owners and the prohibition against further alienation of Māori freehold land.

General Land Owned by Māori

10. The term 1967 Land refers to general land that ceased to be Māori land under Part 1 of the Māori Affairs Amendment Act 1967, where the land is beneficially owned by the persons, or by the descendants of the persons, who beneficially owned the land immediately before the land ceased to be Māori land.
11. The 1967 amendment to the Māori Affairs Act required the Registrar of the Māori Land Court to reclassify some Māori freehold land as general land. This was sometimes done without the knowledge or agreement of the owners.
12. 1967 Land can be developed, mortgaged and sold in the same way as general land.
13. The following is a summary from the New Zealand History website (www.nzhistory.govt.nz):

“The Māori Affairs Amendment Act 1967 introduced compulsory conversion of Māori freehold land with four or fewer owners into general land. It increased the powers of the Māori Trustee to compulsorily acquire and sell so-called uneconomic interests in Māori land. Māori worried that the law would result in further alienation of what land remains. A member of the Māori Council called this the “last land grab”.
14. The Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 limits the actions that a local authority can take to recover unpaid rates in respect of 1967 Land. In particular, it cannot carry out an abandoned land or rating sale (refer to s77(3A) and s67(3)(b)). Therefore, any unpaid rates would become ‘statute barred’ (written off) after six years.
15. Any land deemed to be 1967 Land can be converted back to Māori freehold land through the Māori Land Court. This would mean that it automatically falls under the current Remission and Postponement of Rates on Māori Freehold Land Policy if it meets one of the seven criteria listed at the end of paragraph 8. However, there is a cost in making an application to the Māori Land Court.

Assessment/Analysis

16. The items shown in paragraph 6 were analysed in relation to our current policies and the findings are as below.

Power to Write Off Rates Arrears - 6(a)

17. This is simply a power that can be used for all rates arrears. As such does not require a separate policy.

Unused Māori Non-Rateable Land - 6(b)

18. This is part of a broader consideration as to whether Council wishes to treat 1967 Land the same as Māori freehold land.
19. The Team Leader Rating has approached QV, Land Information New Zealand and the Māori Land Court to see if any of these agencies are able to provide data which would show how many parcels of land would be affected by this change in Marlborough. None can provide that information, so we are unable to quantify the impact. NB, 1967 Land can be used for the same purposes as Māori Freehold land.

Māori Freehold Land Under Development - 6(c)

20. The details relating to this initiative are contained in **Attachment 8.1**, i.e. Section 114A. The requirements and options are very diverse making the development of a remissions policy extremely challenging. As a result, it is considered that requests for remissions under this Section should initially be considered on a case-by-case basis. Following experiencing several developments consistent themes will emerge as they have with the Development Contributions Policy when considering major multi-occupier developments. The Act does not require Council to provide remissions for the development of 1967 Land.

Multiple Rating Units of Māori Freehold Land To Be Treated as One Unit – 6(d)

21. This section is very similar to the way that Council is required by the Valuer General to treat contiguous properties as one unit when they are used as one economic unit. As a result, Council will look to apply the same principles tailored to meet the requirements of the Amendment Act. The key point to note is that the Act refers to a “person”, not multiple persons.

Separate Rates Accounts for Multiple Homes on One Rating Unit – 6(e)

22. The provision of invoices under this part of the Act is something that Council will provide on request and there is no need to develop a separate policy. Having separate invoices will enable ratepayers to meet the criteria for rates rebates eligibility.

Conclusion

23. After analysis of these it has been determined that only unused Māori non-rateable land (paragraphs 17 and 18) are relevant to the policy change. It was also determined that Māori freehold land under development would not be included in the recommendation as it would be prudent for a number of Māori freehold land developments to be considered under Section 114a before a change for 1967 Land is recommended to Council.

1967 Land - Option One (Recommended Option)

24. The Remission and Postponement of Rates on Māori Freehold Land Policy is updated so that 1967 Land as changed by the 1967 Act, is treated in the same way as Māori freehold land under Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, when used for the same purposes as outlined above at the end of paragraph 8.

Advantages

25. Allow 1967 Land ratepayers to be on the same footing as Māori freehold land in relation to their rates.

Disadvantages

- 26. Reduction in rates revenue. The value is not clear as it is not known how many properties will fall under these criteria.
- 27. Each case would be taken on a case-by-case basis as there is no known register of 1967 Land.

1967 Land - Option Two – Status Quo

- 28. Do not update current Remission and Postponement of Rates on Māori Freehold Land Policy to include 1967 Land.

Advantages

- 29. Status quo.

Disadvantages

- 30. Ratepayers who own 1967 Land do not have the benefit of having their land treated as non-rateable. Māori freehold land that meets the criteria in Schedule 1 will be non-rateable.

Next Step

Revised Remission and Postponement of Rates on Māori Freehold Land Policy for 6(b)

- 31. If agreed by Council, update the Remission and Postponement of Rates on Māori Freehold Land Policy from 01 July 2023, on our website.
- 32. Below is the draft of the revised policy.

**Māori Freehold Land
Remission and Postponement of Rates on Māori Freehold Land**

Objectives of the Policy

Section 102(2)(e) of the Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to adopt a policy on the remission and postponement of rates on Māori freehold land; section 108 and Schedule 11 set out the matters to be considered.

Conditions and Criteria

Māori freehold land is defined in the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 as land whose beneficial ownership has been determined by the Māori Land Court by freehold order.

Council will consider applications for remissions of rates on land described in s62A(1)(a) and (b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (1967 Land) when it meets the criteria contained in Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for Māori Freehold Land. 1967 Land refers to general land that ceased to be Māori land under Part 1 of the Māori Affairs Amendment Act 1967.

Attachment

Attachment 8.1- Setting of Rates for the 2023-24 Financial Year

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Summary of decision-making considerations			
Fit with purpose of local government.			
The proposal enables democratic local decision-making and action by, an on behalf of communities and relates to providing a public service and it is considered good-quality and cost effective.			
Fit with Council policies and strategies			
	<i>Contributes</i>	<i>Detracts</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
LTP / Annual Plan	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Infrastructure Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Social well-being	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Environment & RMA Plans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Arts & Culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
3 Waters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Land transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Parks and reserves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Nature of the decision to be made			
The options do not involve a significant decision in relation to Land or a body of water.			
Financial considerations			
There are expected to no significant financial implications.			
Significance			
The decision is considered of low significance under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.			
Engagement			
No engagement is proposed.			
Risks: Legal / Health & Safety etc			
There are no known significant risks or legal implications as [<i>describe why</i>].			
Climate Change Implications			
There are no known climate change implications to this decision.			

Attachment 8.1

114A Remission of rates for Māori Freehold Land under development

(1)

The purpose of this section is to facilitate the occupation, development and utilisation of Māori Freehold Land for the benefit of its owners.

(2)

A local authority must consider an application by a ratepayer for a remission of rates on Māori Freehold Land if—

(a)

the ratepayer has applied in writing for a remission on the Land; and

(b)

the ratepayer or another person is developing, or intends to develop, the Land.

(3)

The local authority may, for the purpose of this section, remit all or part of the rates (including penalties for unpaid rates) on Māori Freehold Land if the local authority is satisfied that the development is likely to have any or all of the following benefits:

(a)

benefits to the district by creating new employment opportunities:

(b)

benefits to the district by creating new homes:

(c)

benefits to the council by increasing the council's rating base in the long term:

(d)

benefits to Māori in the district by providing support for marae in the district:

(e)

benefits to the owners by facilitating the occupation, development, and utilisation of the Land.

(4)

The local authority may remit all or part of the rates—

(a)

for the duration of a development; and

(b)

differently during different stages of a development; and

(c)

subject to any conditions specified by the local authority, including conditions relating to—

(i)

the commencement of the development; or

(ii)

the completion of the development or any stage of the development.

(5)

In determining what proportion of the rates to remit during the development or any stage of the development, the local authority must take into account—

(a)

the expected duration of the development or any stage of the development; and

(b)

if the Land is being developed for a commercial purpose, when the ratepayer or ratepayers are likely to generate income from the development; and

(c)

if the development involves the building of 1 or more dwellings, when the ratepayer or any other persons are likely to be able to reside in the dwellings.

(6)

[Sections 85\(2\)](#) and [86](#) apply to a remission made under subsection (3).

(7)

This section does not limit the application of [section 85](#) or [114](#) to Māori Freehold Land.

Section 114A: inserted, on 13 April 2021, by [section 50](#) of the Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act 2021 (2021 No 12).

9. Decision to Conduct Business with the Public Excluded

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

- Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes
- Committee Reports (Public Excluded Sections)

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
Minutes and Committee Reports	As set out in the Minutes and Reports	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.