



**Minutes of the
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on MONDAY 24 APRIL 2023 commencing at 9.00 am**

Present

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

In Attendance

Messrs M S Wheeler (Chief Executive), M F Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer) and Ms N J Chauval (Committee Secretary)

Karakia

The meeting opened with a karakia.

Apologies

Cirs J Arbuckle/Dalliessi:

That the apology for absence from Clr B A Faulls be received and sustained.

Carried

Cncl-0423-358 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.

No declarations of interest were declared.

Cncl-0423-359 2021-2022 Annual Report F275-A21-01

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to adopt the Annual Report for the Marlborough District Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2022. The Annual Report reports the performance of Council against non-financial performance targets and financial forecasts. The Draft Annual Report was circulated separately to the Agenda and the Independent Auditor's Report and Recommendation from the Chair Audit and risk Sub-Committee were tabled at the meeting.

The Mayor noted the short timeframe for the meeting which has resulted from delays with Audit NZ and their processes.

Mr Fletcher highlighted various sections within the Annual Report. It was noted that where performance targets haven't been met an explanation is provided.

Mr Fletcher provided answers to a number of questions posed by members and provided further clarification on the valuation of the three waters infrastructure assets.

Members were advised that the Audit & Risk Sub-Committee held a meeting on 21 April 2023. Following a written report and a presentation from Mr Julian Tan, the Audit New Zealand Director responsible for the 2021/022 audit, and various discussions by the Audit and Risk Sub-Committee, members recommended that the Mayor and Chief Executive sign the proposed letter of Representation for the 2021-22 Annual Report and that Council adopt the 2021-22 Annual Report, as presented without alteration, together with the Auditor's unmodified opinion.

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

**The Mayor/Clr J Arbuckle:
That the Council adopt the 2021-2022 Annual Report.**

Carried

The meeting closed at 9.40 am.

Confirmed this day of 2023

N P TAYLOR
MAYOR

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