



**Minutes of the
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2021 commencing at 10.00 am**

Present

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

Present via Zoom

Clr D D Oddie.

In Attendance

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

Karakia

The meeting opened with a karakia.

Apology

The Mayor/Clr Taylor:

That the apology for absence from Clr F D Maher be received and sustained.

Carried

Cncl-0421-331 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-0421-332 2021-31 Long Term Plan Consultation Document -

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to adopt Council's 2021-31 Long Term Plan Consultation Document (as separately attached to the Agenda and filed in CM – Record No. 2169508).

Staff advised that the Local Government Act 2002 was amended in 2014 and required Council to produce a Consultation Document as the basis for public participation in decision making on its 2021-31 Long Term Plan (LTP). In previous years, a Summary of the draft LTP had been widely distributed, with the draft LTP also available, as the basis of public consultation.

Staff reported that the Consultation Document sets out the major issues and projects over the next 10 years, the impact on rates, debt and levels of service of those projects. It also summarises Council's Infrastructure and Financial Strategies, and proposes a potentially fairer rating system. The Consultation Document also outlines the key issues Council is facing, outlines options and seeks community feedback on them. Members noted that virtually all the items contained in "Part One - Investing in Infrastructure" have been consulted upon in either previous Long Term or Annual Plans.

A report from Mr Ian Marshall (Chair of Council's Audit and Risk Sub-Committee) was circulated to members. Mr Marshall noted: "I confirm that the attached 2021-2031 Consultation Document has been reviewed by the [Audit and Risk] Committee and has been audited by Audit NZ. Based on these procedures I recommend to Council that the Consultation Document be formally adopted."

Members noted that the Auditor's Report drew attention to one issue; Government's proposal on the delivery of Three Waters (referred to as an Emphasis of Matter).

**The Mayor/Clr Hope:
That Council adopt its 2021-31 Long Term Plan Consultation Document
Carried**

The meeting closed at 10.24 am.

Confirmed this 13th day of May 2021

J C LEGGETT
MAYOR

Record No. 2187291