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Coronation Square, Wairoa

AGENDA

Late Reports

Ordinary Council Meeting

2 July 2024

MEMBERSHIP: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Cr Jeremy Harker, Cr Melissa Kaimoana, Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke, Cr Benita Cairns, Cr Roslyn Thomas

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8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 RETROSPECTIVE APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL DELEGATIONS - WAIROA FLOOD EVENT, JUNE 26, 2024

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Appendices: Nil

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report seeks to retrospectively approve financial delegations to the Chief Executive for clean up activities related to the Wairoa Flood event June 26, 2024, in particular, the collection of flood related solid waste, refuse, building materials, damaged furniture and household items and the removal of silt and debris from properties.
- 1.2 This report also notes the capacity pressures on the current landfill cell and seeks interim support from elected members to consider options for the disposal of flood related solid waste.

RECOMMENDATION

The Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive RECOMMENDS that Council:

- 1) Retrospectively approve to lift the financial delegations to the Chief Executive for clean-up activities related to the Wairoa Flood event June 26, 2024, in particular, the collection of flood related solid waste, refuse, building material, damaged furniture and household items and the removal of silt and debris.
- 2) Set the financial delegation for the Chief Executive to an approved maximum.
- 3) Seek approval from the Omarunui Joint Committee for an interim/short term solution to support the disposal of solid waste.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Following the devastating impacts of the Wairoa flood event on June 26, 2024 on the Wairoa District the Chief Executive sought in principle support from all elected members to essentially underwrite the immediate removal of flood related solid waste, refuse, building material, damaged furniture and household items and the removal of silt and debris from properties.
3. In terms of actual and/or perceived Ultra Vires (an act which requires legal authority or power but is then completed outside of or without the requisite authority), it is important that a report be tabled at Council for the purposes of transparency to ensure that the appropriate delegations are retrospectively in place.
4. Given the capacity pressures on the current Wairoa landfill cell, officers also seek interim support from elected members to consider options for the disposal of flood related solid waste.
5. Whilst Council works through its decision making through its Long-term Plan, officers recommend that short term support from the Omarunui Joint Committee for disposal of solid

waste may need to be accelerated, but longer-term access would be subject to further discussions, and would require wider consultation with HDC, NCC, the Omarunui Joint Committee and Mana Whenua.

Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.