

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA
ON THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST 2024 AT 2:00 PM**

PRESENT: 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

IN ATTENDANCE: **Kitea Tipuna** (Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive), **Gary Borg** (Pouwhakarae – Pūtea/Tautāwhi Rangapū | Group Manager Finance and Corporate Support), **Hinetaakoha Viriaere** (Pouwhakarae Whakamahere me te Waeture | Group Manager Planning & Regulatory), **Michael Hardie** (Pouwhakarae – Hua Pūmau | Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure), **Lauren Jones** (Pouwhakarae Rātonga Hapori me te Whakawhanake | Acting Group Manager Community Services and Development), **Michael West** (Business Analyst), **Kate Standing** (Executive Principal via Zoom)

1 KARAKIA

No opening karakia was given.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Nil.

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

To be declared as the agenda progresses.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A maximum of 30 minutes has been set aside for members of the public to speak on any item on the agenda. Up to 5 minutes per person is allowed. As per Standing Order 14.14 requests to speak must be made to the meeting secretary at least one clear day before the meeting; however this requirement may be waived by the Chairperson.

5 GENERAL ITEMS

5.2 LONG TERM PLAN 2024-2027

RESOLUTION 2024/54

Moved: Cr Jeremy Harker

Seconded: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

The Business Analyst RECOMMENDS that Council receive this report, adopt the Long Term Plan 2024-2027 (attached) and to direct the Chief Executive to make any minor editorial as is required.

CARRIED

The Business Analyst highlighted the red text in the attachment to the report being the direction given during deliberations of the long-term plan by elected members for inclusion into the final

long-term plan document on Thursday 01 August. Elected members noted a minor change to better reflect the discussion on landfill capacity post the June 26 flood event as a reason for the decision given community feedback is contrary to the decision that was resolved at the Tuesday 06 Extraordinary Council Meeting.

Elected members through the Chair gave a huge thanks to all staff involved in the long-term plan process from start to finish and for all their hard work and dedication in bringing the document together. The Chief Executive acknowledged and thanked the involvement and hard work of His Worship the Mayor and all Councillors in the challenges the Council has faced throughout developing the long-term plan 2024-2027 and getting the final document completed.

His Worship the Mayor, Craig Little left the meeting at 2:27pm.

5.1 RESOLUTION TO SET RATES FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1 JULY 2024

RESOLUTION 2024/55

Moved: Cr Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke

Seconded: Cr Jeremy Harker

The Group Manager: Finance and Corporate Support RECOMMENDS that Council set the rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for the financial year commencing 1st July 2024 in accordance with the resolution attached as **Appendix 1**.

CARRIED

The Group Manager – Finance and Corporate spoke briefly to the report advising Elected Members that the rates quantified and described are as per the funding impact statement contained in the long-term plan 2024-2027. He drew elected members attention to the adoption date being later than the statutory deadline of 30 June and that there is an adjusted due date for the first quarter rates for 20 September, conscious that this date coincides with Hawke's Bay Regional Council rates and first quarter for WDC water billings. He advised that operationally there are no problems with these due dates coinciding, however, recognising that there may be hardship impacts on ratepayers and offering leniency around payment plans.

Elected members requested the communications regarding options for payment plans, applying for a rates rebate and adjusting direct credit arrangements be made clear to the community and to encourage people to set up these payments to meet rating obligations. The Group Manager – Finance and Corporate Support advised that people on direct credit arrangements if they want to know sooner rather than later to get in touch with the rates department and these changes can be made as soon as possible.

The Meeting closed at 3.00pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 27 August 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON