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**Chairperson and Members
Taranaki Regional Council**

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the **Ordinary Meeting** of the Taranaki Regional Council will be held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on:

Tuesday 20 May 2008 commencing at 10.30am

The Taranaki Regional Council 2008 Environmental Awards will be held in the Boardroom at 9.30am. See inside of agenda for details.

B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive

**THE TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT THIS
AGENDA REMAINS EMBARGOED UNTIL COMMENCEMENT OF THE
MEETING**

Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council to be held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 20 May 2008 at 10.30am.



Councillors

	D N MacLeod	(Chairperson)
	M J Cloke	
	M G Davey	
	P D Horton	
	M P Joyce	
	D L Lean	
	B J Marsh	
	N W Walker	

In Attendance

Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
	M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
	G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)
	R A Phillips	(Director-Operations)
	A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
	A W Young	(Financial Services Manager)
Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
Mr	P Ledingham	(Information Officer)

Apologies

Councillor	M A Irving
Councillor	B R Jeffares
Councillor	R F H Maxwell

Notification of Late Items

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Ordinary Meeting:
Tuesday 8 April 2008

Resolve

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and receives the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 8 April 2008 at 10.30am.

Matters arising:

- Item 2** **Confirmation of Minutes** 7 - 12
Consents and Regulatory Committee:
Tuesday 29 April 2008
- Resolve**
- THAT the Taranaki Regional Council
1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 29 April 2008 at 10.30am.
 2. adopts the recommendations therein.
 3. takes as read and receives the resolutions (under delegated authority) of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 29 April 2008 at 10.30am.
- Matters arising:**
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- Item 3** **Confirmation of Minutes** 13 - 18
Policy and Planning Committee
Thursday 1 May 2008
- Resolve**
- THAT the Taranaki Regional Council
1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 1 May 2008 at 10.30am.
 2. adopts the recommendations therein.
- Matters arising:**
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- Item 4** **Confirmation of Minutes** 19 - 22
Executive Committee
Monday 12 May 2008
- Resolve**
- THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Executive Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 12 May 2008 at 10.00am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Matters arising:



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Resolve

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. takes as read and receives the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council to hear submissions on the Draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 12 May 2008 at 10.30am.

Matters arising:

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Resolve

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council, namely:

**Item 11: Confidential Minutes
Executive Committee
Monday 12 May 2008**

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 the resolution are as follows:

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Item 11 – Confidential Minutes	Where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons.	NZS9202:2003 Incorporating Amendment No.1 A2(a)

Item 11 **Confidential Minutes
Executive Committee
Monday 12 May 2008**

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**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the
Taranaki Regional Council, held in the
Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47
Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 8
April 2008 at 10.30 pm.**

ITEM ONE

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Present	Councillors	D N MacLeod M G Davey P D Horton M A Irving B R Jeffares M P Joyce D L Lean B J Marsh R F H Maxwell N W Walker	(Chairman)
In attendance	Messrs	B G Chamberlain M J Nield A D McLay R A Phillips P Ledingham	(Chief Executive) (Director-Corporate Services) (Director-Resource Management) (Director-Operations) (Information Officer)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Mr	Graham Naylor	(Deloitte Hamilton)
	Ms	Melissa Youngson	(Deloitte Hamilton)

One member of the media.

Apologies The apology from Councillor M J Cloke was received and sustained.

**Notification of
Late Items** There were no late items of business.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council
Tuesday 26 February 2008

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and receives the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 26 February 2008 at 10.30 am

08/069

Lean/Horton

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council
Monday 17 March 2008

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and receives the minutes and resolutions of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Monday 17 March 2008 at 9.30 am

08/070

Irving/Davey

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Consents and Regulatory Committee
Tuesday 11 March 2008

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 11 March 2008 at 10.30 am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.
3. takes as read and receives the resolutions (under delegated authority) of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council

held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 11 March 2008 at 10.30 am.

08/071

Lean/Marsh

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee
Thursday 13 March 2008

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 13 March 2008 at 10.30am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

08/072

Walker/Joyce

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Regional Land Transport Committee
Thursday 13 March 2008

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 13 March 2008 at 10.30am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

08/073

Maxwell/Marsh

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Executive Committee
Monday 31 March 2008

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Executive Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Committee Room, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 31 March 2008 at 10.00am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

08/074

Lean/Walker

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

7. Minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

- 7.1 The confirmed minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group's meeting held on Tuesday 4 December 2007 were received and noted.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held on Tuesday 4 December 2007.

08/075

Jeffares/MacLeod

8. Audit Plan – Audit of the 2007/2008 Annual Report

- 8.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to receive and consider the audit plan for the audit of the Council's 2007/2008 Annual Report.
- 8.2 Mr Graham Naylor and Ms Melissa Youngson from Deloitte Hamilton were introduced to the Council. Mr Taylor spoke to the meeting outlining the scope of the audit plan. There were no matters of concern to Council management within the plan. Members were provided the opportunity to ask questions to Mr Taylor and Ms Youngson.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the audit plan for the audit of the Taranaki Regional Council's 2007/2008 Annual report.

08/076

Walker/Davey

9. Preparation, Audit and Adoption of the 2009/2019 Long-Term Council Community Plan

- 9.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum informing members on the preparation, audit and adoption of the 2009/2019 Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).
- 9.2 Members noted and discussed the legal requirements and associated costs for the draft 2009/2019 LTCCP to be audited. It was noted that the final 2009/2019 LTCCP was required to be audited again following the hearing of submissions.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on the preparation, audit and adoption of the 2009/2019 Long-Term Council Community Plan
2. notes the process and timetable for the preparation, audit and adoption of the 2009/2019 Long-Term Council Community Plan

08/077

Walker/Marsh

10. 2008 Local Government New Zealand Conference

- 10.1 The Local Government New Zealand Conference is to be held in Rotorua on Monday 28 July and Tuesday 29 July 2008. The Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30 July 2008.
- 10.2 Mr D N MacLeod, Chairman, called for expressions of interest from Councillors interested in attending the Conference. Councillors Horton, Irving, Joyce, Maxwell and Walker indicated they would like to be considered.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. appoints the Chairperson, Mr D N MacLeod, from the Taranaki Regional Council, together with the Chief Executive, Mr B G Chamberlain, to attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Rotorua from 27-30 July 2008

2. appoints Councillors P D Horton, M A Irving, M P Joyce, R F H Maxwell and N W Walker to attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held in Rotorua from 27-30 July 2008
3. appoints the Chairperson, Mr D N MacLeod as Presiding Delegate to the twenty first Annual General Meeting of Local Government Zealand to be held on Wednesday 30 July 2008 in Rotorua
4. delegates to the Council Chairman, Mr D M MacLeod, to appoint a 1st Alternative Presiding Delegate and a 2nd Alternative Presiding Delegate to the twenty first Annual General Meeting of Local Government Zealand to be held on Wednesday 30 July 2008 in Rotorua.

08/078

Lean/Marsh

11. Meeting Dates – April/May 2008

- 11.1 Members received and noted the memorandum providing information on the next six-weekly round of Council meetings for 2008.

12. General Business

There were no items of general business.

13. Public Excluded

Members resolved not to take the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council into public excluded as there were no matters arising under the items for discussion.

There being no further business, Chairman D N MacLeod, declared the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council closed at 11.05 am.

Confirmed

Chairperson: _____
D N MacLeod

Date: **20 May 2008**

**Minutes of the Consents and Regulatory
Committee Meeting of the Taranaki
Regional Council, held in the Taranaki
Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten
Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 29 April
2008 at 10.30 am.**

ITEM TWO

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Present	Councillors	D L Lean M J Cloke M G Davey M A Irving M P Joyce M B Marsh N W Walker	(Chairperson)
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)
In attendance	Messrs	A D McLay G K Bedford M J Nield C H McLellan P D Ashe P Ledingham	(Director-Resource Management) (Director-Environment Quality) (Director-Corporate Services) (Consents Manager) (Monitoring Manager) (Information Officer)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Messrs	K Spencer A Cameron N Managh	(Consents Officer) (Technical Officer) (Technical Officer)

One member of the media.

Apologies The apologies from Councillor B R Jeffares and Councillor R F H Maxwell were received and sustained.

Notification of

Late Items There were no late items of business.

**1. Confirmed Minutes: Consents and Regulatory Committee
- 11 March 2008**

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11 March 2008 at 10.30 am.

08/079

Irving/Joyce

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Non- notified resource consents and exercise of delegations

- 2.1 The Committee considered and discussed the memorandum advising the Committee of non-notified consents/certificates of compliance granted under delegated authority and of consent processing actions since the last meeting.
- 2.2 The exercise of delegations under the Resource Management Act 1991 was reported for information.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the schedule of non-notified resource consents/certificates of compliance granted under delegated authority
2. receives the schedule of consent processing delegations.

08/080

Cloke/Davey

3. Resource consents from other consent authorities

- 3.1 The Committee received and considered the schedule of notified and limited-notified resource consent applications forwarded to the Taranaki Regional Council from district councils.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the schedule of notified and limited-notified applications for resource consents forwarded from other consent authorities.

08/081

Lean/Marsh

4. Report on the renewal of Stratford District Council Waste Treatment System Publicly Notified Discharge Consent

- 4.1 Mr C H McLellan, Consents Manager, spoke to the memorandum recommending a publicly notified application by the Stratford District Council be approved. The Stratford District Council applied to the Council for a discharge permit to discharge treated municipal wastewater from the Stratford Wastewater Treatment Plan into the Patea River. The application is to replace the previous consent for the same activity that expired on 1 June 2004.
- 4.2 The application was publicly notified on 8 September 2007 with a pre-hearing meeting held on 29 November 2007 with the key outcome being that a basis for granting the consent was agreed by all parties without the need for a hearing.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum
2. approves the application by the Stratford District Council [application 2742 for consent 0196-3] ,subject to Council's general consent conditions and the special conditions in the attached officers report.

08/082

Lean/Cloke

5. Report on applications for limited-notified and publicly notified resource consents – Methanex Motunui Limited – Motunui and Waitara Valley Plants

- 5.1 Mr C H McLellan, Consents Manager, spoke to the memorandum recommending five applications (four publicly notified and one limited-notified resource consents) by Methanex Motunui Limited for resource consent renewals be approved. The five applications by Methanex Motunui Limited are as follows: to discharge treated wastewater and stormwater from the Motunui methanol plant into the Tasman Sea via the Waitara marine outfall; to take water from the Waitara River for use at the Motunui plant; to discharge treated wastewater and stormwater from the Waitara Valley Methanol plant into the Tasman Sea via the Waitara marine outfall; to take water from two sites on the Waitara River for use at the Waitara Valley methanol plant, and; to discharge contaminants into the air from the Waitara Valley methanol plant.
- 5.2 Four applications were publicly notified on 5 May 2007 (two submissions received with one being invalid as it was received after the deadline) and people adversely affected under the limited-notified application were served notice on 4 May 2007 with no submissions received. Consultation between Methanex Motunui Limited, the Council and the submitter resulted in the withdrawal of their submission.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum
2. approves the five applications by Methanex Motunui Limited [applications 4592, 4593, 4597, 4598 and 4600], subject to Council's general consent conditions and the special conditions in the attached officers reports.

08/083

Irving/MacLeod

6. Consent monitoring annual reports

- 6.1 The Committee considered the memorandum with respect to 15 tailored monitoring programme annual reports for the 2006-2007, 2006 and 2002-2007 monitoring period.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the Methanex Motunui and Waitara Valley Combined Monitoring Programme Annual Report January – December 2006 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
2. receives the MCK Metals (Pacific) Limited Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
3. receives the Todd Taranaki Ltd, Todd Exploration Ltd, Shell Todd Oil Services Ltd and Shell Exploration NZ Ltd Mix-Bury-Cover and Landfarm Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
4. receives the Todd Taranaki Limited Deep Well Injection Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
5. receives the NPDC – Colson Road Landfill Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
6. receives the NPDC Coastal Structures Monitoring Programme Report 2002-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
7. receives the Hurlstone Earthmoving Ltd Egmont Road Quarry Monitoring Programme Biennial Report 2005-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
8. receives the Hurlstone Earthmoving Ltd Kaipoi Road Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;

9. receives the CD Boyd Quarry Quarry Monitoring Programme Biennial Report 2005-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
10. receives the Energyworks Limited Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
11. receives the Brian Crawford Contracting Ltd Quarry Monitoring Programme Biennial Report 2005-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
12. receives the Greymouth Petroleum Acquisition Company Limited – Hawera Landfarm Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
13. receives the Surf Highway Excavations Quarry Monitoring Programme Biennial Report 2005-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
14. receives the New Zealand Energy Limited Waiiau Hydroelectric Power Scheme Monitoring Programme Biennial Report 2005-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
15. receives the STDC Coastal Structures Monitoring Programme Monitoring Report 2002-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein.

08/084

Lean/Davey

7. Unauthorised Incident Register 25 February 2008 to 9 April 2008

Councillor M G Davey declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 (Unauthorised Incident Register 25 February 2008 to 9 April 2008) and took no part in the discussions or recommendations.

- 7.1 The Committee received and considered the Unauthorised Incidents Register for the period 25 February 2008 to 9 April 2008.
- 7.2 Members discussed Taranaki By-Products Limited's UIR's noting that the schedule contained 21 incidents mostly relating to odour from the Company's oxidation pond system. Members strongly supported the Council in seeking improvement in the Company's consent compliance and environmental performance.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the Unauthorised Incidents Register for the period 25 February 2008 to 9 April 2008 and adopts the recommendations therein.

08/085

Marsh/Joyce

8. General Business

There were no items of general business.

9. Public Excluded

Members resolved not to take the Consents and Regulatory Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council into public excluded as there were no matters arising under the items for discussion.

There being no further business, the Chairperson Mr D L Lean declared the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting closed at 11.00 am.

Confirmed

Chairperson: _____
D N MacLeod

Date: **20 May 2008**

**Minutes of the Policy and Planning
Committee Meeting of the Taranaki
Regional Council, held in the Taranaki
Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten
Road, Stratford, on Thursday 1 May 2008
at 10.30 am.**

ITEM THREE

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Present	Councillors	N W Walker M J Cloke M G Davey P D Horton M A Irving M P Joyce	
		D L Lean D N MacLeod	(ex officio) (ex officio)
Representatives	Councillor	A Hickey	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Councillor	J Rowe	(Stratford District Council)
	Councillor	M Betts	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Mr	G Hight	(Federated Farmers of New Zealand)
In attendance	Messrs	B G Chamberlain A D McLay M J Nield R A Phillips G C Severinsen	(Chief Executive) (Director-Resource Management) (Director-Corporate Services) (Director-Operations) (Policy Manager)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Messrs	R Miller J Bielski L Mahony	(Policy Analyst) (Policy Analyst) (Policy Analyst)
	Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)
Apologies	There were no apologies.		
Notification of Late Item	Item 4 – Biodiversity Strategy: Late submissions General Business – Update on severe weather event		
Welcome and Introduction	Committee Chairperson, Councillor N W Walker, welcomed the New Plymouth District Council representative to the Policy and Planning Committee meeting.		

**1. Confirmed Minutes: Policy and Planning Committee Meeting
- 13 March 2008**

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Policy & Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 14 February 2008 at 10.30 am.

08/0

Cloke/Horton

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Review of Navigation and Safety Bylaws for Port Taranaki

- 2.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum seeking agreement to proceed with a review of the Navigation and Safety Bylaws for Port Taranaki and its Approaches 2003, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes that the Council is required by the Local Government Act 2002 to commence a review of the *Navigation and Safety Bylaws for Port Taranaki and its Approaches 2003* by 1 July 2008;
2. agrees that the following three options will be assessed throughout the Bylaw review process:
 - Status quo – retain bylaws for Port Taranaki Harbour Limits only;
 - Coastal waters – develop bylaws for all coastal waters but not inland waters;
 - All waters – develop bylaws for all coastal and inland waters; and
3. agrees that the Council proceed to commence a review of the existing *Navigation and Safety Bylaws for Port Taranaki and its Approaches 2003* in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

08/087

Cloke/MacLeod

3. Proposed New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement

- 3.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing details associated with the new Proposed New Zealand Coastal Policy

Statement and the Council's draft submission prepared in response to be endorsed by the Committee. Submissions are required by 7 May 2008.

- 3.2 Ms J Bielski, Policy Analyst, provided Members of the Committee with a powerpoint presentation on the Proposed New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the development of the *Proposed New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement*;
2. notes that the Council's review of the *Regional Coastal Plan* will be delayed until the final NZCPS is determined;
3. endorses the attached draft submission, with any amendments agreed to by Members; and
4. agrees that this submission is sent to the Department of Conservation by the due date of 7 May 2008.

08/088

Lean/Horton

4. Biodiversity Strategy: Feedback from submitters and final version

- 4.1 The memorandum presenting for endorsement the non-statutory, *Strategy for biodiversity: an operational strategy to guide biodiversity actions of the Taranaki Regional Council*, was received and noted by the Committee.
- 4.2 Four late submissions were received (as tabled) that were supportive and resulted in only minor 'fine-tuning' of the Strategy.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes that the draft '*Strategy for Biodiversity: an operational strategy to direct the biodiversity actions of the Taranaki Regional Council (2008)*' setting out the priority areas for the Council to focus on, was generally supported by biodiversity stakeholders ;
2. notes that submissions received from stakeholders did not result in major changes in direction of the Strategy, but rather provided valuable fine tuning; and
3. approves the final Strategy, noting that as it is a non-statutory document it retains flexibility to be reviewed as required.

08/089

Joyce/MacLeod

5. Draft Proposed Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki

- 5.1 The memorandum introducing the Draft Proposed Regional Air Quality Plan (RAQP) for Taranaki was received and noted by the Committee. The RAQP assists the Council to carry out its functions under the Resource Management Act (the Act) to promote the sustainable management of the air resource of the Taranaki region. Section 79 of the Act requires the Council to commence a full review of the RAQP not later than 10 years after it becomes operative.
- 5.2 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality, and Ms L Mahony, Policy Analyst, provided a powerpoint presentation to the Committee on the draft Proposed RAQP highlighting five new rules that have been introduced following changes to the Act and best practice since the adoption of the original RAQP.
- 5.3 Members noted and discussed the introduction of a prohibited rule for the burning of domestic waste products and green waste for the purpose of waste disposal on residential properties in areas serviced by a municipal refuse collection service. It was noted that public submissions to the draft Proposed RAQP would provide further clarification to the Council on the control methods in implementing the rules of the RAQP.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum and the *Draft Proposed Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki*;
2. notes that over the last 10 years the policy approach adopted in the Regional Air Quality Plan has been generally effective in achieving the desired environmental outcomes and promoting the sustainable management of air quality in Taranaki; and
3. agrees to forward the *Draft Proposed Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki* for technical and legal peer review and the views of the key stakeholders.

08/090

Cloke/Rowe

6. The state of and trends in soil quality in Taranaki

- 6.1 Mr G K Bedrord, Director-Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum advising the Committee of the completion of a study and preparation of a draft version of a report on the soil quality of the region entitled *Soil Quality in the Taranaki region: characteristics of new sites, and current status of previously sampled sites* prepared by Landcare Research.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum noting the preparation of a draft report *Soil quality in the Taranaki region: characteristics of new sites, and current status of previously sampled sites* (Landcare March 2008);
2. notes the findings of the report, that the general patterns in Taranaki's soil quality are similar to those in other regions; that the primary concerns that emerge from this survey relate to compaction of soils in pasture, high nitrogen levels in dairy soils, and low nutrient levels in hill-country and forestry soils; and that generally, aspects of poor soil quality can be reversed by appropriate management; and
3. notes that the findings of the study will be integrated into the Council's next 'State of the Environment' report, scheduled for release later this year.

08/091

Irving/Horton

7. Presentation – Dairy Summit 2008

- 7.1 The memorandum introducing, for information, an address entitled *Acting to promote a sustainable high quality water resource and dairy industry – a Taranaki perspective*, presented by the Council's Chief Executive Mr B G Chamberlain at a Dairy Summit 2008 held in New Plymouth on 2 April 2008, was received and noted by the Committee.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum.

08/092

Lean/Cloke

8. Climate change policies briefing and workshop

- 8.1 The memorandum advising of a briefing/workshop to be held at the conclusion of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting exploring the implications of climate change policies and the Government's Emission Trading Scheme from the perspective of the Council and the regional community was received and noted.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum advising of a presentation/workshop on avenues for engagement in climate change initiatives and programmes by the Council and by activity sectors of the regional community; and
2. notes the intention to receive a position paper on the subject at a subsequent meeting.

08/093

Lean/Cloke

9. General Business

Severe Weather Event

Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, provided a verbal update to Members of the Committee on the severe rainfall weather event in Taranaki on 29 and 30 April 2008 and the damage incurred in the Stony River and other western/northern Taranaki catchments. A need to work pragmatically with affected farmers was acknowledged.

There being no further business, the Committee Chairman Councillor N W Walker, declared the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 12.00pm.

Confirmed

Chairman: _____
D N MacLeod

Date: **20 May 2008**

2. notes the Common Seal has been affixed to the following documents:

Nil

08/094

Lean/Walker

2. Inglewood to New Plymouth Weekly Bus Service

2.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum to provide members with an update on the Inglewood to New Plymouth (return) weekly passenger transport service one-year trial and to request agreement to extend the existing one-year trial period for another eight months to 30 June 2009.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes the update of the Inglewood to New Plymouth passenger service trial
2. notes that correspondence has been sent to Land Transport New Zealand seeking agreement for an eight month extension to the existing Contracted agreement;
3. notes that a response from Land Transport New Zealand on the requested eight month extension is anticipated to be received in early May
4. agrees to the suggested eight month extension, further to agreement from Land Transport New Zealand.

08/095

MacLeod/Walker

3. Civic Assurance

3.1 The memorandum to receive the final statement of corporate intent for Civic Assurance for 2008, to receive notification of a change of director for Civic Assurance and to receive and consider a call for nominations for directors of Civic Assurance for consideration at the Annual General Meeting was considered and discussed by the Committee.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the finalised 2008 Statement of Corporate Intent for Civic Assurance
2. notes the appointment of a new Director for Civic Assurance

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4. Riskpool – Annual Report 2007

- 4.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to consider and receive Riskpool's 2007 Annual Report.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives Riskpool's 2007 annual report and notes the Scheme's performance to date
2. notes that a watching brief on the financial performance and security of the Scheme will be maintained.

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5. General Business

There were no items of general business.

6. Public Excluded

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

resolves that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Executive Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council, held on Monday 12 May 2008, namely:

Item 7: Chief Executive Contract

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	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Item 7 – Chief Executive Contract	Where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons.	NZS9202:2003 Incorporating Amendment No. 1 A2(a)

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There being no further business, the Chairperson Mr D N MacLeod, declared the Executive Committee meeting closed at 10.15 am.

Confirmed

Chairman _____
D N MacLeod

Date: **20 May 2008**

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Ms Kara Prankerd
Ms Jenny Steven

Submission No. 11 Department of Conservation

Mr Peter Morton
Mr Phil Mohi
Mr Tokatumoana Walden

Model Standing Orders NZS9202:2003 (incorporating Amendment No.1)
Procedural motion to terminate or adjourn debate

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. adjourns the Ordinary Meeting at 11.30am.

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MacLeod/Lean

The Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council reconvened at 11.40am with all present. The member of the media was not present.

- 1.2 Members of the Taranaki Regional Council discussed and deliberated on all the submissions received. Members made the following recommendations:

Submission No 1 – Physicians and Scientists for Responsible Genetics (New Zealand)

The Council discussed and noted the submitter's comments relating to nanotechnology.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. makes no change to the 2008/2009 Annual Plan.

Submission No 2 – Michael J Stachurski

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. makes no change to the 2008/2009 Annual Plan.

Submission No 3 – R S Lawrence

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission

2. makes no change to the 2008/2009 Annual Plan.

Submission No 4 – Patea Community Board

The submitter's comments were noted.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. makes no change to the 2008/2009 Annual Plan.

Submission No 5 – Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Taranaki Province)

The submitter's comments were noted.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. amends the final annual plan to disclose the level of UAGGs
3. makes no change to the 2008/2009 Annual Plan.

Submission No 6 – New Zealand Historic Places Trust

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. makes no change to the 2008/2009 Annual Plan.

Submission No 7 – Paula Barton

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. makes no change to the 2008/2009 Annual Plan.

Submission No 8 – Land Transport New Zealand

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. makes no change to the 2008/2009 Annual Plan

Submission No 9 – Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust

The submitter's comments were noted.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. continues to support the work of the Trust at Rotokare and provides \$100,000 in 2008/2009 as a carry forward from 2007/2008 and provides an additional \$21,770 in 2009/2010
3. makes no further change to the 2008/2009 Annual Plan

Submission No 10 – MS Taranaki Incorporated

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. makes no change to the 2008/2009 Annual Plan

Submission No 11 – Department of Conservation

The submitter's comments were noted.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
2. makes no change to the 2008/2009 Annual Plan

Submission No 12 – Taranaki Regional Council

The submitter's comments were noted.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council

1. makes no changes in respect of personnel budgets and Waitara and Waiwhakaiho river control schemes as provided in the Council's submission and delegates to the Chief Executive the task of making minor editorial changes to the plan and accompanying estimates as outlined in the submission.

Submission No 13 – Ewan McGregor

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council

1. thanks the submitter for their submission
 2. makes no change to the 2008/2009 Annual Plan
- 1.3 Members noted Section 82(1)(f) of the Local Government Act 2002 in which...*persons who present views to the local authority should be provided by the local authority with information concerning both the relevant decisions and the reasons for those decisions.*
- 1.4 There being no further discussion on the submissions received on the draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan, Members of the Taranaki Regional Council resolved the following:

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and acknowledges with thanks the submissions forwarded in response to the draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan
2. adopts the recommendations contained within the officer's report and, as a result of submissions, amends the 2008/2009 Annual Plan appropriately
3. adopts the 2008/2009 Annual Plan and estimates.

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Irving/Horton

There being no further business, the Chairperson Mr D N MacLeod declared the Ordinary Meeting closed at 12:15am.

Confirmed

Chairman: _____
D N MacLeod

Date: **20 May 2008**

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**Memorandum to
Chairperson and Members
Taranaki Regional Council**

Setting of Rates—2008/2009

Purpose

1. Having adopted its 2008/2009 Annual Plan, the purpose of this Council memorandum is to set the rates for the 2008/2009 financial year.

Background

2. The Council sets its rates pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. This Act allows the Council to set the rates established in the Council's adopted Long-Term Council Community Plan or Annual Plan. The Council adopted its 2008/2009 Annual Plan on 12 May 2008. This memorandum sets the rates established in that Plan.
3. Once the Annual Plan has been adopted the rates are set by resolution only. There are no additional public notice requirements.
4. The Council's rates will be collected by the region's district councils. This continues to be the most efficient and effective means of collecting the Council's rates revenue.

Rates for 2008/2009

5. The 2008/2009 Annual Plan establishes the following rates:

General rate

A general rate to collect \$4,154,351 (GST inclusive) on an equalised capital value (ECV) basis across the Taranaki region as follows:

General rate	ECV	Percent	GST excl.	GST	GST incl.
New Plymouth DC	16,317,475,000	58.02%	\$2,142,537	\$267,818	\$2,410,355
Stratford DC	2,671,991,000	9.50%	\$350,812	\$43,852	\$394,664
South Taranaki DC	9,134,143,000	32.48%	\$1,199,407	\$149,925	\$1,349,332
Totals	28,123,609,000	100.00%	\$3,692,756	\$461,595	\$4,154,351

Uniform annual general charge

A uniform annual general charge to collect \$2,073,159 (GST inclusive) based on a charge for every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the region of \$43.03 (GST inclusive).

Targeted rates,

A targeted rate for flood and river control works (\$347,144 GST inclusive) on the capital value on each rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region.

A targeted rate for passenger transport services (\$410,878 GST inclusive) on the capital value on each rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region.

A targeted rate for passenger transport services (\$25,313 GST inclusive) on the capital value on each rating unit in the South Taranaki constituency of the Taranaki region.

A differential targeted rate for Yarrow Stadium based on the land value of each rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region. The estimated targeted rate for 2008/2009 for each differential category is:

- Group 1 Commercial and Industrial to produce \$169,756 (GST inclusive)
- Group 2 Residential to produce \$190,407 (GST inclusive)
- Group 3 Small holdings to produce \$9,487 (GST inclusive)
- Group 4 Farmland to produce \$19,648 (GST inclusive).

Decision-making obligations

6. Part 6 (Planning, decision-making and accountability) of the Local Government Act 2002 has been considered and documented in the preparation of this agenda item. The recommendations made in this item comply with the decision-making obligations of the Act.

Policy considerations

7. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Financial considerations

8. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Council Community Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Legal considerations

9. This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.

Recommendations

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. sets the following rates pursuant to the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on rating units in the Taranaki region for the financial year commencing 1 July 2008 and ending on 30 June 2009:

General Rate

Pursuant to section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 a general rate on the rateable equalised capital value (ECV) of all land within the region known as Taranaki region to collect the following amounts:

General rate	ECV	Percent	GST excl.	GST	GST incl.
New Plymouth DC	16,317,475,000	58.02%	\$2,142,537	\$267,818	\$2,410,355
Stratford DC	2,671,991,000	9.50%	\$350,812	\$43,852	\$394,664
South Taranaki DC	9,134,143,000	32.48%	\$1,199,407	\$149,925	\$1,349,332
Totals	28,123,609,000	100.00%	\$3,692,756	\$461,595	\$4,154,351

- a rate of 0.016313 cents in the dollar (GST inclusive) of capital value on every rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region
- a rate of 0.022511 cents in the dollar (GST inclusive) of capital value on every rating unit in the Stratford constituency of the Taranaki region
- a rate of 0.019152 cents in the dollar (GST inclusive) of capital value on every rating unit in the South Taranaki constituency of the Taranaki region.

Uniform annual general charge

Pursuant to section 15(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a uniform annual general charge of \$43.03 (GST inclusive) for every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the Taranaki region.

River Control and Flood Protection Targeted Rate

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a targeted rate of 0.002349 cents in the dollar (GST inclusive) for river control and flood protection works on the capital value on every rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region.

Passenger Transport Targeted Rate

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a targeted rate of 0.002781 cents in the dollar (GST inclusive) for passenger transport services on the capital value on every rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region.

Passenger Transport Targeted Rate

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a targeted rate of 0.000359 cents in the dollar (GST inclusive) for passenger transport services on the capital value on every rating unit in the South Taranaki constituency of the Taranaki region.

Yarrow Stadium Targeted Rate

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a differential targeted rate for Yarrow Stadium on the land value on each rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region. The targeted rate (in cents in the dollar of land value) for 2008/2009 for each differential category is:

- Group 1 Commercial and Industrial to produce \$169,756 (GST inclusive) at a rate of 0.023788 cents in the dollar of land value (GST inclusive)

- Group 2 Residential to produce \$190,407 (GST inclusive) at a rate of 0.005210 cents in the dollar of land value (GST inclusive)
- Group 3 Small holdings to produce \$9,487 (GST inclusive) at a rate of 0.002312 cents in the dollar of land value (GST inclusive)
- Group 4 Farmland to produce \$19,648 (GST inclusive) at a rate of 0.000633 cents in the dollar of land value (GST inclusive).

Differential Categories

Differential rating group 1: Commercial and industrial.

Differential Rating Group 1 shall comprise all separately rateable properties, which are:

- a) Used for any commercial, industrial, cultural or community purpose, including (by way of example):
 - Commercial accommodation such as hotels, motels, tourist hotels, and commercially owned or operated residential homes;
 - Community halls, cultural facilities, recreation and sports grounds, reserves, cemeteries and urupa where such uses are located within commercial or industrial areas;
 - Hospitals;
 - Educational uses and institutions located within commercial or industrial areas;
 - Oil, gas and petrochemical processing and treatment, energy generation or reticulation, water treatment and sewerage plants;

but excluding:

 - Mining or quarrying, including oil wells and shingle pits;
 - Owner/occupier, rental or other multi-unit flats;
 - Residential homes owned and operated by registered charitable trusts;

or

- b) Vacant land or substantially vacant land with no discernible use, being land that is located within a commercial or industrial area and which is capable of being used for commercial or industrial uses as provided for in sub—clause (a) above;

or

- c) Used for more than one purpose and one or more of these purposes is a commercial, industrial, cultural or community purpose as provided for in sub-clause (a) above.

Differential rating group 2: Residential.

Differential Rating Group 2 shall comprise all separately rateable properties:

2.1 With a land area of 1 hectare or less, not being properties in Differential Rating Group 1 and which are:

- a) Used for residential and related purposes, including (by way of example):
 - Owner/occupier, rental and other multi-unit flats;
 - Residential homes owned and operated by registered charitable trusts;
 - Rural or urban small holdings or farmlets that contain one or more residential dwellings;

but excluding:

- Commercial accommodation such as hotels, motels, tourist hotels and commercially owned or operated residential homes;
- Hospitals;

or

- b) Vacant land or substantially vacant land which is capable of being used for the erection of a dwelling house or other residential and related uses as provided for in sub-clause 2.1(a) above;

or

- 2.2 With a land area in excess of 1 hectare, not being properties in Differential Rating Group 1 and which are properties used for multi-unit residential purposes;

or

- 2.3 With a land area of any size, not being properties in Differential Rating Group 1 and which properties are used for:
 - a) Religious places of worship;
 - b) Community halls, cultural facilities, recreation and sports grounds, reserves, cemeteries and urupas, where such uses are located within residential areas;
 - c) Educational uses and institutions located outside of industrial and commercial areas;
 - d) Marae, meeting houses and related facilities.

Differential rating group 3: Small holdings

Differential Rating Group 3 shall comprise all separately rateable properties, not being properties included in Differential Rating Group 1 or Differential Rating Group 2 and which:

- 3.1 Have a land area in excess of 1 hectare but no greater than 4 hectares and do not meet the requirements of clauses 4.2(a), (b) or (c) for inclusion in Differential Rating Group 4;

or

- 3.2 Have a land area of 1 hectare or less and are used in conjunction with one or more other properties (and the total land area is in excess of 1 hectare but no greater than 4 hectares) in circumstances to which Section 23 of the Rating Powers Act 1988 applies.

Differential rating group 4: Farmland

Differential Rating Group 4 shall comprise all separately rateable properties, not being properties included in Differential Rating Group 1 or Differential Rating Group 2 or Differential Rating Group 3 and which:

- 4.1 Have a land area in excess of 4 hectares;

or

- 4.2 Have a land area of 4 hectares or less and:
 - a) Are vacant or substantially vacant land which is not capable of being used for the erection of a dwelling house or other residential and related uses as defined in sub-clause 2.1(a) above;or
 - b) Are used for community halls, cultural facilities, recreation and sports grounds, reserves, cemeteries and urupas, where such uses are located within the rural area;or
 - c) Are used in conjunction with one or more other properties as a single farm (and the total land area of the single farm is more than 4 hectares) in circumstances to which Section 23 of the Rating Powers Act 1988 apply.

Due Dates

Pursuant to Section 24 of the Act the Council's rates will become due and payable by four equal instalments on the following dates:

Instalment 1	27 August 2008
Instalment 2	26 November 2008
Instalment 3	25 February 2009
Instalment 4	27 May 2009.

Penalties and Discounts

Pursuant to Section 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 the following penalties on unpaid rates will be applied:

- a charge of 10 percent on so much of any instalment that has been assessed after 1 July 2008 and which remains unpaid after the due date for that instalment.
- a charge of 10 percent on so much of any rates levied before 1 July 2008 which remain unpaid on 1 July 2008 or such later date as required under section 58(1)(b)(ii) (New Plymouth, North Taranaki and Stratford constituencies only).
- a continuing additional penalty of 10 percent on so much of any rates levied before 1 July 2008 that remain unpaid six months after the previous penalty was added (New Plymouth, North Taranaki and Stratford constituencies only).

The Council will allow a discount of 3% where a ratepayer pays the year's rates in full on or before the due date of the first instalment for the year. This will be 27 August 2008. South Taranaki constituency only.

Payment Locations

The Council's rates and charges will become due and payable at the principal offices and service centres of the region's district councils. The rates and charges can also be paid at the principal office of the Taranaki Regional Council.

2. appoints the New Plymouth District Council, the Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council, pursuant to section 53 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to collect the rates set by the Taranaki Regional Council.
3. approves the keeping the rating information database in separate parts for the constituent districts of the region and delegates the function of maintaining the rating information database to the New Plymouth District Council, the Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council, pursuant to section 27(7) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.
4. delegates to the Chief Executive and the Director—Corporate Services the power to resolve administrative matters in relation to the collection of the Taranaki Regional Council's rates and the administration of the rating information database.

Approved:

MJ Nield
Director - Corporate Services

B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive

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**Memorandum to
Chairperson and Members
Taranaki Regional Council**

Council tours—Ordinary Meetings

Purpose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to advise the Members that, following the conclusion of the briefings and orientation presentations that have been offered to the new Council, a programme of tours to follow each Ordinary Meeting will resume.

Discussion

2. It is the custom of the Council to provide an inspection tour for the benefit and interest of councillors following each ordinary Meeting. These are intended and considered to provide value to councillors in terms of opportunities to engage with key stakeholders within the community, to develop a personal appreciation of the issues, trends, and pressures facing our region, to understand first-hand the background to the various reports and action items brought to the Council by staff, in a more relaxed manner than might be available within the context of a formal meeting, and to demonstrate to the regional community the interest of councillors in what affects regional life.
3. The normal pattern is that staff will arrange transport from and back to Stratford, or make alternative arrangements as may better suit individual councillors.
4. Tours will normally conclude between 3.30 and 4 pm, and it is advisable that councillors set aside this time to devote to the work of the Council on days of Ordinary Meetings.
5. Staff are happy to receive an indication from councillors as to sites or subjects that they would like to explore further.

Recommendation

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum on the provision of regional tours for the benefit of Councillors

B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive

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**Memorandum to
Chairperson and Members
Taranaki Regional Council**

Meeting Dates – June/July 2008

Purpose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information on the next six-weekly round of Council meetings for 2008.

Meeting Dates

2. At the Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 12 December 2007, the 2008 schedule of Council meetings was adopted.
3. Member's attention is drawn to the next six-weekly round of meetings.
4. The six-weekly round of meetings for June/July 2008 will be as follows:

Consents and Regulatory Committee	Wednesday 11 June 2008
Policy and Planning Committee	Thursday 12 June 2008
Executive Committee	Monday 23 June 2008
Regional Land Transport Committee	Tuesday 24 June 2008
Ordinary Meeting	Tuesday 1 July 2008
5. For information of Council, the next Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 June 2008 commencing at 10.30am.

B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive