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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 26 February 2008 commencing at 10.30am

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 26 February 2008 at 10.30am.



Councillors

D N MacLeod (Chairperson)
M J Cloke
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

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)

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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 held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, Cloten Road, Stratford, on Wednesday 12 December 2007 at 10.30am.

Matters arising:

Item 2

Confirmation of Minutes

Consents and Regulatory Committee:
Tuesday 12 February 2008

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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 12 February 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 12 February 2008 at 10.30am.

Matters arising:

Item 3

Confirmation of Minutes

Policy and Planning Committee
Thursday 14 February 2008

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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 14 February 2008 at 10.30am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Matters arising:

Item 4

Confirmation of Minutes

Executive Committee
Monday 18 February 2008

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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 18 February 2008 at 10.00am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

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 14: Confidential Minutes
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Wednesday 12 December 2007**

**Item 15: Confidential Minutes
Consents & Regulatory Committee
Tuesday 12 February 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:

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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 Wednesday 12
December 2007 at 2.00 pm.**

ITEM ONE

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Present	Councillors	D N MacLeod M J Cloke 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 G K Bedford R A Phillips A W Young P Ledingham	(Chief Executive) (Director-Corporate Services) (Director-Resource Management) (Director-Environment Quality) (Director-Operations) (Financial Services Manager) (Information Officer)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)

One member of the media.

Apologies There were no apologies.

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

1. Deputation to Council - Mr Rusty Kane

Deputations and Presentations – Model Standing Orders NZS9202:2003 section 3.19

- 1.1 The Council received a Deputation from Mr Rusty Kane on behalf of the Chemically Exposed Paritutu Residents Association (CEPRA) updating Members on the Paritutu issue.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the deputation by Mr Rusty Kane on behalf of the Chemically Exposed Paritutu Residents Association and instructs, Council Management to report back on the matters addressed.

07/305

MacLeod/Lean

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council
Wednesday 7 November 2007

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 Wednesday 7 November 2007 at 10.30am.

07/306

Marsh/Irving

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Consents and Regulatory Committee
Wednesday 21 November 2007

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 Wednesday 21 November 2007 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, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Wednesday 21 November 2007 at 10.30am.

07/307

Lean/Cloke

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee
Thursday 22 November 2007

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 22 November 2007 at 10.30am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

07/308

Horton/Walker

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Executive Committee
Monday 3 December 2007

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 Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 3 December 2007 at 10.00am.
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

07/309

Lean/Maxwell

Matters arising

Public Transport Management Bill Land Transport Management Amendment Bill

It was noted that period for submissions closes 14 December 2007 for the Public Transport Management Bill and 20 December 2007 for the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill. Both submissions have been completed by Council officers and sent by the due dates. Copies of the submissions would be forwarded to Councillors.

6. Minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

- 6.1 The confirmed minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group's meeting held on Tuesday 28 August 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 28 August 2007.

07/310

Jeffares/Maxwell

7. Timing and Scheduling of Meetings

- 7.1 The memorandum to consider the timing and scheduling of committee meetings for the 2007-2010 term of the Council was received and considered.
- 7.2 Members debated the cycle of committee meetings and if more than one committee could meet on the say day. Following discussion, it was agreed to retain the current six-weekly meeting cycle and continue to hold the Council's Consents & Regulatory and Policy & Planning Committee meetings on separate days. However, Members noted the clash of meeting dates for Councillors Davey and Jeffares who would be attending other duties as Trustees with the Taranaki Electricity Trust. It was therefore agreed to change the date of the Council's Ordinary Meeting to a Tuesday together with the Consents & Regulatory Committee to enable those Councillors to attend both meetings.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. confirms the retention of the six-weekly meeting cycle
2. retains the Ordinary Meeting of the Council at 10.30am on the Tuesday of the final week of the six-week cycle
3. resolves to hold the Policy and Planning Committee meetings on the Thursday of the third week of the six-week cycle commencing at 10.30am

4. resolves to hold the Consents and Regulatory Committee meetings on the Tuesday of the third week of the six-week cycle commencing at 10.30am
5. resolves to hold the Executive Committee meetings on the Monday of the fifth week of the six-week cycle commencing at 10.00am
6. notes that on occasion there will need to be changes to accommodate operational circumstances.

07/311

Lean/Maxwell

8. External appointments to Council Committees 2007-2010

Policy and Planning Committee

Regional Land Transport Committee

- 8.1 Members noted and discussed the memorandum advising of the nominations that have been received from the district councils and other organisations for the external appointments to the Council's Policy and Planning Committee and Regional Land Transport Committee for 2007-2010.
- 8.2 It was noted that not all nominations have been received. Those still to respond will be followed up early in the New Year with the remaining appointments confirmed by the Council in February 2008.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. appoints Councillor John Rowe from the Stratford District Council to the Policy and Planning Committee
2. appoints Councillor Ann Hickey from the South Taranaki District Council to the Policy and Planning Committee
3. appoints Mr Graham Hight from Federated Farmers (Taranaki Branch) to the Policy and Planning Committee
4. appoints Mayor John Edwards from the Stratford District Council to Regional Land Transport Committee
5. appoints Mrs Rosalie Orr from Land Transport New Zealand to the Regional Land Transport Committee
6. approves the appointment of Mr Andrew McKillop as Land Transport New Zealand's alternate representative to the Regional Land Transport Committee
7. appoints Mr Errol Christiansen from Transit New Zealand to the Regional Land Transport Committee
8. appoints Inspector Neil Wynne from the New Zealand Police to the Regional Land Transport Committee

9. appoints Mr John Geraghty from the Road Transport Association to the Regional Land Transport Committee
10. appoints Ms Sue Foley from Toll New Zealand to the Regional Land Transport Committee
11. appoints Mr Phil McQueen from ONTRACK (New Zealand Railways Corporation) to the Regional Land Transport Committee
12. appoints Mrs Karen Stowers from the New Zealand Automobile Association to the Regional Land Transport Committee
13. appoints Mr Allan Jamieson from the Bus & Coach Association (Taranaki Branch) to the Regional Land Transport Committee.

07/312

Marsh/Cloke

9. Councillor Appointments to Ad-hoc Committees

- 9.1 The memorandum to consider and appoint (where necessary) Councillors to a number of ad-hoc Committees not reviewed or identified at the beginning of the triennial term was received and discussed.
- 9.2 Taranaki Regional Council Chairman, Mr D E MacLeod, called for expressions of interest from Councillors who wished to be appointed to any of the Committees. Councillor M G Davey requested to be appointed to the Communities for Climate Protection – New Zealand National Programme and Councillor R F H Maxwell requested to be appointed to the State Highway 3 Working Party.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum
2. appoints Councillor Michael Davey to the Communities for Climate Protection – New Zealand National Programme
3. appoints Councillor Barry Marsh and Councillor Roger Maxwell to the State Highway 3 Working Party
4. appoints Councillor Roger Maxwell and Councillor Brian Jeffares to the Stratford to Okahukura Railway Line Working Party
5. appoints Councillor Michael Joyce to the Dairying and Clean Stream Accord Regional Action Plan Working Party.

07/313

Walker/Horton

10. 2008 Meeting Schedule

- 10.1 The full schedule of meeting dates for the year 2008 was received and adopted by Council. The six-weekly meeting schedule would be amended to reflect the discussions and recommendations arising from the Timing of Scheduling of Meetings agenda item from earlier in the meeting. Members will be distributed an updated meeting schedule within the next 2-3 days.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and adopts the 2008 meeting schedule, incorporating all amendments.

07/314

Horton/Irving

11. Triennial Agreement

- 11.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum to ratify for the 2007-2010 period of Council the Taranaki Triennial Agreement.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. adopts the Taranaki Triennial Agreement to have effect until the next general election of the Council.

07/315

Lean/Jeffares

12. Water Quantity Management and Hydrologic Update

- 12.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum updating members on the current dry spell of weather and how the Council manages water allocation and abstractions.

- 12.2 It was noted that should the current dry spell continue, then the Council's Water Shortage Event Standard Operating Procedures will be initiated.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum
2. receives a presentation on water quantity management.

07/316

Joyce/Maxwell

13. General Business

There were no items of general business.

14. Public Excluded

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

resolves that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council, held on Wednesday 12 December 2007, namely:

**Item 15: Confidential Minutes
Consents & Regulatory Committee
Wednesday 21 November 2007**

Item 16: Appointment of Director

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Item 16 - Appointment of Director	Where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons.	NZS9202:2003 Incorporating Amendment No. 1 A2(a)

07/317

Lean/Cloke

There being no further business, Chairman D N MacLeod, declared the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council closed at 4.15pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson: _____
D N MacLeod

Date: **26 February 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 12 February
2008 at 10.30 am.**

ITEM TWO

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Present	Councillors	D L Lean M J Cloke B R Jeffares	(Chairperson)
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)
In attendance	Messrs	A D McLay G K Bedford M J Nield P D Ashe B E Pope P Ledingham	(Director-Resource Management) (Director-Environment Quality) (Director-Corporate Services) (Monitoring Manager) (Compliance Manager) (Information Officer)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Ms	K Spencer	(Consents Officer)
	Mr	S Dobson	(Consents Officer)

One member of the media.

Apologies The apologies from Councillors M G Davey, M A Irving, M P Joyce, B J Marsh, R F H Maxwell and N W Walker were received and sustained.

**Notification of
Late Items** General Business – update on abandoned Patea Freezing Works fire incident.

**1. Confirmed Minutes: Consents and Regulatory Committee
- 21 November 2007**

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting held on Wednesday 29 August 2007 at 10.30 am.

08/001

Lean/Cloke

Matters Arising

Forthcoming Hearing: Normanby Power Limited

It was noted that no date has been set for a Hearing due to Council staff still being involved in the pre-hearing process.

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.
- 2.3 It was noted to the Committee that all appeals to the South Taranaki District Council's Eltham wastewater discharge, through the Fonterra outfall, application had been resolved with the resource consent issued by the Council in December 2007.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

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

08/002

Cloke/Jeffares

3. Report on an application for a limited-notified resource consent: W Abraham Limited - air discharge

- 3.1 The Committee received and discussed the memorandum recommending the Council approve an application, by W Abraham Limited (the applicant), following a limited-notified resource consent process.
- 3.2 The applicant applied for a discharge permit to provide for the discharge of emissions to air from the operation of a cremator at the applicant's proposed crematorium at Bell Block in a new industrial subdivision off Corbett Road.
- 3.3 The Committee were advised of slightly amended resource consent special conditions to those in the agenda and were provided with a copy of the proposed amendments.

Members discussed the amended conditions, noted they were more restrictive, and that the applicant had supported the amendments.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum; and
2. approves the application by W Abraham Limited (application 4738 for consent 7147), subject to agreed general and amended special conditions.

08/003

MacLeod/Cloke

4. Report on an application for a limited-notified resource consent: Methanex Motonui Limited - discharge of contaminants into the air

- 4.1 The Committee received and discussed the memorandum recommending the Council approve an application for a resource consent by Methanex Motonui Limited. A limited notified resource consent process was followed for the application.
- 4.2 Methanex Motonui Limited applied to renew a consent to discharge contaminants into the air from the Motonui Methanol plant and ancillary facilities in North Taranaki.
- 4.3 A Hearing Committee was delegated the power to determine Methanex's application in November 2007 subject to an unsuccessful pre-hearing process. All submissions were resolved in January 2008 and the Committee is able to determine the application.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum; and
2. approves the application by Methanex Motonui Limited (application 4596 for consent 4042), subject to agreed general and special conditions.

08/004

MacLeod/Cloke

5. Report on an application for a limited-notified resource consent: South Taranaki District Council - land use consent

- 5.1 The Committee received and discussed the memorandum recommending the Council approve the South Taranaki District Council application for a pipeline crossing, following a limited-notified resource consent process.

- 5.2 The South Taranaki District Council has applied for a land use consent to erect, place, maintain and use a water supply pipeline under the bed of the Waingongoro River, disturb the bed of the river during the installation of the pipeline and construct rock protection in order to improve South Taranaki's municipal water supply.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum; and
2. approves the application by the South Taranaki District Council (application 4787 for consent 7172), subject to agreed general and special conditions.

08/005

Lean/Jeffares

6. Consent monitoring annual reports

- 6.1 The Committee considered the memorandum with respect to 7 tailored monitoring programme annual reports for the 2005-2007 and 2006-2007 monitoring periods.
- 6.2 Members noted and discussed the Pasture Irrigation Compliance Monitoring Annual report 2006-2007 requesting clarification on consent compliance levels. It was noted improvement was need by some irrigators and where necessary infringement notices would be used to achieve compliance.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the Shell Exploration NZ Limited Pohokura Offshore Monitoring Programme 2005-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
2. receives the Todd Taranaki Ltd McKee Production Station Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
3. receives the Swift Energy NZ Limited Brown Road Landfarm Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
4. receives the South Taranaki District Council Opunake Wastewater Treatment System Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;
5. receives the A R Geary Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein;

6. receives the Swift Energy Limited Kauri-C Land Treatment Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein; and
7. receives the Pasture Irrigation Compliance Monitoring Annual Report 2006-2007 and adopts the specific recommendations therein.

08/006

MacLeod/Cloke

7. Farm Dairy Discharges - Compliance Assessment

- 7.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum outlining a report on data and trends comparing the number of dairy discharge non-compliances for the first six months of the current dairy season with last year. Improved consent holder compliance was required.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum;
2. notes for the year to date the non-compliance rate is higher than in 2006/07;
3. notes the need for consent holders to strive for consent compliance; and
4. reinforces the strategic importance of the Farm Dairy Discharge Monitoring Programme in providing the framework for achieving high levels of consent compliance.

08/007

Lean/Jeffares

8. Unauthorised Incidents Register 1 November to 25 January 2008

- 8.1 The Committee considered the Unauthorised Incidents Register for the period 1 November 2007 to 25 January 2008.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the Unauthorised Incidents Register for the period 1 November 2007 to 25 January 2008 and adopts the recommendations therein.

08/008

Lean/MacLeod

9. Forthcoming Hearing: Kohi Beach Farm Limited 4783(2518) – to take up to 2400 cubic metres per day (33 litres per second) of water from the Wairoa Stream for pasture irrigation purposes – change of conditions to increase the volume taken to 4128 cubic metres per day (53 litres per second); and Roger Dickie Family Trust 5807(4768) – to take and divert water from the Wairoa Stream to a water reservoir and subsequently to take water from that water reservoir for pasture irrigation purposes – review of consent conditions to reduce rate of taking

Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum recommending that the Council delegates to a Hearing Committee the power to determine a review of consent conditions and a related application to change consent conditions, where the submission cannot be resolved via the pre-hearing process.

The application to change conditions is by Kohi Beach Limited. The review relates to a consent held by Roger Dickie Family Trust. The consents are to take water from the Wairoa Stream near Waverley and both consent processes were limited-notified.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum; and
2. subject to an unsuccessful pre-hearing process, delegates to a Hearing Committee [Cr D Lean] the power to determine application 2518, lodged by Kohi Beach Farm Ltd, and application 4678, a review of the conditions of a consent held by Roger Dickie Family Trust.

08/009

MacLeod/Cloke

10. General Business

Abandoned Patea Freezing Works Fire incident – update

Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality, provided a verbal update to the Committee on the fire of 6 February 2008 and the involvement of emergency management, subsequent site investigation work, and proceedings being lead by South Taranaki District Council.

11. Public Excluded

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

resolves that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council, held on Tuesday 12 February 2008, namely:

- Item 12: Confidential Minutes
Consents & Regulatory Committee
21 November 2007**
- Item 13: Unauthorised Incident**
- Item 14: Unauthorised Incident**

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:

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08/010

Lean/MacLeod

There being no further business, the Chairperson Mr D L Lean declared the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting closed at 11.40 am.

Confirmed

Chairperson: _____
D N MacLeod

Date: **26 February 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 14
February 2008 at 10.30 am.**

ITEM THREE

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Present	Councillors	M J Cloke	(Deputy Chairperson)
		M G Davey	
		M A Irving	
		D L Lean	(ex officio)
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)
Representatives	Councillor	A Hickey	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Councillor	J Rowe	(Stratford District Council)
	Mr	G Hight	(Federated Farmers of New Zealand)
In attendance	Councillor	R F H Maxwell	
	Messrs	A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
		M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		R A Phillips	(Director-Operations)
		G C Severinsen	(Policy Manager)
		P Ledingham	(Information Officer)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Ms	F Moore	(Scientific Officer Hydrology)
	Ms	R Miller	(Policy Analyst)
	Mr	G Gallop	(Animal Pest Manager)
	Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)

One member of the media.

Apologies The apologies from Councillor P D Horton, Councillor M P Joyce and Councillor N W Walker were received and sustained.

**Notification of
Late Item** General Business – purple ragwort and pest animal (rabbits).

**Welcome and
Introduction** Committee Deputy Chairperson, Councillor M J Cloke, welcomed the district council and Federated Farmers representatives to the Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

**1. Confirmed Minutes: Policy and Planning Committee Meeting
- 22 November 2007**

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Policy & Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 22 November 2007 at 10.30am.

08/013

Irving/MacLeod

Matters Arising

Annual Report on the Dairying and Clean Streams Accord 2006/2007

Members discussed the impacts of the current dry-spell/ drought in Taranaki on the riparian plantings implemented under the Dairying and Clean Streams Accord programme. It was noted that the condition of the plantings was being maintained and that stream temperatures were lower in catchments with riparian planting significantly reducing the impact of the current drought conditions.

2. Update on policy and planning work

- 2.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum advising Members of the release by the Ministry for the Environment of a report on Groundwater quality in New Zealand: state and trends 1995-2006 prepared for the Ministry by the Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives this memorandum on the release of the report groundwater quality in New Zealand state and trends 1995-2006 by the Ministry for the Environment; and
2. notes the findings of the report that indicate the Taranaki region is not shown to have significant issues with groundwater quality.

08/014

MacLeod/Irving

3. Development of a National Policy Statement on Fresh Water Management

- 3.1 Mr G C Severinsen, Policy Manager, spoke to the memorandum advising Members of central Government's intention to develop a National Policy Statement on Fresh Water and the process and opportunities for the council to provide input.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum updating progress with the Sustainable Water Programme of Action and on the proposed National Policy Statement on Fresh Water Management;
2. notes that Council views have been consistently conveyed to the Ministry for the Environment through the involvement of senior Council officers on several high level committees and working groups; and
3. notes that the Council will have a formal opportunity to submit on a draft National Policy Statement when it is formally notified, possibly in May or June of this year.

08/015

Rowe/Davey

4. Hydrological Update and Council response to low river levels

- 4.1 Ms F Moore, Scientific Officer Hydrology, provided a presentation to the Committee on the Council's response to the drought and low river flow conditions in Taranaki together with an overview of the Council's Water Shortage Event standard operating procedure.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receive the memorandum; and
2. notes the Council will use its Water Shortage Event standard operating procedure to manage the current and predicted low river flow conditions.

08/016

Lean/Davey

5. Submissions on Biosecurity policy and discussion document

- 5.1 Mr R A Phillips, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum presenting two submissions that were submitted to MAF Biosecurity New Zealand at the end of 2007 on Policy for Responding to Pests and Diseases (risk organisms) and the Joint Decision Making and Resourcing for Readiness and Incursion Response. Submissions were sent on 18 December 2007 having obtained an extension of time beyond the closing date of 14 December 2007.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives this memorandum on submissions made to the '*Policy for Responding to Pests and Diseases (risk organisms)*' and on the '*Joint Decision Making and Resourcing for Readiness and Incursion Responses*' discussion document; and
2. endorses the submissions made on the above policy and discussion document.

08/017

MacLeod/Irving

6. Submission to the South Taranaki District Council on Plan Change 10: Scheduled Rivers and Streams

- 6.1 Mr G C Severinsen, Policy Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing a submission made to the South Taranaki District Council on the Proposed District Plan Change 10: Scheduled Rivers and Streams and to recommend its endorsement. The submission was sent by the due date of 3 December 2007.
- 6.2 The reduction of 21 to 11 rivers and streams that are considered significant within the Proposed District Plan whereby esplanade reserves or strips are required to be set aside when adjacent land subdivision occurs was noted and discussed. The Committee noted and agreed that the South Taranaki District Council needed to clearly justify the selection process carried out to determine the 11 rivers and streams. In requesting that the list of rivers and streams be increased, the Council's submission focuses on the Council's riparian management programme, access issues and the issue of compensation to land owners. It was agreed that the Council therefore now be heard in support of their submission to enable it to enter into dialogue with the South Taranaki District Council to work collaboratively in retaining the original 21 river and streams catchments supported by both riparian management and esplanade/reserve strips for public access.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on the submission to the South Taranaki District Council on Plan Change 10: Scheduled Rivers and Streams;
2. endorses the submission; and
3. notes that the Council wishes to be heard by the South Taranaki District Council in support of the submission.

08/018

Lean/MacLeod

7. Council water recreation survey

- 7.1 The memorandum advising Members of a survey currently being undertaken by Council staff of recreational water use in Taranaki was received and discussed by the Committee.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on the Water recreation survey for Taranaki; and
2. notes that the results of the survey will be included in the Council's next state of the environment report due to be released in October 2008.

08/019

Davey/Lean

8. Submission on Port and Harbour and Navigation Safety Management

- 8.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum on a submission made on the Ministry of Transport's Port and Harbour and Navigation Safety Management Discussion Paper (2007) and to recommend its endorsement. The submission was sent by the due date of 19 December 2008. In conjunction with the agenda item, and as part of the Council's Councillor Induction Programme, a presentation was provided to the Committee on the Council's regional navigation and safety responsibilities.
- 8.2 Members also discussed the issues associated with jet ski use in the regions estuaries and coastal areas and it was noted Maritime New Zealand is responsible.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum;
2. notes the Ministry of Transport's request for submissions on the *Port and Harbour Navigation Safety Management Discussion Paper(2007)* by 19 December 2007; and
3. endorses the submission prepared by officers of the Taranaki Regional Council.

08/020

Lean/MacLeod

9. Draft Biodiversity Strategy for Taranaki

- 9.1 Mr R A Phillips, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum presenting for Members' consideration the Draft Biodiversity Strategy: An operational strategy to guide biodiversity actions of the Taranaki Regional Council. The Draft Strategy is non-statutory and has been prepared in order to pull together all the Council's biodiversity programmes under one operational strategy and also integrate these with others work to obtain maximum biodiversity benefit. This will allow the biodiversity objective, policies and methods of the Proposed Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki to be implemented.
- 9.2 Ms R Miller, Policy Analyst, provided a presentation to the Committee on the purpose, structure and content of the Draft Strategy.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum and *Draft Biodiversity Strategy: An operational strategy to guide biodiversity actions of the Taranaki Regional Council*; and
2. agrees to circulate to stakeholders the *Draft Biodiversity Strategy: An operational strategy to guide biodiversity actions of the Taranaki Regional Council* for comment on the 20th February 2008.

08/021

Davey Rowe

Councillor M A Irving left the Policy and Planning Committee meeting at 12.00 noon.

10. Submission to Maritime New Zealand on their proposal to remove Urenui River permanent speed uplifting

- 10.1 The memorandum providing an outline of a submission that has been prepared and submitted to Maritime New Zealand on its proposal to remove the gazetted speed uplifting on the lower Urenui River, was received and discussed by the Committee. Following a two year consultation process, Maritime New Zealand publically announced in December 2007 that the ski land and the associated speed limits on the lower Urenui River would be removed. Formal gazettement is to occur and the new signage was put in place on 20 December 2007.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on the submission to Maritime New Zealand on their proposal to remove permanent speed uplifting;
2. endorses the memorandum on the submission to Maritime New Zealand on their proposal to remove permanent speed uplifting; and
3. notes the submission was successful.

08/022

MacLeod/Lean

11. Government's contaminated land management position paper

- 11.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum advising the Committee of the release of a position paper by the Ministry for the Environment providing direction to contaminated land management, which set out the Ministry's work programme of actions intended to provide leadership and direction for the management of the issues surrounding contaminated land in New Zealand.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum on the release by the Ministry for the Environment of the position paper '*Working towards a comprehensive policy framework for managing contaminated land in New Zealand*' (MfE 2007);
2. notes that its submission on an earlier discussion paper have been implemented in part but that there still remain matters of concern to the Council; and
3. notes that there will be further opportunities for engagement in the process of development of a national policy and management framework.

08/023

Lean/Davey

12. General Business

Councillor A Hickey, South Taranaki District Council representative, spoke to the Committee on the identification of pest plant purple ragwort on the Council's southern boundary and discussed the potential for the Council to advocate the inclusion of Purple Ragwort into Horizon's Pest Plant Strategy. Councillor Hickey also sought discussion on the increase in rabbit numbers in South Taranaki due to the drought conditions. Council officers addressed the queries and agreed to again advocate strongly to Horizons of the need to address purple ragwort. Council officers also noted educational material about rabbit control would be made available to farmers.

There being no further business, the Deputy Chairman Councillor M J Cloke, declared the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 12.15pm.

Confirmed

Chairman: _____
D N MacLeod

Date: **26 February 2008**

2. Capital Expenditure – 2008/2009 Annual Plan

- 2.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum to obtain approval for the proposed 2008/2009 capital expenditure programme for inclusion in the draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. approves the capital expenditure programme for inclusion in the draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan.

08/025

MacLeod/Lean

3. Flood and river control works projects

- 3.1 The memorandum providing information on some current flood and river control projects and to seek Council endorsement of actions taken and approval of expenditure for work to be undertaken outside of approved operational budgets was received and discussed by the Committee.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the information contained in the memorandum
2. approves and endorses actions taken
3. notes that there will be continuing expenditure to complete investigations into upgrading of the Lower Waiwhakaiho Scheme
4. approves expenditure of \$43,000 for priority new protection works in the Lower Waiwhakaiho River Scheme.

08/026

Lean/Walker

4. Combined application for maintenance of six regionally significant wetlands

- 4.1 Mr B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum seeking approval for funding from the Council's Environmental Enhancement Grant for maintenance works on six regionally significant wetlands of Taranaki.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the officers reports attached to this memorandum, relating to maintenance of Lake Kaikura, Spence Road, Umutekai Bush, Huiakama, Nowells Lake and Lake Taumaha wetlands

2. approves environmental enhancement grants of:

- (a) \$9,200 for Lake Kaikura
- (b) \$4,475 for Spence Road
- (c) \$4791 for Umutekai Bush
- (d) \$5000 for Huiakama Wetland
- (e) \$5757 for Nowells Lake
- (f) \$2375 for Lake Taumaha

08/027

Lean/Walker

5. Wetland Enhancement: Lake Waiau Wildlife Management Reserve, Huiakama Lagoon and Tongaporutu whitebait spawning and habitat protection

- 5.1 The memorandum seeking approval for funding from the Council's Environmental Enhancement Grant for protection of Lake Waiau Wildlife Management Reserve and Huiakama Lagoon, which are classified in the Regional Freshwater Plan as regionally significant wetlands, and a proposal to protect whitebait spawning and habitat areas on the Tongaporutu and Hutiwai Rivers and their tributaries was received and discussed by the Committee.
- 5.2 Members discussed the issue of public access to areas protected by a QEII Trust Open Space Covenant. It was noted that where public funds have assisted in the enhancement and protection of regionally significant areas, the Council should investigate with the other agencies involved and landowners ways in which public access could be made available.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

- 1. receives the officers reports attached to this memorandum, relating to protection of Lake Waiau Wildlife Management Reserve, Huiaka Lagoon and Tongaporutu whitebait spawning and habitat
- 2. approves environmental enhancement grants of:
 - (a) \$33,000 for the protection of the Lake Waiau Wildlife Management Reserve;
 - (b) \$8,330 for the protection of the Huiakama Lagoon
 - (c) \$18,495 for protection of whitebait spawning and habitat areas on the Tongaporutu and Hutiwai Rivers and their tributaries.

08/028

Lean/Maxwell

6. General Business

There were no items of general business.

There being no further business, the Chairperson Mr D N MacLeod, declared the Executive Committee meeting closed at 10.40 am.

Confirmed

Chairman _____
D N MacLeod

Date: **26 February 2008**

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

2008/2009 Annual Plan (Draft) - Statement of Proposal

Purpose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to receive and consider the following documents:
 - The draft *2008/2009 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal* (attached)
 - The summary of the draft *2008/2009 Annual Plan*
 - The 2008/2009 estimates – Appendix 1

Background

2. The Local Government Act 2002 requires every local authority to have an operative long-term council community plan. A long-term council community plan is intended to:
 - describe the activities of the local authority
 - describe the community outcomes of the local authority's district or region
 - provide integrated decision-making and co-ordination of the resources of the local authority
 - provide a long-term focus for the decisions and activities of the local authority
 - provide a basis for accountability of the local authority to the community
 - provide an opportunity for participation by the public in decision-making processes on activities to be undertaken by the local authority.
3. In years in which the Council does not prepare a long-term council community plan an annual plan is required to be produced. The Council adopted its *2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan* in May 2006 and, therefore, the Council is required to prepare an annual plan for 2008/2009.
4. The purposes of an annual plan are to –
 - (a) present the proposed annual budget and funding impact statement for the year to which the annual plan relates

- (b) identify any variation from the financial statements and funding impact statement included in the local authority's long-term council community plan in respect of the year
 - (c) support the long-term council community plan in providing integrated decision-making and co-ordination of the resources of the local authority
 - (d) contribute to the accountability of the local authority to the community
 - (e) extend opportunities for participation by the public in decision-making processes relating to the costs and funding of activities to be undertaken by the local authority.
5. As such the annual plan is very much an abbreviated sub-set of the long-term council community plan. This is the Taranaki Regional Council's second annual plan under the *2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan*.
 6. The basis for the preparation of the *2008/2009 Annual Plan* is the operating and capital budget for the 2008/2009 year in the *2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan* updated for changes to programmes and budgets.
 7. Differences between the programmes and estimates in an annual plan and the long-term council community plan are permitted provided that any decisions made in the annual plan do not:
 - (a) significantly alter the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the local authority, including a decision to commence or cease any such activity
 - (b) transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the local authority
 - (c) construct, replace, or abandon a strategic asset
 - (d) directly or indirectly, significantly affect the capacity of the local authority, or the cost to the local authority, in relation to any activity identified in the long-term council community plan.
 8. Decisions in any of these four areas require an amendment to the long-term council community plan which entails an audit process.
 9. The draft *2008/2009 Annual Plan* will be subject to a certain amount of fine tuning and editing during the production and printing process.
 10. There is no audit process required for an annual plan.
 11. A summary document is required to be produced. This will be prepared from the draft *2008/2009 Annual Plan* and distributed widely as part of the public consultation process.

2008/2009 Annual Plan

12. Across most of the Council's significant activities and functions, the proposed 2008/2009 work programme is at a similar level and content to that adopted in the *2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan*. The *Plan* continues the "business as usual" style that has developed over the last few years.

13. The Council has already indirectly considered this budget and the associated programmes through the development of the regional suite of plans and strategies and the *2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan*.
14. The major programmes of activity for 2008/2009 are:
 - Review the Regional Coastal Plan
 - Publish the state of the environment report
 - Process approximately 400 resource consents all within the statutory deadline
 - Monitor and enforce compliance with all resource consent conditions
 - Respond to all pollution incidents
 - Provide approximately 250 riparian plans and monitor all land management plans
 - Maintain all river control schemes and respond to flood events
 - Implement the new programme of passenger transport services (buses)
 - Extend the environmental enhancement programme in line with the Council's biodiversity strategy
 - Work with the Department of Conservation on Egmont National Park possum control programme
 - Monitor and where necessary take action to control pest plants
 - Maintain and enhance the regional gardens at Tupare and Hollards.
15. The operational programmes and associated financial implications are as addressed in the Councillor annual plan workshop held on 12 December 2007.
16. The key areas in which the *2008/2009 Annual Plan* differs from the 2008/2009 portion of the *2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan* are as follows.
17. **Land Transport Planning and Passenger Transport** – for 2008/2009 the *2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan* forecast the completion of urban bus service trials and the continuation of the paratransit taxi services.
18. The extent of the urban bus services post the trial has changed from than planned for in the *2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan* although it was noted that this was likely following the trial period. The total cost of these services has increased by \$1m from 2007/2008. However a significant portion of this increase relates to a change in the way in which bus subsidies and fare revenue are accounted for. Previously the Council paid a net subsidy to the bus operator with the operator retaining the fare revenue. As a result of decisions made by the Council in the last round of meetings, the Council will now pay a gross subsidy to the operator and retain the fare revenue. This has the effect of increasing income and expenditure by approximately \$500,000 with no net cost to the Council all other things being equal.
19. The targeted rates for New Plymouth/North Taranaki for bus services are planned to increase by \$124,975. Applying the Council's *Revenue and Financing Policy* to the new bus services in South Taranaki requires a new targeted rate over South Taranaki amounting to \$22,500.

20. Finally, the amount of staff time required to administer these services and provide land transport planning services continues to grow as does the demand for paratransit taxi services. The demands and costs for 2008/2009 are proving to be slightly higher than planned for in the *2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan*.

21. In summary the following is the position for public transport services.

22. **Land transport planning.**

Total expenditure budget increase over 2007/2008	\$28,674
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Funded by:

Increase in government subsidy	\$3,931
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Increase in general rates	\$24,743
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23. **Total mobility services.**

Total expenditure budget increase over 2007/2008	\$143,545
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Funded by:

Increase in government subsidy	\$117,500
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Increase in general rates	\$26,045
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24. **Passenger transport services.**

Total expenditure budget increase over 2007/2008	\$878,947
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Funded by:

Increase in government subsidy	\$247,750
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Increase in New Plymouth/North Taranaki targeted rates	\$124,975
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Increase in South Taranaki targeted rates	\$22,500
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Increase in direct charges (including fare revenue)	\$496,550
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Decrease in general rates	(\$12,828)
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25. **Civil defence emergency management.** The amount of time spent on civil defence emergency management services, especially planning, has increased. There are no significant increases in operating budgets.

26. **Biodiversity enhancement.** The Council has recently received and considered a biodiversity operational strategy. A budget has been established to provide an appropriate starting point for driving the implementation of the Strategy next year. This budget is a collection of existing budgets and one new staff position. To acknowledge the increasing importance of biodiversity the group of activities that includes the biodiversity activity has been renamed "Resource investigations, monitoring and biodiversity enhancement".

27. **Charge-out rates.** For the first time since 2002/2003 the effect of increasing costs has necessitated an increase in the charge-out rates for staff. These increased charge-out rates effect the cost incurred for work such as resource consent applications and

compliance monitoring charges. The charge-out rates are calculated using the Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand (IPENZ) methodology with a multiplier of 2.1.

28. The new rates are:

Level 1	Senior Management	\$214.00 per hour
Level 2	Managers/Supervisors	\$100.00 per hour
Level 3	Professional Staff	\$75.00 per hour
Level 4	Technical Staff	\$60.00 per hour
Level 5	Support Staff	\$60.00 per hour

29. Fixed minimum charges for the processing of resource consents and the monitoring of compliance with resource consent conditions have changed in accordance with the new rates. It should be noted that the scope of compliance monitoring work has also increased over time. Annual fixed monitoring charges for compliance monitoring have increased from \$90 to \$105. By most measures the Council's charges are lower than the rest of the country.

30. The full range of fixed minimum charges are as follows:

Request for preparation or change to a plan/policy statement	\$5,000.00
For non-notified consents	\$400.00
For notified consents	\$1,000.00
Renewal, change or review of consent:	
Non-notified	\$400.00
Notified	\$1,000.00
Extension of a consent lapsed due to non-exercise	\$300.00
Certificate of compliance	\$300.00
Transfer of consent to another party	\$50.00

The fixed charge for annual compliance monitoring inspections is \$105.00.

The fixed charge for once only compliance monitoring inspection is \$105.00.

The fixed charge for reinspection arising from annual or once only compliance monitoring inspections is \$120.00.

31. **Dividends** – Dividends were forecast for \$2.2m in 2008/2009 (*2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan*). Port Taranaki Ltd is now forecasting dividends of \$2.6m for 2008/2009. The budgeted level for 2007/2008 in the *2007/2008 Annual Plan* was \$1.6m.

32. **General rates** – the *2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan* forecast a 2.5% increase in general rates. The 2008/2009 Annual Plan and estimates are based upon this level of general rates increase. No change to the level of the uniform annual general charge is proposed as the Council is already close to the statutory limit for these types of rates.

33. Targeted rates for Yarrow Stadium are as forecast in the *2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan*. Targeted rates for Passenger Transport services are budgeted to increase by \$147,475 to \$387,725 (\$216,423 forecast in the *2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan*) as outlined above.

34. River control and flood protection targeted rates are forecast to increase from \$178,500 to \$284,486 (\$178,500 forecast in the 2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan). This due to maintenance and repairs on the main river control schemes (Waitara and Waiwhakaiho Rivers) being forecast to drop in 2008/2009 (per the 2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan). In the last year or so the maintenance expenditure has been funded from the North Taranaki/Waitara River Control Scheme Reserve. This practice is unsustainable and would eventually exhaust the reserve fund. The Council's asset management plans outline the use of the reserve fund to address and emergency scheme works. Storm events required such use in the current year.
35. None of these variations constitutes an amendment to the 2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan.
36. The total planned expenditure in each group of activities is summarised as follows:

Total expenditure	2008/2009	2008/2009	Percentage	2007/2008	Percentage
	Estimate \$	LTCCP \$	Change	Estimate \$	Change
Policy and planning	705,112	704,628	0.07%	665,402	5.97%
Civil defence emergency management	534,102	441,206	21.06%	430,275	24.13%
Resource consents	3,214,154	2,929,995	9.70%	3,032,228	6.00%
Land management	2,412,711	2,284,121	5.63%	2,156,120	11.90%
River control and flood protection	525,179	392,268	33.88%	518,096	1.37%
Land transport and harbour management	2,404,021	1,092,053	120.14%	1,404,477	71.17%
Resource investigations, monitoring and enhancement	1,580,278	1,522,084	3.82%	1,562,939	1.11%
Pest management	2,057,252	1,986,035	3.59%	2,009,298	2.39%
Recreation, culture and heritage	866,897	892,158	-2.83%	897,467	-3.41%
Regional representation, information and investments	1,080,351	1,051,275	2.77%	1,068,428	1.12%
Total expenditure	15,380,056	13,295,823	15.68%	13,744,731	11.90%

37. The total net position in each group of activities is summarised as follows:

Net cost of services	2008/2009	2008/2009	Percentage	2007/2008	Percentage
	Estimate \$	LTCCP \$	Change	Estimate \$	Change
Policy and planning	665,112	664,178	0.14%	664,952	0.02%
Civil defence emergency management	279,612	204,103	37.00%	196,357	42.40%
Resource consents	1,013,304	1,074,208	-5.67%	1,061,187	-4.51%
Land management	1,375,011	1,247,371	10.23%	1,363,870	0.82%
River control and flood protection	190,693	213,768	-10.79%	289,596	-34.15%
Land transport and harbour management	517,815	428,101	20.96%	531,477	-2.57%
Resource investigations, monitoring and enhancement	1,530,278	1,472,084	3.95%	1,512,939	1.15%
Pest management	1,973,452	1,900,835	3.82%	1,931,098	2.19%
Recreation, culture and heritage	510,355	530,878	-3.87%	537,988	-5.14%
Regional representation, information and investments	1,079,901	1,051,275	2.72%	1,068,428	1.07%
Net cost of services	9,135,532	8,786,801	3.97%	9,157,893	-0.24%

38. Overall, the Council's financial position is sound and the estimates and draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan continue that situation.
39. The Council is required to operate a balanced budget. The estimates as they stand equate to a deficit from a balanced budget. This shortfall equates to \$194,699 being:

Operating surplus	\$1,451,182
Less asset revaluations	(\$736,838)

Less interest transfers to reserves	(<u>\$33,043</u>)
Surplus	\$681,301
A balanced budget should be an operating surplus of	<u>\$876,000</u>
Difference	\$194,699

40. Dividend equalisation reserve transfers (balanced budget requirements) – The Council has been using the dividend equalisation reserve to smooth revenue from dividends and to meet the balanced budget requirements of the Local Government Act 2002. In the *2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan* the plan was to use the dividend equalisation reserve to fund the budget shortfall to the tune of \$216,338. After the above changes the forecast transfer from the reserve is \$194,699.
41. Total revenue is estimated at \$16,831,238 compared to the 2008/2009 forecast in the *2006/2016 Long-Term Council Community Plan* of \$14,720,447. The majority of this increase arises from dividends, targeted rates and fare revenue (see above). Total budgeted revenue in 2007/2008 was \$13,932,950.
42. Asset revaluations have been shown as revenue in line with New Zealand International Financial Reporting Standards. This is not cash receivable by the Council. Rather it is the book value increase in the value of the Council's investment properties. For rating and balanced budget calculations, this revenue has been removed from the calculations.
43. The region has experienced a significant increase in capital value over last year. The equalised capital value of the region has increased by \$5 billion over last year. This has the effect of significantly reducing the amount of rates paid per \$100,000 of capital value of a property. In 2003/2004 each ratepayer paid \$27.14 per \$100,000 of capital value. In 2008/2009 this has dropped to \$14.77 per \$100,000.
44. The *Funding Impact Statement* within the *Annual Plan* demonstrates the effect of changes in the capital values of the Taranaki region and constituent districts together with the effect of rating decisions on ratepayers in different parts of the region. The following examples of total rates are for a residential ratepayer with a capital value property of \$300,000 and a land value of \$50,000 (New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies):

Constituency	2007/2008	2008/2009	Change
New Plymouth and North Taranaki	\$129.54	\$102.70	(\$26.84)
Stratford	\$97.61	\$105.78	\$8.17
South Taranaki	\$91.13	\$96.66	\$5.53

45. For a residential ratepayer with a capital value property of \$500,000 and a land value of \$100,000 (New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies) the effective change in total rates is:

Constituency	2007/2008	2008/2009	Change
New Plymouth and North Taranaki	\$191.70	\$146.43	(\$45.27)
Stratford	\$137.18	\$150.81	\$13.63

South Taranaki

\$126.39

\$135.60

\$9.21

Section 36 Charges—Appendix 2, Schedules 1 to 6 in the Long-Term Council Community Plan.

46. The annual review of charges under section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991 has been completed. The changes in charge-out rates and the flow-on effect to fixed charges have been outlined earlier in this memorandum (schedules 1, 2 and 6). No changes are proposed for schedules 3 and 4.
47. For the individual tailored compliance monitoring programmes (schedule 5), each programme has been reviewed and alterations (up and down) made. Each programme has been discussed with the resource consent holder.

2008/2009 estimates

48. The estimates are attached to this memorandum (Appendix 1). When considering the estimates, it should be noted that a deficit (excess of expenditure over income) is funded by a combination of general rates and investment income. The changes proposed in the 2008/2009 estimates are summarised in each section.

Public consultation

49. Section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002 outlines the principles of consultation:

Consultation that a local authority undertakes in relation to any decision or other matter must be undertaken, subject to subsections (3) to (5), in accordance with the following principles:

- *that persons who will or may be affected by, or have an interest in, the decision or matter should be provided by the local authority with reasonable access to relevant information in a manner and format that is appropriate to the preferences and needs of those persons:*
- *that persons who will or may be affected by, or have an interest in, the decision or matter should be encouraged by the local authority to present their views to the local authority*
- *that persons who are invited or encouraged to present their views to the local authority should be given clear information by the local authority concerning the purpose of the consultation and the scope of the decisions to be taken following the consideration of views presented*
- *that persons who wish to have their views on the decision or matter considered by the local authority should be provided by the local authority with a reasonable opportunity to present those views to the local authority in a manner and format that is appropriate to the preferences and needs of those persons:*
- *that the views presented to the local authority should be received by the local authority with an open mind and should be given by the local authority, in making a decision, due consideration:*
- *that 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.*

A local authority must ensure that it has in place processes for consulting with Maori in accordance with subsection (1).

The principles set out in subsection (1) are, subject to subsections (4) and (5), to be observed by a local authority in such manner as the local authority considers, in its discretion, to be appropriate in any particular instance.

*A local authority must, in exercising its discretion under subsection (3), have regard to---
the requirements of section 78; and*

- *the extent to which the current views and preferences of persons who will or may be affected by, or have an interest in, the decision or matter are known to the local authority; and*
- *the nature and significance of the decision or matter, including its likely impact from the perspective of the persons who will or may be affected by, or have an interest in, the decision or matter; and*
- *the provisions of Part I of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (which Part, among other things, sets out the circumstances in which there is good reason for withholding local authority information); and*
- *the costs and benefits of any consultation process or procedure.*

Where a local authority is authorised or required by this Act or any other enactment to undertake consultation in relation to any decision or matter and the procedure in respect of that consultation is prescribed by this Act or any other enactment, such of the provisions of the principles set out in subsection (1) as are inconsistent with specific requirements of the procedure so prescribed are not to be observed by the local authority in respect of that consultation.

50. Section 83 outlines the process of consultation:

Where this Act or any other enactment requires a local authority to use or adopt the special consultative procedure, that local authority must---

- *prepare---(i) a statement of proposal; and (ii) a summary of the information contained in the statement of proposal (which summary must comply with section 89); and*
- *include the statement of proposal on the agenda for a meeting of the local authority; and*
- *make the statement of proposal available for public inspection at--- (i) the principal public office of the local authority; and (ii) such other places as the local authority considers necessary in order to provide all ratepayers and residents of the district with reasonable access to that statement; and*
- *distribute in accordance with section 89(c) the summary of the information contained in the statement of proposal; and*
- *give public notice, and such other notice as the local authority considers appropriate, of the proposal and the consultation being undertaken; and*
- *include in the public notice a statement about how persons interested in the proposal--- (i) may obtain the summary of information about the proposal; and (ii) may inspect the full proposal; and*
- *include in the public notice a statement of the period within which submissions on the proposal may be made to the local authority; and*
- *ensure that any person who makes a submission on the proposal within that period--- (i) is sent a written notice acknowledging receipt of that person's submission; and (ii) is given a reasonable opportunity to be heard by the local authority (if that person so requests); and*
- *ensure that the notice given to a person under paragraph (h)(i) contains information--- (i) advising that person of that person's opportunity to be heard; and (ii) explaining how that person may exercise that person's opportunity to be heard; and*
- *ensure that, except as otherwise provided by Part VII of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, every meeting at which submissions are heard or at which the local authority, community board, or committee deliberates on the proposal is open to the public; and*
- *subject to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, make all written submissions on the proposal available to the public.*

The period specified in the statement included under subsection (1)(g) must be a period of not less than 1 month beginning with the date of the first publication of the public notice.

This section does not prevent a local authority from requesting or considering, before making a decision, comment or advice from an officer of the local authority or any other person in respect of the proposal or any submission or both.

Timetable

51. The following timetable is envisaged to complete the adoption of the *Annual Plan*

Tuesday 26 February 2008 – Ordinary Meeting

Adoption of the 2008/2009 estimates

Adoption of the draft *Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal*

March 2008

Amendment of the estimates and draft plan for decisions made as a result of the 26 February 2008 Ordinary Meeting. Finalisation of the *Annual Plan* and preparation of summary document. Preparation and printing of the *Annual Plan* and summary document.

Saturday 22 March 2008

Public notification of the availability of the *Annual Plan* for public submissions.

Tuesday 25 March 2008

Annual Plan released for public consultation and submissions.

Monday 28 April 2008

Public submissions on the *Annual Plan* close.

Monday 12 May 2008 – Ordinary Meeting (following Executive Committee Meeting)

Submissions on the *Annual Plan* heard and considered.

Tuesday 20 May 2008 – Ordinary Meeting

Any amendments from the public consultation phase to be approved. The *Annual Plan* to be adopted. Rates set.

Decision-making obligations

52. 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

53. 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, the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Financial considerations

54. 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

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

Recommendations

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum on the draft *2008/2009 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal* and the 2008/2009 estimates.
2. advises the Chief Executive of any proposed amendments to the 2008/2009 estimates and/or the draft *2008/2009 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal* and instructs the Chief Executive to progress any proposed amendments.
3. notes the balanced budget deficit and confirms the transfer from the Dividend Equalisation Reserve to fund the balanced budget deficit.
4. adopts the 2008/2009 estimates and the draft *2008/2009 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal*.
5. publicly notifies and invites submissions on the draft *2008/2009 Annual Plan – Statement of Proposal* pursuant to the special consultative procedure of the Local Government Act 2002.
6. notes the timetable for the completion and adoption of the *2008/2009 Annual Plan*.

Approved:

MJ Nield
Director - Corporate Services

B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive

Appendix 1—2008/2009 Estimates

This Appendix provides a summarised version of the departmental budgets. These budgets have been subject to rigorous management review and are the same estimates as considered in the Annual Plan workshop. Explanations of the major variances are provided.

Councillors should note that these estimates are translated/allocated into the various activities found in the Annual Plan.

10 01 00 Policy and planning

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	0.0%	\$450	8788.9%
Total Revenue	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	0.0%	\$450	8788.9%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$333,875	\$361,996	(\$28,121)	-7.8%	\$359,827	-7.2%
Vehicles	\$4,500	\$4,774	(\$274)	-5.7%	\$4,500	0.0%
Operations	\$98,956	\$81,898	\$17,058	20.8%	\$40,564	144.0%
Total Expenditure	\$437,331	\$448,668	(\$11,337)	-2.5%	\$404,891	8.0%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$397,331	\$408,668	(\$11,337)	-2.8%	\$404,441	-1.8%

No significant changes. Provision has been made, together with the other Taranaki district councils, to prepare the statutorily required community outcomes report.

10 02 00 Resource consents

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$491,000	\$431,312	\$59,688	13.8%	\$445,542	10.2%
Total Revenue	\$491,000	\$431,312	\$59,688	13.8%	\$445,542	10.2%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$261,409	\$250,420	\$10,989	4.4%	\$257,153	1.7%
Vehicles	\$11,000	\$11,670	(\$670)	-5.7%	\$11,000	0.0%
Operations	\$28,678	\$20,018	\$8,660	43.3%	\$36,678	-21.8%
Total Expenditure	\$301,087	\$282,108	\$18,979	6.7%	\$304,831	-1.2%
Deficit/(Surplus)	(\$189,913)	(\$149,204)	(\$40,709)	27.3%	(\$140,711)	35.0%

No significant changes. Effect of change in charge out rates can be seen in increased revenue.

10 03 00 Inspectorate

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$383,400	\$296,150	\$87,250	29.5%	\$296,150	29.5%
Total Revenue	\$383,400	\$296,150	\$87,250	29.5%	\$296,150	29.5%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$424,579	\$347,441	\$77,138	22.2%	\$377,696	12.4%
Vehicles	\$37,000	\$35,010	\$1,990	5.7%	\$37,000	0.0%
Operations	\$70,066	\$76,497	(\$6,431)	-8.4%	\$73,527	-4.7%
Total Expenditure	\$531,645	\$458,948	\$72,697	15.8%	\$488,223	8.9%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$148,245	\$162,798	(\$14,553)	-8.9%	\$192,073	-22.8%

Effect of change in charge out rates can be seen in increased revenue. One additional position was added in 2007/2008. No other significant changes.

10 04 00 Pest plant management

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$1,500	\$8,000	(\$6,500)	-81.3%	\$1,000	50.0%
Total Revenue	\$1,500	\$8,000	(\$6,500)	-81.3%	\$1,000	50.0%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$256,123	\$238,807	\$17,316	7.3%	\$240,340	6.6%
Vehicles	\$21,500	\$22,809	(\$1,309)	-5.7%	\$21,500	0.0%
Operations	\$63,588	\$66,589	(\$3,001)	-4.5%	\$68,588	-7.3%
Total Expenditure	\$341,211	\$328,205	\$13,006	4.0%	\$330,428	3.3%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$339,711	\$320,205	\$19,506	6.1%	\$329,428	3.1%

No significant changes.

10 05 00 Navigation safety

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Operations	\$30,304	\$29,142	\$1,162	4.0%	\$27,469	10.3%
Total Expenditure	\$30,304	\$29,142	\$1,162	4.0%	\$27,469	10.3%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$30,304	\$29,142	\$1,162	4.0%	\$27,469	10.3%

No significant changes.

20 01 01 Technical services

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$1,318,300	\$1,118,176	\$200,124	17.9%	\$1,221,199	8.0%
Total Revenue	\$1,318,300	\$1,118,176	\$200,124	17.9%	\$1,221,199	8.0%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$830,466	\$630,904	\$199,562	31.6%	\$730,591	13.7%
Vehicles	\$28,300	\$30,022	(\$1,722)	-5.7%	\$28,300	0.0%
Operations	\$214,000	\$166,247	\$47,753	28.7%	\$124,000	72.6%
Total Expenditure	\$1,072,766	\$827,173	\$245,593	29.7%	\$882,891	21.5%
Deficit/(Surplus)	(\$245,534)	(\$291,003)	\$45,469	-15.6%	(\$338,308)	-27.4%

Effect of change in charge out rates can be seen in increased revenue. The state of the environment and resource investigations cost centres have been merged into this cost centre. No other significant changes.

20 01 02 Hydrology

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$2,150	\$2,150	\$0	0.0%	\$2,150	0.0%
Total Revenue	\$2,150	\$2,150	\$0	0.0%	\$2,150	0.0%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$211,161	\$215,049	(\$3,888)	-1.8%	\$199,476	5.9%
Vehicles	\$5,500	\$5,835	(\$335)	-5.7%	\$5,500	0.0%
Operations	\$107,000	\$95,423	\$11,577	12.1%	\$107,000	0.0%
Total Expenditure	\$323,661	\$316,307	\$7,354	2.3%	\$311,976	3.7%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$321,511	\$314,157	\$7,354	2.3%	\$309,826	3.8%

No significant changes

20 01 03 Laboratory

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$6,000	\$8,000	(\$2,000)	-25.0%	\$6,000	0.0%
Total Revenue	\$6,000	\$8,000	(\$2,000)	-25.0%	\$6,000	0.0%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$233,353	\$223,423	\$9,930	4.4%	\$219,653	6.2%
Vehicles	\$3,500	\$3,713	(\$213)	-5.7%	\$3,500	0.0%
Operations	\$78,000	\$82,210	(\$4,210)	-5.1%	\$78,000	0.0%
Total Expenditure	\$314,853	\$309,346	\$5,507	1.8%	\$301,153	4.5%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$308,853	\$301,346	\$7,507	2.5%	\$295,153	4.6%

No significant changes

20 02 01 State of the environment monitoring

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$0	\$31,733	(\$31,733)	-100.0%	\$57,505	-100.0%
Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Total Expenditure	\$0	\$31,733	(\$31,733)	-100.0%	\$57,505	-100.0%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$0	\$31,733	(\$31,733)	-100.0%	\$57,505	-100.0%

Activity merged into 20 01 01 Technical Services.

20 02 02 Resource investigations

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Operations	\$0	\$90,000	(\$90,000)	-100.0%	\$90,000	-100.0%
Total Expenditure	\$0	\$90,000	(\$90,000)	-100.0%	\$90,000	-100.0%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$0	\$90,000	(\$90,000)	-100.0%	\$90,000	-100.0%

Activity merged into 20 01 01 Technical Services.

20 02 03 Waste minimisation

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	0.0%	\$50,000	0.0%
Total Revenue	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	0.0%	\$50,000	0.0%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$41,587	\$71,658	(\$30,071)	-42.0%	\$62,942	-33.9%
Vehicles	\$4,000	\$4,244	(\$244)	-5.7%	\$4,000	0.0%
Operations	\$8,400	\$8,522	(\$122)	-1.4%	\$8,400	0.0%
Total Expenditure	\$53,987	\$84,424	(\$30,437)	-36.1%	\$75,342	-28.3%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$3,987	\$34,424	(\$30,437)	-88.4%	\$25,342	-84.3%

No significant changes. Staffing changes have resulted in some savings.

20 03 00 Civil defence emergency management

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$254,490	\$237,103	\$17,387	7.3%	\$233,918	8.8%
Total Revenue	\$254,490	\$237,103	\$17,387	7.3%	\$233,918	8.8%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$179,344	\$120,774	\$58,570	48.5%	\$112,952	58.8%
Vehicles	\$6,600	\$7,002	(\$402)	-5.7%	\$6,600	0.0%
Operations	\$135,126	\$130,849	\$4,277	3.3%	\$129,626	4.2%
Total Expenditure	\$321,070	\$258,625	\$62,445	24.1%	\$249,178	28.9%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$66,580	\$21,522	\$45,058	209.4%	\$15,260	336.3%

Additional staff time for Gary Bedford transferred from Corporate Services to CDEM. No other significant changes.

30 01 01 Land management

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$4,200	\$3,250	\$950	29.2%	\$3,250	29.2%
Total Revenue	\$4,200	\$3,250	\$950	29.2%	\$3,250	29.2%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$654,399	\$568,103	\$86,296	15.2%	\$611,051	7.1%
Vehicles	\$45,000	\$44,027	\$973	2.2%	\$45,000	0.0%
Operations	\$93,500	\$99,709	(\$6,209)	-6.2%	\$104,000	-10.1%
Total Expenditure	\$792,899	\$711,839	\$81,060	11.4%	\$760,051	4.3%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$788,699	\$708,589	\$80,110	11.3%	\$756,801	4.2%

One additional position added to this area in 2007/2008.

30 01 02 Plant supply

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$1,033,500	\$1,033,500	\$0	0.0%	\$789,000	31.0%
Total Revenue	\$1,033,500	\$1,033,500	\$0	0.0%	\$789,000	31.0%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$16,126	\$8,554	\$7,572	88.5%	\$16,126	0.0%
Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Operations	\$966,000	\$951,000	\$15,000	1.6%	\$754,000	28.1%
Total Expenditure	\$982,126	\$959,554	\$22,572	2.4%	\$770,126	27.5%
Deficit/(Surplus)	(\$51,374)	(\$73,946)	\$22,572	-30.5%	(\$18,874)	172.2%

Riparian plant purchases and sales amended to reflect current demand. Costs of new nursery included for the first time.

30 02 00 Pest animal management

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$82,300	\$77,200	\$5,100	6.6%	\$77,200	6.6%
Total Revenue	\$82,300	\$77,200	\$5,100	6.6%	\$77,200	6.6%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$576,800	\$546,405	\$30,395	5.6%	\$549,419	5.0%
Vehicles	\$59,000	\$57,925	\$1,075	1.9%	\$59,000	0.0%
Operations	\$384,000	\$385,862	(\$1,862)	-0.5%	\$386,000	-0.5%
Total Expenditure	\$1,019,800	\$990,192	\$29,608	3.0%	\$994,419	2.6%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$937,500	\$912,992	\$24,508	2.7%	\$917,219	2.2%

No significant changes.

30 03 01 River control and flood maintenance

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$131,726	\$76,000	\$55,726	73.3%	\$51,000	158.3%
Total Revenue	\$131,726	\$76,000	\$55,726	73.3%	\$51,000	158.3%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$71,429	\$106,058	(\$34,629)	-32.7%	\$101,706	-29.8%
Vehicles	\$9,000	\$4,774	\$4,226	88.5%	\$9,000	0.0%
Operations	\$184,000	\$123,448	\$60,552	49.1%	\$173,000	6.4%
Total Expenditure	\$264,429	\$234,280	\$30,149	12.9%	\$283,706	-6.8%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$132,703	\$158,280	(\$25,577)	-16.2%	\$232,706	-43.0%

Additional resources provided to address general river control works as they arise. Some staff time transferred from general river control works to the river control schemes cost centres. Targeted rates changed as noted above.

30 03 02 North Taranaki River Control Schemes

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$202,760	\$102,500	\$100,260	97.8%	\$177,500	14.2%
Total Revenue	\$202,760	\$102,500	\$100,260	97.8%	\$177,500	14.2%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$32,760	\$0	\$32,760	N/A	\$0	N/A
Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Operations	\$170,000	\$102,500	\$67,500	65.9%	\$177,500	-4.2%
Total Expenditure	\$202,760	\$102,500	\$100,260	97.8%	\$177,500	14.2%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A

Additional maintenance works programmed for the Waitara and Waiwhakaiho River control schemes. Some staff time transferred from general river control works to the river control schemes cost centres. Targeted rates changed as noted above.

30 03 03 Makuri River Control Scheme

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Total Expenditure	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A

No changes.

30 04 01 Land transport planning

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$51,931	\$25,000	\$26,931	107.7%	\$48,000	8.2%
Total Revenue	\$51,931	\$25,000	\$26,931	107.7%	\$48,000	8.2%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$79,735	\$60,287	\$19,448	32.3%	\$72,161	10.5%
Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Operations	\$70,000	\$50,000	\$20,000	40.0%	\$50,000	40.0%
Total Expenditure	\$149,735	\$110,287	\$39,448	35.8%	\$122,161	22.6%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$97,804	\$85,287	\$12,517	14.7%	\$74,161	31.9%

Additional staff resources required for land transport planning (particularly bus trials). See discussion in the main part of the memorandum.

30 04 02 Paratransit taxis

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$332,500	\$176,400	\$156,100	88.5%	\$215,000	54.7%
Total Revenue	\$332,500	\$176,400	\$156,100	88.5%	\$215,000	54.7%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$33,545	\$0	\$33,545	N/A	\$0	N/A
Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Operations	\$614,000	\$441,000	\$173,000	39.2%	\$504,000	21.8%
Total Expenditure	\$647,545	\$441,000	\$206,545	46.8%	\$504,000	28.5%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$315,045	\$264,600	\$50,445	19.1%	\$289,000	9.0%

Increasing demand for taxi services. See discussion in the main part of the memorandum.

30 04 03 Concessionary bus fares

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$1,501,775	\$462,552	\$1,039,223	224.7%	\$610,000	146.2%
Total Revenue	\$1,501,775	\$462,552	\$1,039,223	224.7%	\$610,000	146.2%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$75,047	\$0	\$75,047	N/A	\$0	N/A
Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Operations	\$1,443,400	\$475,283	\$968,117	203.7%	\$639,500	125.7%
Total Expenditure	\$1,518,447	\$475,283	\$1,043,164	219.5%	\$639,500	137.4%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$16,672	\$12,731	\$3,941	31.0%	\$29,500	-43.5%

Implementation of the new bus services – post trial. New fare revenue as discussed above. Increasing amount of staff time required in administering the programme. See discussion in the main part of the memorandum.

30 05 00 Environmental enhancement grants

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$14,861	\$33,439	(\$18,578)	-55.6%	\$33,451	-55.6%
Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Operations	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$0	0.0%	\$130,000	0.0%
Total Expenditure	\$144,861	\$163,439	(\$18,578)	-11.4%	\$163,451	-11.4%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$144,861	\$163,439	(\$18,578)	-11.4%	\$163,451	-11.4%

No significant changes.

30 06 00 Biodiversity Operations

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$63,486	\$0	\$63,486	N/A	\$0	N/A
Vehicles	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	N/A	\$0	N/A
Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Total Expenditure	\$67,986	\$0	\$67,986	N/A	\$0	N/A
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$67,986	\$0	\$67,986	N/A	\$0	N/A

A new position supporting the Council's biodiversity obligations.

40 01 00 Yarrow stadium

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$346,042	\$360,000	(\$13,958)	-3.9%	\$354,479	-2.4%
Total Revenue	\$346,042	\$360,000	(\$13,958)	-3.9%	\$354,479	-2.4%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Total Expenditure	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Deficit/(Surplus)	(\$346,042)	(\$360,000)	\$13,958	-3.9%	(\$354,479)	-2.4%

No significant changes.

40 02 00 Regional gardens

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$10,500	\$1,280	\$9,220	720.3%	\$5,000	110.0%
Total Revenue	\$10,500	\$1,280	\$9,220	720.3%	\$5,000	110.0%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$258,963	\$226,654	\$32,309	14.3%	\$243,286	6.4%
Vehicles	\$10,000	\$5,198	\$4,802	92.4%	\$4,900	104.1%
Operations	\$221,000	\$298,702	(\$77,702)	-26.0%	\$279,500	-20.9%
Total Expenditure	\$489,963	\$530,554	(\$40,591)	-7.7%	\$527,686	-7.1%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$479,463	\$529,274	(\$49,811)	-9.4%	\$522,686	-8.3%

No significant changes. Some savings as the implementation of the asset management plans comes to completion.

40 03 00 Environmental education

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$450	\$450	\$0	0.0%	\$0	N/A
Total Revenue	\$450	\$450	\$0	0.0%	\$0	N/A
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$77,170	\$78,803	(\$1,633)	-2.1%	\$73,709	4.7%
Vehicles	\$4,500	\$4,774	(\$274)	-5.7%	\$4,500	0.0%
Operations	\$170,250	\$176,661	(\$6,411)	-3.6%	\$171,250	-0.6%
Total Expenditure	\$251,920	\$260,238	(\$8,318)	-3.2%	\$249,459	1.0%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$251,470	\$259,788	(\$8,318)	-3.2%	\$249,459	0.8%

No significant changes.

40 04 00 Investment management

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Operations	\$6,000	\$6,365	(\$365)	-5.7%	\$6,000	0.0%
Total Expenditure	\$6,000	\$6,365	(\$365)	-5.7%	\$6,000	0.0%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$6,000	\$6,365	(\$365)	-5.7%	\$6,000	0.0%

No significant changes.

40 05 00 Representation

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	N/A
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$390,093	\$374,207	\$15,886	4.2%	\$383,205	1.8%
Vehicles	\$4,200	\$4,456	(\$256)	-5.7%	\$4,200	0.0%
Operations	\$80,200	\$77,221	\$2,979	3.9%	\$84,228	-4.8%
Total Expenditure	\$474,493	\$455,884	\$18,609	4.1%	\$471,633	0.6%
Deficit/(Surplus)	\$474,493	\$455,884	\$18,609	4.1%	\$471,633	0.6%

No significant changes.

40 06 00 Corporate services

	2008/2009 Estimates	2008/2009 LTCCP	\$ Change	% change	2007/2008 Estimates	% change
Revenue	\$9,850,326	\$9,411,451	\$438,875	4.7%	\$8,631,850	14.1%
Total Revenue	\$9,850,326	\$9,411,451	\$438,875	4.7%	\$8,631,850	14.1%
Expenditure						
Personnel	\$2,143,441	\$2,013,003	\$130,438	6.5%	\$2,078,757	3.1%
Vehicles	\$43,300	\$45,937	(\$2,637)	-5.7%	\$43,300	0.0%
Operations	\$2,452,436	\$2,343,295	\$109,141	4.7%	\$2,429,092	1.0%
Total Expenditure	\$4,639,177	\$4,402,235	\$236,942	5.4%	\$4,551,149	1.9%
Deficit/(Surplus)	(\$5,211,149)	(\$5,009,216)	(\$201,933)	4.0%	(\$4,080,701)	27.7%

Revenue: the key changes relate to increases in general rates and dividends – see discussion in the main body of the memorandum. No other significant changes.

Expenditure: There is one new staff position of a HR advisor. Audit fees for the *2009/2019 Long-Term Council Community Plan* have been included (estimated to be \$50,000). No other significant changes.

26 February 2008

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

Remuneration Framework-2008/2009 Indicative Pool

Purpose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to consider and approve remuneration for Members for the 2008/2009 financial year.

Background

2. The setting of remuneration for elected members transferred from the Minister of Local Government to the Remuneration Authority in 2002. The Remuneration Authority has designed and published a remuneration framework for elected members (the Local Government Elected Members Determination 2003).
3. The Remuneration Authority, pursuant to the determination, expects each council to recommend, for approval, a remuneration scheme for councillors, chairs and community board members once the indicative pool has been established. Under Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Remuneration Authority determines the actual remuneration, allowances and expenses payable to elected members of all local authorities based upon the Council's recommendation.
4. At the Council's Ordinary Meeting 7 November 2007, Members considered the Determination for the period from 13 October 2007 (local government elections) to 30 June 2008 and resolved the following:

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. *receives this memorandum*
2. *agrees that the recommended remuneration framework continue to be salary only and that no meeting allowances be paid*
3. *recommends to the Remuneration Authority the following:*
(Deputy Chairperson \$35,969, 2 Committee Chairperson's \$35,969 each and 7 Members \$25,108 each)

4. *recommends* to the Remuneration Authority that no change be made to the Council's expense reimbursement policy for elected members
5. *confirms* the Council's policy for the remuneration of appointees to Council Committees as follows:
 - *Where the appointee is being paid a full-time salary by the organisation that they represent and where part of the appointee's duties is to represent that organisation, then a meeting allowance and mileage should not be paid,*
 - *In all other cases (non-government organisations, district councils, iwis etc) the appointee should be paid a meeting allowance of \$170 per day and mileage reimbursement.*

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2008/2009 Indicative Pool

5. Attached is the Remuneration Authority's 2008/2009 Indicative Pool.
6. The Council's remuneration pool for 2008/2009 is \$370,760 (\$365,872 in 2007/2008) with the Chair's annual salary being \$82,349 (\$82,203 in 2007/2008) – less deduction for private use of vehicle. The net remuneration pool to cover other Councillors is \$288,411 (being \$370,760 less \$82,349) (\$283,669 in 2007/2008).
7. Using the Council's current remuneration policy and committee structure, the recommended levels of remuneration for 2007/2008 would be as follows:

	2008/2009	2007/2008
Total Remuneration Pool	\$370,760	\$365,872
Less Chairperson's Remuneration	<u>\$82,349</u>	<u>\$82,203</u>
	\$288,411	\$283,669
Less Deputy Chairperson (43.7% of Chairperson's Remuneration)	\$35,987	\$35,969
Less Committee Chairperson (x2) (43.7% of Chairperson's Remuneration)	<u>\$71,974</u>	<u>\$71,938</u>
Remainder of Remuneration Pool	\$180,450	\$175,762
Member's Remuneration (x7)	<u>\$25,778</u>	<u>\$25,108</u>

8. The Council's policy of remuneration as salary only with no meeting allowances has been successful. Accordingly, no change to this policy is recommended.
9. The Council needs to evaluate the adequacy of the current remuneration policy and recommend changes, if any. The recommendations included in this memorandum are based upon no change to the existing remuneration policy.
10. On 4 April 2007, the Council considered and adopted a policy for the reimbursement of member's expenses (attached). This policy has been in place since and has worked well. Accordingly, no changes are recommended to this policy.

Decision-making obligations

11. 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

12. 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, the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Financial considerations

13. 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

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

Recommendations

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum
2. agrees that the recommended remuneration framework continue to be salary only and that no meeting allowances be paid
3. recommends to the Remuneration Authority remuneration of Deputy Chairperson \$35,987, 2 Committee Chairpersons \$35,987 each and 7 Members \$25,778 each
4. recommends to the Remuneration Authority that no change be made to the Council's expense reimbursement policy for elected members
5. confirms the Council's policy for the remuneration of appointees to Council Committees as follows:
 - Where the appointee is being paid a full-time salary by the organisation that they represent and where part of the appointee's duties is to represent that organisation, then a meeting allowance and mileage should not be paid,
 - In all other cases (non-government organisations, district councils, iwis etc) the appointee should be paid a meeting allowance of \$170 per day and mileage reimbursement.

Approved:

MJ Nield
Director - Corporate Services

BG Chamberlain
Chief Executive

7 December 2007

To: All Chairs and Chief Executive Officers
Regional Councils

INDICATIVE POOLS 2008/2009

The enclosed tables set out the total indicative pools and Chairs' gross salary levels for the 2008/2009 financial year.

The Authority has made a change in the method of completing the indicative pools. Gross asset figures have been replaced by net asset figures. After incorporating that change the "points to remuneration tables" have been changed to produce an overall average increase of 3%.

Would you please now consider the new figures and forward to the Authority, by **1 April 2008**, your recommendations for the distribution of the indicative pool. (Forms enclosed.) Your assistance in meeting this deadline will enable the early issue of the new determination to be effective from 1 July 2008 through to 30 June 2009.

Chairs' Cars

The Authority needs to obtain confirmation of details of any vehicle currently allocated to the Chair. (Form enclosed.) It is important whenever a change in the Chair's vehicle is authorised by council that the Authority be advised immediately in order that appropriate adjustments, up or down, can be made to the Chair's net salary. This adjustment can only be validated through the issue of a determination.

Yours sincerely



David Oughton
Chairman

Remuneration Authority

PO Box 10084, Morrison Kent House, 105 The Terrace, Wellington 6143, New Zealand
Telephone 04 499 3068 Facsimile 04 499 3065 Email info@remauthority.govt.nz

REMUNERATION AUTHORITY - FUNDING FORMULAE AND FACTORS

	---Population Calc---		---Expenses Calc---		--Net Assets Calc--		---Capital Value \$\$\$---	
	Population 2006/07	Funding Weighting	Expenses (000)'s	Funding Weighting	Assets (000)'s	Funding Weighting	Capital Value	Funding Weighting
Regional Council								
Auckland Regional Council	1,394,000	34.72%	194,568	27.17%	1,398,928	26.89%	293,357	35.33%
Wellington Regional Council	470,300	11.72%	163,684	22.86%	750,238	14.42%	91,402	11.01%
Environment Canterbury	546,900	13.62%	94,202	13.16%	421,554	8.10%	98,991	11.92%
Environment Waikato	398,500	9.93%	82,935	11.58%	269,459	5.18%	107,374	12.93%
Environment Bay of Plenty	267,600	6.67%	47,345	6.61%	873,484	16.79%	54,906	6.61%
Horizons.mw	229,000	5.70%	35,407	4.95%	303,835	5.84%	36,103	4.35%
Otago Regional Council	201,700	5.02%	22,852	3.19%	365,258	7.02%	47,600	5.73%
Hawkes Bay Regional	152,500	3.80%	27,512	3.84%	354,068	6.81%	27,492	3.31%
Environment Southland	93,000	2.32%	17,461	2.44%	86,005	1.65%	20,748	2.50%
Northland Regional Council	153,800	3.83%	17,953	2.51%	267,348	5.14%	32,477	3.91%
Taranaki Regional Council	107,200	2.67%	12,086	1.69%	111,603	2.15%	19,845	2.39%
TOTALS	4,014,500	100.00%	716,005	100.00%	5,201,780	100.00%	830,295	100.00%

REMUNERATION AUTHORITY - FUNDING FORMULAE AND FACTORS - SUMMARY

	Population	Expenses	Assets	Capital	Total Points	Indicative Pool	Chair's Salary
Regional Council							
Auckland Regional Council	1,394,000	909,087	539,815	1,418,389	4,261,292	896,542	153,884
Wellington Regional Council	470,300	764,762	289,445	441,996	1,966,504	851,025	140,127
Environment Canterbury	546,900	440,143	162,668	478,624	1,628,336	804,358	136,745
Environment Waikato	398,500	387,500	103,978	519,156	1,409,135	756,745	132,772
Environment Bay of Plenty	267,600	221,212	337,058	265,472	1,091,342	675,708	125,781
Horizons.mw	229,000	165,433	117,243	174,559	686,236	535,786	114,621
Otago Regional Council	201,700	106,772	140,945	230,147	679,564	532,930	114,207
Hawkes Bay Regional	152,500	128,545	136,627	132,925	550,597	477,732	106,211
Environment Southland	93,000	81,584	33,187	100,317	308,088	373,094	83,051
Northland Regional Council	153,800	83,882	103,164	157,027	497,873	455,081	102,133
Taranaki Regional Council	107,200	56,470	43,065	95,951	302,686	370,760	82,349
TOTALS	4,014,500	3,345,392	2,007,195	4,014,565	13,381,653	6,729,761	1,291,881

REGIONAL COUNCILS

Variables

Weightings	Points
Population	4,014,500
Expenses	3,345,417
Assets Gross	2,007,250
Capital Value	4,014,500
	13,381,667
	13,381,667

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Indicative Pool - Points to remuneration			
Points	Flat Base	Rate	Max
	240,000		
	311,508	0.432	134,571
	519,180	0.432	224,286
	726,852	0.428	313,169
	1,038,360	0.350	422,197
	1,557,540	0.255	554,588
	2,076,720	0.138	626,235
	2,595,900	0.040	647,002
	3,115,080	0.006	650,117
	3,634,260	0.006	653,232
	4,153,440	0.005	655,973
	4,672,620	0.005	658,713
	5,191,800	0.005	661,454

Chair's salary - Points to Remuneration			
Points	Flat Base	Rate	Max
	43,000		
	311,508	0.130	40,496
	519,180	0.100	61,263
	726,852	0.062	74,139
	1,038,360	0.024	81,615
	1,557,540	0.022	93,037
	2,076,720	0.010	98,229
	2,595,900	0.007	101,863
	3,115,080	0.006	104,978
	3,634,260	0.005	107,574
	4,153,440	0.005	110,315
	4,672,620	0.005	113,055
	5,191,800	0.005	115,796

REGIONAL COUNCIL

SUMMARY –
ON AN ANNUALISED BASIS

	<u>Net of car usage deduction if applicable</u>	<u>Gross</u>
<u>CHAIR'S SALARY</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u>OTHER COUNCILLORS' SALARIES (includes Committee Chairs)</u>		<u>\$</u>
<u>TOTAL SALARIES</u>		<u>\$</u>
<u>MEETING FEE POOL ALLOCATION</u>		<u>\$</u>
<u>TOTAL INDICATIVE POOL</u>		<u>\$</u>

REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Regional Council has resolved to recommend the following remuneration for councillors for the 2008-2009 year to 30 June 2009 for consideration by the Remuneration Authority. (All figures on an annualised basis.)

<u>Position</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>	<u>Total annual salaries</u>
Total salaries			\$

Meeting Fees: If recommended please supply:

(a) recommended rate payable per day
 or
 per meeting \$

(b) the total notional annualised amount set aside for such meetings \$

(c) applicable rules for eligibility (if not otherwise specified in Council's expenses/allowances rules as authorised by the Remuneration Authority).

The recommendations above were resolved by the Council on _____

Unanimously; or

With dissent

(Where there was any dissent, details of that dissent are attached.)

Signed: _____ Chair

Date: _____

CHAIR'S VEHICLE

Councils decide whether or not a car is to be supplied and on what basis.
The determinant is what is most cost effective for Council and ratepayers.

Please use this form to confirm or reconfirm car provision details.

Car supplied:		YES/NO
If Yes, <u>confirm</u>	Make & Model	_____
	Date of Purchase	_____
	Total Cost to Council \$ (incl. GST)	_____
Use of car:	Chair use only	YES/NO
	Full private use	YES/NO
	If not full use, advise % private use	_____ %

Chair use only means that the car can be used by other officers, can be driven home and garaged by the Chair but does not permit any private use.

N.B. Where full private use is indicated the normal deduction is now set at 20%.
Where a lesser figure is applied, the Authority will expect confirmation of the actual restrictions placed on private usage.

Car value deduction calculation:

If value of car = \$38,000 incl. GST
% of private use = 20%

$\$38,000 \times 47\% \times 20\% = \underline{\$3,572}$. This is the amount to be deducted from the Chair's salary.

REGIONAL COUNCIL

EXPENSES/ALLOWANCE POLICY

EITHER - Council's rules, approved by the Remuneration Authority are re-confirmed

OR

CHANGE/S PROPOSED

Council recommends, for the Authority's approval, the following change/s to existing approved rules:

OR Council's rules **IF DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ALREADY SUBMITTED** are attached for approval (on letterhead please).

Signed: _____ Chair

Date: _____

Document: 280071

4 April 2007

Remuneration Authority
P O Box 10084
WELLINGTON 6143

Dear Sir

Application for Approval of Expense Rules (Including Reimbursing Allowances) Applicable to Elected Members of Local Authorities for the Period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

Section 1

Taranaki Regional Council
Contact: Mike Nield
Director – Corporate Services
Email: mike.nield@trc.govt.nz
Telephone: 06 765 7127

Section 2: Documentation of Policies

Policy documents that set out the policies, rules and procedures relating to the expenses and allowances payable to elected members:

Working for the Taranaki Regional Council (January 2006)
Delegations Manual (July 2005).

Section 3: Authentication of Expense Reimbursements and Allowances

Summarise the principles and processes under which the local authority ensures that expense reimbursements and allowances payable in lieu of expense reimbursements.

The Taranaki Regional Council pays no allowances in lieu of expense reimbursements to elected members. All expense reimbursements are for actual and reasonable expenses incurred by Members undertaking Council business. All expenses are to be supported by receipts and tax invoices. In general terms all such Council business is undertaken with the prior approval of the Council given by Council resolution. Expense claims are approved and processed by senior management. All expenses incurred by Councillors, that reimbursement is to be requested, are to be prudent, conservative and in line with the Auditor-General's guidance on sensitive expenditure as incorporated into the *Working for the Taranaki Regional Council* document.

All reimbursements are made in accordance with the *Working for the Taranaki Regional Council* policy document and the *Delegations Manual*.

Section 4: Vehicle Provided

No vehicles are provided to Members other than for the Chairperson as part of their remuneration package approved by the Remuneration Authority.

Section 5: Mileage Allowances

All claims for mileage are to be paid at the rate of 70 cents per kilometre being the maximum set by the Remuneration Authority.

Travel mileage is reimbursed for all official Council approved meetings and business. Direct route should be taken in all instances. No mileage is to be reimbursed for electioneering purposes.

Section 6: Travel and Accommodation

Taxis and other transport. Actual and reasonable expenses will be reimbursed for all transport costs associated with Council approved business.

No carparks are provided to Members.

Rental cars will be organised and provided by Council staff, where appropriate, for Members undertaking Council approved business.

Air travel (domestic and international) will be organised and provided by Council staff, where appropriate, for Members undertaking Council approved business. All travel is in economy class unless otherwise approved by the Council.

Koru Club membership is provided to the Chairperson only. Costs of air points, airline clubs etc will not be reimbursed by the Council.

Air points belong to the Council where they are received as a result of travel paid for by the Council.

Actual and reasonable expenses will be reimbursed for all accommodation costs associated with Council approved business. Actual and reasonable expenses will be reimbursed for all meals, sustenance and incidental costs associated with Council approved business. Alcohol expenses will be reimbursed in line with the Council policies spelt out in the *Working for the Taranaki Regional Council* document.

No private accommodation is provided to Members.

All expenses incurred by partners/friends/relatives travelling with a Member undertaking Council approved business are the responsibility of the Member. The Council will not reimburse these expenses.

Section 7: Entertainment and Hospitality

All costs associated with entertainment and hospitality incurred by members undertaking Council approved business are the responsibility of the Member. The Council will not provide allowances nor reimburse these expenses.

Section 8: Communications and Technology

No communications equipment or technology is provided to Members to undertake Council business. A Council mobile phone is provided to the Chairperson for Council business. All personal costs incurred on that phone are to be reimbursed to the Council in accordance with the policies in the *Working for the Taranaki Regional Council* document. No allowances are provided for home telephone rental or mobile phone costs. No allowances are provided in relation to communications and/or technology provided by the Member relating to Council business.

Section 9: Professional Development, Clubs and Associations

The Council will pay for Members to attend professional development courses, conferences and seminars subject to the prior approval of the Council.

No expenses are reimbursed or allowances provided for membership or subscriptions to clubs or associations.

Section 10: Other Expense Reimbursements and Allowances

No other expenses are reimbursed or allowances provided to Members.

Section 11: Taxation of Allowances

No allowances are paid without deduction of withholding tax.

Section 12: Signature

I seek approval from the Remuneration Authority, in relation to the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, of the expense reimbursement rules and payments of allowances applicable to elected members as set out in this document.

The approved document and any attachments will be available for public inspection in accordance with the Remuneration Authority's determination.

Yours faithfully
B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive

per: MJ Nield
Director - Corporate Services
4 April 2007

26 February 2008

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

Councillor Induction and Training programme

Purpose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to outline the proposed induction and training programme for Councillors. Whilst not compulsory for Councillors to attend, the programme is recommended for all Councillors. It is acknowledged that for new Councillors there will be strong element of “on the job” training as Councillors exercise their duties.

Programme

2. The table below sets out the induction and training already provided and proposed. Members should note the tours that are generally held after the Ordinary Council meeting will not be held for the next five months while the programme is completed.

Date	Training/Purpose	Attendance	Location
20 Oct 2007	Introduction - a general overview of the TRC, presenting the Council's mission statement, relevant legislation and the Council's role and responsibilities.	All councillors	TRC
8/9 Nov 2007	New Elected Members' Training - presented by Local Government New Zealand covering the basic features of the New Zealand local government system e.g. role of elected members, introduction to Local Government Act, decision making, long-term planning, consultation, consultation and the Resource Management Act, funding, ethics, conflicts of interest and freedom of information.	Peter Horton Michael Joyce	Palmerston North Rotorua

Date	Training/Purpose	Attendance	Location
15 Nov 2007	Taranaki Elected Members Training – this workshop covered the functions of the Ombudsman, Privacy Commissioner, Local Government Commission, Office of the Auditor-General and other general legal matters	David MacLeod Michael Joyce	NPDC
7 Nov 2007	Governance – a presentation covering the Local Government Act 2002, Principles, Governance, planning and reporting e.g. LTCCP, Annual Plan, Annual Report, Meetings (e.g., agendas, minutes, standing orders), Chief Executive responsibilities.	All councillors	TRC
12 Dec 2007	Corporate Services & 2008/2009 Annual Plan Workshop – a presentation covering financial services, administration, information systems, property/investment management, human resources, public information, recreation, culture and heritage, role of annual plan, industry benchmarks, revenue, Port Taranaki Ltd, comparative benchmarks and financial forecasts. A workshop on the 2008/2009 Annual Plan was conducted at the same time.	All councillors	TRC
11/12 Feb 2008 12/13 Feb 2008 21/22 Feb 2008	RMA: Making Good Decisions Workshop – a two-day workshop focusing on providing the legal, technical and practical skills needed to run fair and effective hearings, and to make informed decisions. Successful participants are issued with a certificate recognising achievement of the competencies required to make good decisions. The certificate remains valid for 3 years, subject to attendance at an update seminar covering practice issues. Certificates can be reissued after the three-year period, subject to a	Roger Maxwell Michael Joyce Moira Irving Neil Walker Michael Davey Brian Jeffares	Auckland Wellington Taupo

Date	Training/Purpose	Attendance	Location
	reassessment of the understanding of the key messages of the programme. A publicly accessible list of certificate holders is maintained by the Ministry for the Environment.		
14 Feb 2008	Biodiversity - presentation and workshop on the Biodiversity Strategy as part of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting	All councillors	TRC
14 Feb 2008	Harbour Navigation/Safety – brief presentation on the Council’s responsibilities associated with a submission in the agenda.	All councillors	TRC
26 Feb 2008	Resource Management Act - presentation and workshop on the Act covering policies/plans, resource consents and enforcement. Includes non-regulatory programmes such as land management programme.	All councillors	TRC following the Ordinary meeting
12 March 2008	Cultural training (consultant) - building governance and management capability toward relationships with Māori stakeholders through a better understanding of te reo, tikanga and the Treaty in a communication based workshop (6 hours).	All councillors, CEO, and Directors	TRC
8 April 2008	Biosecurity Act - a presentation and workshop on the Act and the Council’s Pest Plant and Animal Strategies.	All councillors	TRC following the Ordinary meeting
20 May 2008	Land Transport, Civil Defence and Emergency Management, and River control - a presentation and workshop on these major activities and their statutory basis.	All councillors	TRC following the Ordinary meeting

Discussion

3. Members will note most of the programme has been integrated into or combined with the usual Council meeting cycle. The programme is well underway and will evolve as needs demand.

Recommendations

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum;
2. provides feedback and suggestions to the Chief Executive on the proposed induction and training programme.

MJ Nield
Director – Corporate Services

Approved:

BG Chamberlain
Chief Executive

ITEM EIGHT

26 February 2008

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

Continuance of the Taranaki CDEM Group

Purpose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend the Council pass a resolution providing for the continuance of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group.

Background

2. In the lead-up to the last local body elections, the Taranaki CDEM Group became aware of some contradictions between various pieces of legislation (the CDEM Act 2002, LG Act 2002, and Local Electoral Act 2001) over the continuance of and representation on a CDEM Group during and following local body elections. Advice being provided on this matter by the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management changed several times. The final position arrived at prior to the elections was that the Taranaki Regional Council, as administering authority, was advised to pass the following resolution:

*That as provided for by clause 30(7) to the Local Government Act 2002, that the **Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group** and any subcommittee constituted by that Group shall not be deemed to be discharged on the coming into office of the members of the council elected or appointed to the next triennial general election of members*

3. The Council was advised at the time that this would ensure the lawful continuation of the Taranaki CDEM Group. Accordingly the resolution was passed at the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 19 September 2007.

Discussion

4. The Council has subsequently been advised by MCDEM that following further consideration, the Ministry is of the view that this action is not necessarily adequate to ensure the lawful continuation of the Group. Legal opinions obtained by Environment Canterbury and Horizons Regional Council have been provided by the Ministry. They present diametrically opposed views. There is clearly no consensus as to what is required by law.
5. The Ministry now advises that it considers it 'desirable' that, given the uncertainty, **each** constituent council comprising the Group, should now pass a resolution (template wording is provided by the Ministry) re-confirming each council's membership of the

Group, on the basis that this provides some security against the possibility that there is a legal challenge to the lawful continuance of the Group.

6. Obviously this is a most unsatisfactory situation. The Group has already advised the Ministry that the lack of clarity over the legal status of the Group during and following local body elections places the Group in an invidious position, and the Ministry has assured all groups that DIA has conceded the problem and made its resolution a matter of high urgency.
7. In the meantime, the question remains as to what the constituent councils of Taranaki should do. In the light of one of the legal opinions that there is no issue, one option is to do nothing. However, the risk-adverse approach is for each council to pass the recommended resolution- it does not create any new difficulty and resolves what might be a problem (however small the likelihood).
8. Accordingly, it is recommended that the Council should pass the resolution presented at the end of this memorandum (as recommended by the Ministry).

Decision-making obligations

9. 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 recommendation(s) made in this item comply with the decision-making obligations of the Act.

Policy considerations

10. 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, the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Financial considerations

11. 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

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

Recommendations

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum on advice provided by the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management concerning steps to be undertaken to ensure the lawful continuance of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group; and
2. resolves that the Taranaki Regional Council establish a Joint Committee with each of the Councils of Taranaki under clause 30(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002, to be

known as the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, with the terms of reference as set out in the Memorandum of Understanding previously agreed

GK Bedford
Director-Environment Quality

Approved:

B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive

ITEM NINE

26 February 2008

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

Briefing on Dow AgroSciences and the Council

Purpose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a brief overview of the Council's involvement with Dow AgroSciences (including predecessor companies).

Background

2. The last Ordinary meeting of 2007 was addressed by Mr Rusty Kane, who discussed several matters on behalf of CEPRA (Chemically Exposed Paritutu Residents Association). The meeting was advised by the Chief Executive that the Council would receive a briefing at its next meeting.

Discussion

3. The Council has received a number of briefings and reports on various matters linked to the operations of Dow AgroSciences and its predecessor companies (Ivon Watkins Dow, Dow Elanco) at the Centennial Drive, Paritutu site, on several occasions, primarily through the Consents and Regulatory Committee. A brief recap of the site's history of significant events is attached for the information of members.
4. The key points for Members to be aware of are set out in the next few paragraphs.
5. The period of emissions of concern has been identified as the 1960s-early 1970s, due to the particular raw materials and processes in use at the time. It is the legacy of these emissions for those exposed at the time that is now of concern.
6. Informal comment from action groups and Paritutu residents is that they now accept that there is no ongoing risk from the site's current activities or the state of the environment as it is now, but that they hold concerns over the on-going effects of the emissions of 30-40 years ago.
7. Matters related to public health such as blood serum levels and the likelihood of or allegations of birth defects, cancers, and neurological conditions due to past exposure are properly the domain of the Ministry of Health.
8. The Taranaki Catchment Commission (predecessor of the Regional Council) became involved in the 1980s, dealing with uncontaminated stormwater discharges from the site

to the Herekawe Stream and discharges from the Waireka disposal site to the coast. Neither of these discharges has been found to cause any environmental issue.

9. The Taranaki Regional Council became responsible for air emissions from the site in 1991, with the enactment that year of the Resource Management Act, superseding the Clean Air Act.
10. Comprehensive monitoring of the site each year by the Council is reported annually to the Council and the community. The site has a record of high level of environmental performance and compliance with the resource consents.
11. In 1999-2000, allegations were made by various parties that there were secret or lost dumps of plant wastes around the district. These allegations were investigated by the Council, in what has been probably the most comprehensive (and expensive) investigation of its sort the Council has ever undertaken. The first stage of the investigations was to invite those making the allegations (and the public) to advise the Council of every site of concern. Every site was subsequently investigated with representatives of the various action groups present as witnesses. Some 36 sites were investigated.
12. The study was reported to the Council and the community in August 2001. It found that at the five sites where disposal of wastes was known to have occurred (these sites were already known) the clean up and remediation was found to be effective; there was no evidence of any disposal of agricultural wastes at any of the other 31 sites; and there is no evidence of environmental risk at or in the vicinity of any site.
13. Other investigations have been undertaken more recently by the Ministries of Health and the Environment. These are noted in the attached summary.

Recommendation

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum summarising matters associated with the past and present activities of the Centennial Drive site currently occupied by Dow AgroSciences

GK Bedford
Director-Environment Quality

Approved:

B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive

Dow AgroSciences- key dates

1960	Ivon Watkins Dow (IWD) moved to Centennial Drive site from Buller Street. New site was greenfield at the time i.e. an isolated rural area. Wastewaters from the site discharge to the New Plymouth municipal sewer system, while stormwater discharges to local catchments
1960-1987	<p>Manufacture of 2,4,5-T, a phenoxy herbicide that is particularly effective against gorse. 1960-1969 IWD use imported trichlorophenol as raw material.</p> <p>It is now recognised that dioxins are a byproduct of the manufacture of trichlorophenol. The later stages of 2,4,5-T manufacture do not produce dioxins. 'Dioxins' are actually a family of chemicals based on a structure of two carbon rings linked together. The most notorious is 2,3,7,8 TCDD (tetra chloro di benzo p dioxin). It is now recognised as a human carcinogen. It may cause other health effects.</p> <p>Sources of dioxin include rubbish fires (especially backyard incinerators), fossil fuel plants, domestic coal and wood fires, automobile engines, accidental fires, scrub fires and vegetation burn-offs, iron, steel, and other metallurgical smelting and re-smelting processes, and some chemical reaction processes, particularly herbicide, wood preservative and biocide manufacture.</p>
1969-1977	IWD manufacture sodium trichlorophenate as first stage in 2,4,5-T. A waste stream byproduct of this process contained 2,3,7,8 TCDD. These wastes were stored for later destruction (see below).
1977	Changes to process eliminate the byproduct waste stream and substantially reduce production of dioxin within the reaction process
1983	Further changes to process and further reductions in dioxin production
November 1972	Explosion in the MCPB process plant (Not associated with 2,4,5-T. No dioxin release known)
Early 1970's	Residential growth in area especially due to construction of New Plymouth power station
1974 (approx)	Liquids incinerator built to destroy plant wastes. Trichlorophenate wastes incinerated between 1975 and April 1979 with destruction of more than 99.98% of dioxins. Operated for approx 20 years, on an intermittent basis (closed in 1994 and subsequently removed)
1975-76	Burial of wastes on the Company's research farm under the oversight of the DoH
1981	Solids incinerator built to destroy a backlog of chemical wastes and plant packaging. Covered by Clean Air Act licence issued from Dept of Health, until 1996 (transitional provisions applied to this licence, even though RMA replaced CAA in 1991)
1982	Seepage of wastes from cliff face near mouth of Waireka Stream
1984	Seepage interception system in place. Water right required and granted by Taranaki Catchment Commission. Routinely monitored since. Leachate has steadily decreased (now at negligible level).
Feb 1984	Notes by Dept of Health CAA inspector: <i>'the manufacture of sodium 2,4,5-trichlorophenol produces 2,3,7,8-TCDD under a variety of conditions...TCDD-contaminated liquids are no longer produced by the Company during the manufacturing processes....to my knowledge no TCDD has been found in the environment (outside storage areas) downwind of the liquid waste incinerator...the</i>

	<i>Dept of Health monitored the emissions on a spot-check basis...I believe that the requirements placed on the Company are reasonable</i>
1986	Wastes removed from Waireka burial site and disposed of into purpose-built secure landfill.
1985	Soil testing programme by DoH in Paritutu area
15 April 1986	Venting accident in TCP plant. Dioxins released as result. Prosecution. Defendant's statement to the District Court: <i>'it is apparent that no harm has been occasioned to vegetation or that any one has suffered any injury or ill effect as a result of the TCP release....modifications to the plant made to a standard which meets with the approval not only of the informant (R Pilgrim) on behalf of the Dept of Health but by the Ministerial Committee of Enquiry appointed by the Minister</i>
1986	Second soil testing programme by DoH in Paritutu area, following the TCP accident
1986	Ministerial committee of enquiry into 2,4,5-T manufacture (Brinkman <i>et al</i>). Evidence of Dept of Health CAA inspector: <i>processes having significant environmental and occupational impact are, in my opinion, controlled, operated, and maintained at a high standard, although there has been occasional exceptions to this. For example, the determined cause of the TCP process chemical release of 15 April 1986...'</i>
August 1988	Exchange of correspondence between Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment and the Minister of Health Hon David Caygill over IWD proposal to incinerate 2,4,5-T wastes. <i>'I am of the belief that nobody is significantly at risk from these operations at New Plymouth'</i>
1990	IWD becomes Dow Elanco
March 1991	Letter from Dept of Health CAA inspector to TRC. <i>"In the conclusion of my report to the Ministerial Enquiry, I state that my investigations do not suggest that emissions from the Company are significant in the normally accepted toxicological sense; and that I believed that the operations of the Company in general, and the waste incinerators in particular, did not emit significant quantities of TCDD (or significant combustion products generally) and the calculated ground level concentrations were within those deemed acceptable by the USEPA following their survey of municipal waste destructors. Since that time the emission of PCDD/PCDF's from the incinerators have reduced even further and I now believe that such emissions are environmentally insignificant'</i>
1991	Briefing notes prepared by Dept of Health CAA inspector for TRC. Re TCP incident: <i>'although some workers were exposed to the autoclave contents, no adverse health effects were noted, and there appeared to be no members of the public exposed. However, as a consequence of public concern, the Minister of Health instigated an inquiry into possible health effects of the manufacture of agricultural chemicals in New Plymouth. The report of this committee is public knowledge.'</i>
October 1991	Taranaki Regional Council becomes responsible for air discharges in the region, under Resource Management Act 1991
1991-to date	Comprehensive testing of incinerator and other emissions each year by independent experts required by the Council
1994	Solids incinerator rebuilt and upgraded so that current design and operation meet international 'best practice'
June 1996	Clean Air Act licence (administered by Dept of Health) replaced by RMA discharge consent (administered by Taranaki Regional Council). Notification of consent application provided by mail to 1200 residents. 4 submissions received, including one from outside the area. No concerns raised by DoH.
1995-1996	Air quality monitoring shows that the ambient air downwind of the plant is

	cleaner than within car park buildings or adjacent to main roads in New Plymouth, or the air in other cities in NZ
1998	Dow Elanco become Dow AgroSciences
2000-2001	The Council investigates allegations of inappropriate waste disposal in the neighbourhood, in association with dioxin action groups. All alleged sites identified by the action groups investigated, with group representatives present. Studies include extensive soil and water analyses and marine ecological health studies. Studies find no evidence to substantiate the claims of secret or lost 'dumps', and no evidence of adverse environmental effects.
2001-2002	MoH investigations into allegations and rates of illnesses in Paritutu. Find no evidence to support claims of elevated ill health.
March 2002	PDP Consultants begin a soil study on behalf of MfE. Study completed September 2002. Study finds:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That there is dioxin in the soils in the area • That the pattern of distribution of the dioxin is consistent with release from the location of the 2,4,5-T manufacturing plant • That the dioxin 'profile' is consistent with the 2,4,5-T manufacturing process (i.e. it is not from incineration) • That majority of 2,3,7,8 TCDD release occurred between 1960 and 1987 • All soil results now meet all risk-based international guidelines for relevant land use • MfE/ MoH state 'we can confidently say that the soils hold no concern, and current and future residents can be reassured that soils pose minimal risk to their health' • Results are consistent with declining levels of dioxins in soils in the neighbourhood
2001-present	Series of studies of blood serum dioxin levels, cancer rates, and birth defect rates undertaken. Studies conclude that residents who lived in the area for at least 15 years between 1960 and 1987 have significantly elevated levels of dioxin, due to inhalation of fugitive (miscellaneous) emissions (and not incinerator emissions). October 2005 cancer study found no reliable evidence of elevated cancer risk in New Plymouth, although the study's limitations meant that a small risk elevation would not be detected. 2007: health support services for residents under consideration.
July 2004	Ombudsman receives complaint concerning the Council's regulation of the site, especially air emissions. Ombudsman's investigation exonerates the Council.
Nov 2005	Discharge limit for dioxins reduced by 98% at request of Company, to demonstrate conformity with latest and most stringent international regulations
2007	Land use consent (New Plymouth District Council) for secure containment facility at Waireka renewed and extensively revised, with this Council as active partner in the process. Comprehensive monitoring and reporting obligations in renewed consent
Current	Incinerator emissions continue to meet consent limits

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

External appointments to Council Committees 2007-2010

- **Policy and Planning Committee**
- **Regional Land Transport Committee**

Introduction

1. Further to the memorandum entitled 'Committee structures and operations 2007-2010' considered at the Council's Ordinary meeting held on 7 November 2007, the following outstanding nominations have been received for the external appointments to the following Committees of Council:
 - Policy and Planning Committee
 - Regional Land Transport Committee

Policy and Planning Committee

- One Representative from the New Plymouth District Council
- One Representative from Te Puni Kōkiri - *awaiting nomination*

Nomination - New Plymouth District Council

Councillor Maurice Betts

Regional Land Transport Committee

- One Representative from the New Plymouth District Council
- One Representative from the South Taranaki District Council
- One Representative from Te Puni Kōkiri - *awaiting nomination*
- One Representative from the Taranaki Disabilities Resource Centre Trust
- One Representative from the Taranaki District Health Board

Nomination - New Plymouth District Council

Councillor Heather Dodunski

Nomination - South Taranaki District Council

Councillor Gordon Lawson

Nomination - Taranaki Disabilities Resource Centre Trust

Mr Brian Eriksen

Nomination - Taranaki District Health Board

Mr Ian May

2. The Council is still awaiting nominations from Te Puni Kōkiri for a representative for the Policy and Planning Committee and Regional Land Transport Committee.

Decision-making obligations

3. 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 recommendation(s) made in this item comply with the decision-making obligations of the Act.

Policy considerations

4. 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, the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Financial considerations

5. 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

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

Recommendations

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. appoints Councillor Maurice Betts from the New Plymouth District Council to the Policy and Planning Committee
2. appoints Councillor Heather Dodunski from the New Plymouth District Council to the Regional Land Transport Committee
3. appoints Councillor Gordon Lawson from the South Taranaki District Council to the Regional Land Transport Committee

4. appoints Mr Brian Eriksen from the Taranaki Disabilities Information Centre Trust to the Regional Land Transport Committee
5. appoints Mr Ian May from the Taranaki District Health Board to the Regional Land Transport Committee.

M J Nield
Director – Corporate Services

Approved:

B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive

26 February 2008

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

Meeting Dates – March/April 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 March/April 2008 will be as follows:

Consents and Regulatory Committee	Tuesday 11 March 2008
Policy and Planning Committee	Thursday 13 March 2008 10.30am
Regional Land Transport Committee	Thursday 13 March 2008 1.30pm
Executive Committee	Monday 31 March 2008
Ordinary Meeting	Tuesday 8 April 2008

5. For information of Council, the next Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting will be held at the Taranaki Emergency Management Office, 45 Robe Street, New Plymouth on Tuesday 18 March 2008 commencing at 10.30am.

B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive