



MINUTES

Executive, Audit & Risk

Date Monday 4 December 2023 10.00am
Venue: Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
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Members	Councillors	M J Cloke	<i>Chair</i>
		S W Hughes	
		A L Jamieson	
		C S Williamson	
		D H McIntyre	
		C L Littlewood	<i>ex officio</i>
		N W Walker	<i>ex officio</i>
Attending	Mr	S Ruru	Chief Executive
	Mr	M J Nield	Director – Corporate Services
	Mrs	M G Jones	Governance Administrator
	Miss	N Chadwick	Executive Assistant
	Ms	K Holland	Team Lead - Communications
	Ms	K Meynell	Administration and Logistics Manager
	Ms	L Hawkins	Policy Manager
	Ms	J Patterson	(zoom)

The meeting opened with a group Karakia at 10.00am.

Apologies:

1. Confirmation of Minutes Executive Audit and Risk - 24 October 2023

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- took as read and confirmed the minutes of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Port Taranaki Boardroom, 2/8 Bayly Road, New Plymouth on Tuesday 24 October at 10am
- noted the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Hughes/Jamieson

2. Financial and Operational Report

- 2.1 Mr M J Nield spoke to the memorandum to update the committee on the September and October Financial Reports.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Financial and Operational Report* and the September and October Financial Reports
- b) noted the digital media update.

Williamson/McIntyre

3. Health and Safety Report

- 3.1 Mr M J Nield spoke to the memorandum to provide the members with a health and safety update.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the October 2023 Health and Safety Report.

Cloke/Walker

4. 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan: Audit Engagement Letter

- 4.1 Mr M Nield spoke to the memorandum requesting the members consider the 2024/2034 *Long-Term Plan (LTP)* and Audit Engagement Letter requesting the members delegate authority to the Chairperson to sign the letter on behalf of the Council.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received and considered the audit engagement letter for the audit of the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan and Consultation Document
- b) authorised the Chairperson to sign-off the audit engagement letter
- c) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- d) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

McIntyre/Williamson

5. Accommodation Review Update

- 5.1 Mr M Nield spoke to the memorandum to provide the Committee with an update on the accommodation project.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the Accommodation Update Report November 2023
- b) noted the progress to date and the next steps on the Accommodation Project.

Cloke/Walker

6. Revenue and Financing Policy: Passenger Transport Services

- 6.1 Mr M Nield spoke to the memorandum to inform the committee on how funding and principles are applied to passenger transport services.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum and the additional information on the funding principles applied to passenger transport services.

Jamieson/McIntyre

7. Trustees Executors Limited – Debenture Trust Deed Reporting

- 7.1 Mr M Nield spoke to the memorandum requesting the members receive and consider the Reporting Certificate and the Independent Assurance Report in respect of the Trustees Executors Limited Debenture Trust Deed for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the Reporting Certificate and the Independent Assurance Report in respect of the Trustees Executors Limited Debenture Trust Deed for the year ended 30 June 2023
- b) noted the content of the Reporting Certificate and Independent Assurance Report.

Williamson/Hughes

8. Yarrow Stadium Plus: Project Update

- 8.1 Mr M Nield spoke to the memorandum updating the Committee of progress to date of the Yarrow Stadium Plus Redevelopment Project.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) noted the progress to date and the next steps on the Yarrow Stadium Plus Redevelopment Project

Cloke/Walker

Public Excluded

In accordance with section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*, resolves that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Executive Audit and Risk Meeting on 4 December 2023 for the following reason/s:

The matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* are as follows:

Item 14 – Confirmation of Public Excluded Executive Audit and Risk Minutes – 24 October 2023

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information; and/or enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice, commercial activities.

Item 15 – Yarrow Stadium Plus: Project Steering Group Report

General subject of each matter to be considered	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter
Item: 15 Yarrow Stadium Plus: Project Steering Group Report	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7 (2) (h) and (2) (i) of the <i>Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987</i>	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

Hughes/Williamson

At 10.55am Councillor Jamieson moved to open the meeting from public excluded.

The meeting adjourned at 10.56.

(10.56am Councillor Walker left the meeting)

The meeting restarted at 12.30pm

(12.30pm D Cram Joined Meeting)

9. Hearing of Submissions on Better Travel Choices for Taranaki

9.1 The meeting resumed at 12.30, committee Chair T Cloke introduced the memorandum, informing the members of the proceedings of the Better Travel Choices submission hearings.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Hearing of submissions on Better Travel Choices for Taranaki*
- b) received the submissions in response to the draft *Better Travel Choices for Taranaki* documents
- c) noted that full deliberations on *Better Travel Choices for Taranaki* submissions will be undertaken at the Committee meeting on 19 February 2024
- d) noted that a detailed officers' report will be provided to assist with those deliberations
- e) provided any guidance to officers on responses to key submission points as part of the consideration of this memorandum.

Hughes / McIntyre

Better Travel Choices Hearing Submissions

Louise James - Spoke to her submission.

Veronique - Spoke to her submission.

Brendan Kroon - Spoke to his submission.

Suraya Sidhu Singh - Spoke to her submission and presentation.

Robert Langedijk - Spoke to his submission and the submission received from the North Taranaki Cycling Advocates.

Future is Rail - Sharon Bevins spoke to the submission from the Future is Rail. She elected not to speak to her personal submission.

Murray Seamark- Spoke to his submission.

Emily Bailey - Spoke to her submission via zoom.

Sarah Lucas - Spoke to her submission.

Anthonie Tonnon - Spoke to his submission.

Urs Signer - Spoke to his submission.

Libby Malthus - Spoke to her submission.

Jenny Hatch - Spoke to her submission.

Helene Rigert-Robert - Spoke to her submission.

Councillors Harry Duynhoven and Bali Haque- Spoke to the submission made by Mayor Neil Holdom.

Jon Palmer - Spoke to his submission.

Rachael Berndt - Spoke to the submission on behalf of Sport Taranaki.

Lois McNeil - Spoke to her submission.

Jesse Shepherd - Spoke to his submission.

Horizons Regional Council - Councillor Sam Ferguson, Passenger Transport Committee Chair, and Mark Read, Transport Manager, spoke to the submission on behalf of Horizons Regional Council.

Tania Han - Spoke to her submission.

(2.14pm Councillor Williamson left the meeting)

(4.12pm Councillor Hughes left the meeting)

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson, Councillor M J Cloke, declared the open meeting of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee closed at 4.19pm.

Executive, Audit and Risk

Committee Chairperson: _____

M J Cloke