

Ordinary Meeting

**Monday 11 May 2015**

**10.30am**

**Taranaki Regional Council, Stratford**

**Hearing of Submissions on the  
2015/2025 Long-Term Plan**

**Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council to hear submissions on the 2015/2025 Long-Term Plan, be held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 11 May 2015 commencing at 10.30am.**



<b>Councillors</b>		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	(Deputy Chairperson)
		R F H Maxwell	
		N W Walker	
	C S Williamson		

<b>Attending</b>	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)
		M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)
		S R Hall	(Director-Operations)
		G C Severinsen	(Policy and Strategy Manager)
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)
		Mrs	K van Gameren

**Apologies**

**Notification of Late Items**

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| <b>Item 1</b> | <b>Hearing from submitters who wish to be heard in support of their submission on the Taranaki Regional Council's 2015/2025 Long-Term Plan.</b><br><i>A list of submitters who will be speaking to their submissions is on pages 1 -2.</i> |  |
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27 - 30	3	Sport Taranaki	Ross Fulton (Chair) Howie Tamati (Chief Executive)	3 - 4	10.40 am
35 - 39	6	Greymouth Petroleum Limited		7 - 11	10.50 am
40 - 42	7	Cape Egmont Boat Club	Phillip Barrett (Commodore)	12 - 13	11.00 am
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45 60 - 63	9 15	Taranaki TBfree Committee OSPRI	Amanda Jordan (Chair) Sara Russell-Muti (Relationship Manager)	16 28	11.20 am
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100	24	Taranaki Tree Trust	Allen Stancliff & Neil Philipps	56	11.50 am
		<b>Lunch</b>			<b>12 noon - 12.50 pm</b>
56 - 57	13	Van Dyck Fine Foods Ltd	Ben Clare	25 - 26	12.50 pm
58 - 59	14	Taranakipine	Blair Thomson	27	1.00 pm
64 - 67	16	Taranaki Iwi Trust		29 - 31	1.10 pm
78 - 80	18	Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust	Mike Weren (Trust Chairman) Joe Menzies (Trustee) Simon Collins (Manager)	37 - 38	1.20 pm
81 - 83	19	Taranaki Chamber of Commerce	Richard Williams (CEO)	39 - 41	1.30 pm

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87 - 93	21	Te Korowai o Ngaruahine Trust	Cassandra Crowley (CEO)	44 - 51	1.50 pm
94 - 97	22	Sarah Roberts	Sarah Roberts	52 - 53	2.00 pm
98 - 99	23	Department of Conservation		54 - 55	2.10 pm

## Agenda Memorandum

**Date** 11 May 2015



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

**Subject: Hearing of Submissions on the  
2015/2025 Long-Term Plan**

**Item:** 2

**Approved by:** M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services

B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

**Document:** 1504337

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### Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to introduce the submissions on the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan*, hear those submitters who wish to speak to their written submission and to recommend any changes to the *Plan*.

### Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives and acknowledges with thanks the submissions forwarded in response to the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan Statement of Proposal*
2. adopts the recommendations contained within the attached officer's report and, as a result of submissions, amends the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan Statement of Proposal* appropriately
3. notes the amended *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan* and estimates will be audited and adopted at the Council's Ordinary Meeting on 19 May 2015.

### Background

Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2002*, the Council has prepared a Consultation Document to enable the preparation and adoption of its *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan*. The Consultation Document is part of the public consultation process pursuant to section 83 of the *Local Government Act 2002*.

## **Discussion**

The Consultation Document and supporting documentation for the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan* were adopted on 23 February 2015 and publicly notified as being available for submissions on 28 February 2015. The submissions closed on 3 April 2015.

A total of 26 submissions have been received. A schedule of those submitters who wish to present their submissions is attached to this memorandum.

A summary of each of the issues raised in the submissions is separately attached. The summary includes officer's comments and any amendment recommendations. A copy of each of the submissions is also separately attached.

The process at this meeting is to hear all those submitters who wish to present their submission, to consider and make recommendations on all of the submissions. As a result of the decisions made, the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan* will be finalised, audited and presented for adoption at the Council's Ordinary Meeting on 19 May 2015. It is proposed to set the rates for 2015/2016 at the same Ordinary Meeting.

## **Decision-making considerations**

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*.

## **Financial considerations—LTP/Annual Plan**

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

## **Policy considerations**

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*.

## **Legal considerations**

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

## **Appendices/Attachments – two separate reports**

Document 1471791: Officer's Report on the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan Statement of Proposal Submissions*

Document 1505352: Submissions received on the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan Statement of Proposal*

**Taranaki Regional Council  
Taranaki Biodiversity Trust  
Resourcing of Community Biodiversity Initiatives**

Document: 1500420

The aim of this paper is to provide context and some high level principles regarding the Council's support to community biodiversity initiatives, specifically as they relate to Taranaki Regional Council support of the Taranaki Biodiversity Trust as proposed in the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan (LTP)*. This paper may prove useful for Councillors during the LTP submission process on this matter.

**Background**

The Council considered during its 2015/2025 LTP workshop in December 2014 the issue of how best to support community biodiversity initiatives. This was in response to the ongoing and increased number of requests for funding from a range of biodiversity focused trusts. The Council decided that the newly formed Taranaki Biodiversity Trust (TBT) would seem the obvious vehicle regionally to support community driven biodiversity initiatives. Its primary purpose will be to raise funds for allocation to biodiversity priorities throughout the region. In the LTP Council proposed:

- That current biodiversity funds being provided by Council to community biodiversity trusts (including the Taranaki Tree Trust, Rotokare, ETET and Paraninihi) would be redirected to the TBT
- That a total of \$200,000 be provided to the TBT annually
- That consideration of transitional continuation of existing commitments be made

**Taranaki Biodiversity Trust (TBT)**

The TBT has now been formed and have held their first meeting. TRC is represented on the TBT board by Councillor Michael Joyce. Assuming the Council adopts the LTP proposal, a funding agreement between TRC and the TBT will need to be developed. The priority of the TBT at present is determining its strategic direction and future business plan. This will need to include how they propose raising funds and then ultimately distributing them. There are a range of issues the Trust will need to consider during the development stages, namely - ensuring effective governance, agreeing on core purpose, limiting patch protection and thinking regionally. As a Council we will need to do what we can to help ensure the Trust is as successful as it can be.

Below are some principles that will guide TRC's support of the Trust and following adoption of the LTP form the basis of a funding agreement between TRC and the TBT.

**Principles guiding TRC's support of the TBT**

- The TRC strongly supports the TBT and sees the Trust as the primary regional funding body for community driven biodiversity initiatives
- TRC has played a key role in the Trust's establishment and is committed to seeing it succeed
- Council proposes to provide \$200,000 of annual support initially to the Trust, including administrative support and funding of the Regional Biodiversity Coordinator

- The initial financial support provided by the Council will act as 'seed' funding enabling the Trust to operate and leverage other funds
- That previous investments made by the Council to the likes of the Rotokare and the Taranaki Tree Trust are protected and overtime increased and expanded by the TBT
- It is the intention of the Council to consider providing further support to the Trust in the future - this is conditional on the Trust leveraging other funding and being a success
- Council is clear that the TBT primary purpose is to hold funds for application towards biodiversity benefit in Taranaki as per the Trust deed
- It is anticipated that the quantum of current biodiversity investment across all players in Taranaki will be grown considerably by the work of the Trust and distributed to achieve the greatest biodiversity gains
- The Trust will need effective governance arrangements, this will include not only ensuring appropriate regional representation but ensuring that the Board has the necessary skills to deliver on the task
- It is expected that the Trust will develop a strategic vision and associated business plan along with measurable outcomes
- The Trust will also have robust decision making structures, processes, systems, criteria relating to distributing funds
- It is hoped that the Trust will leverage considerable external funds and over time become the preeminent Taranaki 'Inc' environmental funding body

## Agenda Memorandum

**Date** 11 May 2015



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

**Subject: Waste minimisation 2015/2016**

**Item:** 4

**Approved by:** G K Bedford, Director – Environment Quality

B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

**Document:** 1505085

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### Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the Council on alternatives for provision of the Regional Waste Minimisation Officer position, and to outline the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan* (including financial) implications.

### Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum '*Waste Minimisation 2015/2016*'
2. notes that the delivery of regional waste minimisation activity may be transferred to Stratford District Council
3. notes that should this occur, the fiscal implications for the Council are essentially neutral
4. retains the waste minimisation activity and estimates in the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan*, noting that if the service is transferred to Stratford District Council the Council will not incur significant expenditure nor will it recover contributions (hence the removal of the activity is essentially fiscally neutral).

### Background and discussion

When the position of Regional Waste Minimisation Officer was set up some years ago (2003), the funding of the position was agreed as 50:50 between this Council and the 3 district councils. In 2008 the *Waste Minimisation Act* was enacted. Importantly, this brought two major factors into play. There was no function for regional councils within the field of waste minimisation/waste management. This function was assigned fully to district councils. Secondly, a funding stream was set up for waste minimisation activity, through the return (to district councils only) of waste management levies collected on waste disposal to landfills. These returns were to be used specifically to fund waste minimisation activities.

Consequently, in 2012 it was agreed that the Regional Council's contribution to the regional waste minimisation activity should be capped at \$50,000 per year for the next three years, with the remainder of costs being met by the district councils.

In terms of true and full costs for the position, including overheads and a time allocation from senior staff to oversee the implementation of the *Regional Waste Strategy* through the work of the Regional Waste Minimisation Officer, the Regional Council was in reality providing closer to \$80,000 of the costs.

The initial *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan* sets out the estimated full costs of providing the waste minimisation function for the 2015/2016 year as \$169,974. It was proposed through the Taranaki Solid Wastes Committee that the district councils should provide \$112,908 towards this function. In response, the district councils have resisted committing to this level of funding, and Stratford District Council have offered a proposal that they can provide the regional waste minimisation activity for \$100,000 to \$110,000, including some, but not all, overheads.

The Taranaki Solid Wastes Committee next meet on 28 May 2015, when it is hoped that a decision on service delivery can be made.

Given that the district councils have both the statutory function and the stand-alone funding stream to support the regional waste minimisation activity, and this Council has neither, and that the function can be transferred to the Stratford District Council at an overall lower costs for the district councils, it is suggested that should the transfer occur, this Council should support the transfer and need not make any provision for providing its own additional funding of this position to Stratford DC.

The position of Waste Minimisation Officer is currently vacant due to the recent resignation of the incumbent. Therefore, it is timely for the future of this position to be considered by all parties.

It is stressed that this Council would remain a full actively participating member of the Taranaki Solid Wastes Committee regardless, and would carry those incidental costs.

In terms of the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan*, it is recommended that the current levels of activity and budget remain in the Plan. Should the service transfer to Stratford District Council, the Council will not incur significant expenditure nor will it recover contributions (hence the removal of the activity is essentially fiscally neutral). If the service does not transfer to Stratford District Council, the Council will deliver the activity as planned in the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan*.

### **Decision-making considerations**

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**Financial considerations—LTP/Annual Plan**

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**Policy considerations**

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**Legal considerations**

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## Agenda Memorandum

**Date** 11 May 2015



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

**Subject: Participatory Science Platform Pilot  
2015-2016**

**Item:** 5

**Approved by:** G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality  
B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

**Document:** 1505261

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### Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to describe additional project work of up to \$48,396 to be undertaken by the Science Services staff in 2015/2016. Confirmation of funding for the project was received after the drafting of the 2015/2025 Long-Term Plan (LTP).

### Background

In 2014 the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) initiated a national strategic plan for Science in Society, entitled *A Nation of Curious Minds - He Whenua Hihiri I Te Mahara*. The Participatory Science Platform is a key component of that strategic plan. Participatory science is a method of undertaking meaningful scientific research through the collaboration of volunteers (from various sections of the community), with academic and science professionals. It is essential that the research is scientifically robust and is also meaningful to the community members involved.

South Auckland, Taranaki and Otago were selected to pilot the project. Applications from potential administering agencies within these regions were sought. The submission date for applications closed on 10 March 2015. Funding of up to \$150,000 was available for each of the three pilot area leads. Each pilot area lead would also receive \$80,000 to allocate to projects. MBIE have an additional \$100,000 that may be allocated to additional projects, depending on the potential number, reach and impact of projects in each area.

Having identified beneficial strengths in each other's individual expertise and experience, Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) and Venture Taranaki Trust (VTT) put forward a joint application.

## Discussion

The application was successful and VTT (with TRC as a partner in the project) were appointed as pilot leads for Taranaki.

The role of the pilot leads will include the following tasks:

- to solicit, seek and develop project proposals,
- to pair academics, science professionals and community members together,
- facilitate the collaboration of these groups,
- allocation of funds,
- reporting on and evaluating the outcome.

Venture Taranaki Trust will be responsible for the appointment of a project manager to be based at their offices in New Plymouth. VTT will also be responsible for the administration of the funds. TRC will be primarily responsible for the provision of scientific expertise in reviewing project proposals and facilitating projects. Both organisations will work together in assist in the awareness campaign, formation of project groups and the review and evaluation of projects. In so doing the pilot leads will establish and refine the participatory science platform which will inform the subsequent development of a national platform.

TRC will be allocated up to \$48,396 for work undertaken towards delivering this project. It is considered that the additional work will be spread across existing staff resourcing within the Science Services section of the Council and that no additional resources will be required to deliver this project. There is already a capacity for 'resource investigations' within budget allocations.

## Recommendation

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. notes the additional income and work for the Science Services section, beyond that presented within the draft 2015/2025 Long-Term Plan.

## Decision-making considerations

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**Legal considerations**

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## **Agenda reports**

### **Ordinary Council meeting (LTP submissions) May 2015**

#### **Item 1**

[Submissions on Long-Term Plan Consultation Document](#) (7.1 MB)

[Summary of submissions, comment and recommendations](#) (540 KB)