



Date 25 March 2020, 1pm
Venue: Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
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Present Councillors D N MacLeod (Chairperson)
M P Joyce (Deputy Chairperson)
M J Cloke (*via zoom*)
M G Davey
C L Littlewood
M J McDonald
D H McIntyre
E D Van Der Leden (*via zoom*)
N W Walker (*via zoom*)
C S Williamson (*via zoom*)

Attending Messrs B G Chamberlain (Chief Executive)
M J Nield (Director – Corporate Services)
Miss L Davidson (Committee Administrator)

Apologies An apology from Councillor D L Lean was received and sustained.

Notification of Late Items It was clarified that while Council is closed throughout the lockdown period some council services are considered an essential service, complaints and incidents will be responded to as per normal procedure.

1. Governance and decision-making arrangements through Covid-19 Pandemic

- 1.1 Mr B Chamberlain, Chief Executive, spoke to the memorandum to explain the processes through the pandemic and to seek agreement to put in place appropriate governance and decision-making arrangements that will ensure effective and efficient responses during the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- 1.2 Councillors to be kept informed on decisions and Council business as per usual via Zoom meetings and email updates.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum Governance and Decision-making During Covid-19 Pandemic
- b) agrees to make delegations to the Chief Executive to make urgent decisions during the Covid-19 pandemic as set out in Attachment 1 after due consultation with the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Committee Chairpersons and with reporting back on the exercise of those delegations
- c) agrees that if local government legislation is amended in relation to quorums at audio-visual meetings, the delegations will be revoked with the Council meeting as a "Committee of the Whole" using audio-visual means and Committee meetings suspended until after the Epidemic Preparedness (COVID-19) Notice 2020 expires.

McIntyre/Joyce

For - 9

Against - 1 (Councillor C L Littlewood)

2. Public Excluded

- 2.1 In accordance with section 48(1) of the *Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987*, resolves that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Emergency Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council on Wednesday 25 March 2020 for the following reasons:

Item 3 - Verbal Update on Annual Plan Projects

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.

McIntyre/McDonald

There being no further business, Chairman D N MacLeod, declared the Emergency Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council closed at 2.25pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson: _____

D N MacLeod

Date:

7 April 2020