

Ordinary Meeting

Monday 18 September 2017

10.30am

Taranaki Regional Council, Stratford



Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council to be held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 18 September 2017 commencing at 10.30am.

Councillors	D N MacLeod	(Chairman)
	M J Cloke	
	M G Davey	
	M P Joyce	
	D L Lean	(Deputy Chairman)
	M J McDonald	
	D H McIntyre	
	B K Raine	
	N W Walker	
	C S Williamson	

Apologies C L Littlewood

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Agenda Memorandum

Date 18 September 2017



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

**Subject: Confirmation of Minutes – 15 August
2017**

Prepared by: M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services

Approved by: B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

Document: 1931189

Resolve

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 15 August 2017 at 10.45am.

Matters arising

Appendices

Document #1915767 – Minutes Ordinary Meeting

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the
Taranaki Regional Council, held
Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47
Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 15
August 2017 at 10.45am.**



Present	Councillors	D N MacLeod	(Chairperson)	
		M J Cloke		
		M G Davey		
		M P Joyce		
		D L Lean	(Deputy Chairperson)	
		C L Littlewood		
		M J McDonald		
		D H McIntyre		
		B K Raine		
		N W Walker		
C S Williamson				
Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)	
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)	
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)	
		S R Hall	(Director-Operations)	
		M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)	
		S Tamarapa	(Iwi Communications Officer)	
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)	
		R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)	
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)	
		Ms	F Mulligan	(Iwi Representative)
		Mr	H Eriwata	(Iwi Representative)
		Mr	K Holswich	(Iwi Representative)
		Mr	J Hooker	(Iwi Representative)
		Ms	E Bailey	(Iwi Representative)
		Mr	M Ritai	(Iwi Representative)
		Mr	S Collins	(Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust)
		Mr	J Menzies	(Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust)
		Mr	G Pittman	(Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust)
		Mrs	D Clough	(Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust)

Apologies There were no apologies.

**Notification of
Late Items** 2017 Regional Sector Group Tour and LGNZ Conference

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 27 June 2017

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions and confidential minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 27 June 2017 at 10.30am.

Lean/Davey

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Consents and Regulatory Committee Minutes – 25 July 2017

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the minutes and the confidential 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 25 July 2017 at 9.30am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Cloke/Raine

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Policy and Planning Committee Minutes – 25 July 2017

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the 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 Tuesday 25 July 2017 at 10.30 am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Walker/Littlewood

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Minutes – 31 July 2017

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the minutes and confidential of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 31 July 2017 at 10.00am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Joyce/Williamson

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Electoral Systems 2017 – Taranaki Regional Council elections

- 5.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum providing information to allow the Council to make a decision on an electoral system to be used for the 2019 Taranaki Regional Council triennial elections.
- 5.2 Support was given by Councillor Littlewood, Councillor Williamson and Councillor McIntyre for the Council to consider using the Single Transferable Vote (STV) electoral system for the 2019 elections. Councillor Littlewood moved the following notice of motion.
 1. receives the memorandum *Electoral Systems 2019 – Taranaki Regional Council elections* and notes the requirements of the *Local Electoral Act 2001*
 2. resolves change to the Single Transferable Vote (STV) electoral system for the 2019 and 2022 local authority elections and publicly notifies its decision and the right of the public to demand a poll.

Littlewood/McIntyre – motion lost

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum *Electoral Systems 2019 – Taranaki Regional Council elections* and notes the requirements of the *Local Electoral Act 2001*

2. resolves to retain the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system for the 2019 local authority elections and publicly notifies its decision and the right of the public to demand a poll.

MacLeod/Lean – motion carried

Councillor N W Walker left the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council at 11.10am.

6. Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust – Annual Update to the Taranaki Regional Council

- 6.1 Mr Simon Collins, Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust, provided an annual report presentation to the Council on the Trust's operation activities over the 2016/2017 operational year.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum and the 2016/17 Lake Rotokare Scenic Reserve Annual Report and presentation
2. considers the invitation to visit the sanctuary and to discuss the Trust's projects in more depth.

Joyce/Davey

7. Meeting Dates August-September 2017

- 7.1 The next six-weekly round of Council meetings for July-August 2017 were received and noted.

8. General Business

- 8.1 Councillor C L Littlewood and Councillor D H McIntyre provided a verbal to the Council report on their attendance at the Regional Sector Group Pre-Conference tour of Northland. A brief over of the LGNZ 2017 Conference was provided by Chairman D N MacLeod.

There being no further business, Chairman D N MacLeod, declared the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council closed at 11.45am.

Confirmed

Chairperson: _____
D N MacLeod

Date: **18 September 2017**

Agenda Memorandum

Date 18 September 2017



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

**Subject: Consents and Regulatory Committee
Minutes – 29 August 2017**

Prepared by: G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality

Approved by: B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

Document: 1931194

Resolve

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the minutes of the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 29 August 2017 at 9.30am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Matters arising

Appendices

Document #1922437 – Minutes Consents and Regulatory Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Consents and Regulatory Committee Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council, held in the Taranaki Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 29 August 2017 at 9.30am.



Members	Councillors	M P Joyce	(Committee Chairperson)	
		M J Cloke		
		C L Littlewood		
		M J McDonald		
		B K Raine		
		N W Walker		
		D L Lean	(ex officio)	
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)	
Representative Members	Mr	K Holswich	(Iwi Representative) (via audio and video link)	
Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain	(Chief Executive)	
		G K Bedford	(Director-Environment Quality)	
		A D McLay	(Director-Resource Management)	
		M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)	
		B E Pope	(Compliance Manager)	
			C H McLellan	(Consents Manager)
	Mrs	H Gerrard	(Science Manager)	
	Mr	R Phipps	(Science Manager)	
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)	
	Mr	R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)	
Mr	M Ritai	(Iwi Representative)		
Ms	E Bailey	(Iwi Representative)		

One Member of the media.
Three Members of the public.

Apologies The apologies from Councillor M G Davey, Mr H Eriwata (Iwi Representative) and Ms F Mulligan (Iwi Representative) were received and sustained.

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 25 July 2017

Resolved

THAT the Consents and Regulatory Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the 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 25 July 2017 at 9.30am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 15 August 2017.

Cloke/Littlewood

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Resource consents issued under delegated authority and applications in progress

- 2.1 The Committee considered and discussed the memorandum advising of consents granted, consents under application and of consent processing actions since the last meeting of the Committee.
- 2.2 Mr C L McLellan, Consents Manager, noted to the Committee that the Council expects to receive in September 2017 a number of major resource consent applications associated with the SH3 Mt Messenger Bypass project. The New Plymouth District Council will also get a number of land-use consent applications as part of the project. The consent applications will be considered jointly with the NPDC who will be the lead agency. A Joint Hearing Committee to hear the applications will be appointed in due course.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the schedule of resource consents granted and other consent processing actions, made under delegated authority.

Joyce/Raine

3. Consent monitoring annual reports and case study on NPDC Inglewood wastewater treatment plant

- 3.1 Mrs H Gerard, Science Manager, spoke to the memorandum advising the Committee of 11 tailored compliance monitoring reports that have been prepared since the last Committee meeting and to introduce a case study to reduce the effect of stormwater

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and groundwater influent volumes at the Inglewood Wastewater Treatment Plan (NPDC).

- 3.2 The Committee noted and discussed the New Plymouth District Council's Inglewood Wastewater treatment plant case study, commending the NPDC's continued environmental improvements at the site and within the town's sewer system.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the 17-33 Todd Energy Aquatic Centre Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2016-2017 and adopts the specific recommendations therein.
2. receives the 17-25 NZEC DWI Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2016-2017 and adopts the specific recommendations therein.
3. receives the 17-37 Value Timber Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2016-2017 and adopts the specific recommendations therein.
4. receives the 17-43 STDC Wai-inu Beach Settlement Compliance Monitoring Annual Report 2016-2017 and adopts the specific recommendations therein.
5. receives the 17-17 Cold Creek Community Water Supply Limited Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2016-2017 and adopts the specific recommendations therein.
6. receives the 17-67 NPDC Crematorium Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2016-2017 and adopts the specific recommendations therein.
7. receives the 17-18 Oaonui Water Supply Limited Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2016-2017 and adopts the specific recommendations therein.
8. receives the 17-70 NZ Pure Bred Genetics Ltd (Piggery) Monitoring Programme Final Report 2016-2017 and adopts the specific recommendations therein.
9. receives the 17-62 RKM Farms Ltd (Piggery) Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2016-2017 and adopts the specific recommendations therein.
10. receives the 17-24 STOS DWI Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2016-2017 and adopts the specific recommendations therein.
11. receives the 17-65 Osflo Fertiliser Ltd Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2016-2017 and adopts the specific recommendations therein.

MacLeod/McDonald

4. Incident, Compliance Monitoring Non-compliances and Enforcement Summary - 1 July 2017 to 10 August 2017

- 4.1 The Committee received and noted the summary of the Council's Incidents, Compliance Monitoring Non-compliances and Enforcement for the period 1 July 2017 to 10 August 2017.

- 4.2 Mr B E Pope, Compliance Manager, provided an overview to the Committee on the reported incidents and answered questions concerning officer assessments of the incidents. Mr Pope noted to the Committee that the Council's IRIS database system has a new section – non-compliance incidents found during routine compliance monitoring. This is now reported separately to the Committee.
- 4.3 The matter of Iwi liaison as part of the Council's incident response was discussed. The Council engages with affected parties, including Iwi, when a non-compliant incident progresses through to a potential prosecution.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum
2. receives the summary of the Incidents, Compliance Monitoring Non-compliances and Enforcement for the period from 1 July 2017 to 10 August 2017, notes the action taken by staff acting under delegated authority and adopts the recommendations therein.

Littlewood/Walker

5. Public Excluded

In accordance with section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, it is resolved that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Consents and Regulatory Committee on Tuesday 29 August 2017 for the following reason/s:

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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 such disclosure would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

MacLeod/Cloke

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson Councillor M J Cloke, declared the Consents and Regulatory Committee meeting closed at 10.10am.

Mr Joyce received and noted the comments Mr Holswich provided on the meeting (via email) and advised that Council staff would directly respond to some of the matters raised in due course.

Confirmed

Chairperson

M P Joyce

Date

17 October 2017

Agenda Memorandum

Date 18 September 2017



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

**Subject: Policy and Planning Committee Minutes
– 29 August 2017**

Prepared by: A D McLay, Director-Resource Management

Approved by: B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

Document: 1931206

Resolve

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the 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 Tuesday 29 August 2017 at 10.30am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Matters arising

Appendices

Document #1922442 – Minutes Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

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 Tuesday 29 August 2017 at 10.30 am.



Members	Councillors	N W Walker	(Committee Chairperson)
		M P Joyce	
		C L Littlewood	
		D H McIntyre	
		B K Raine	
		C S Williamson	
		D L Lean	(ex officio)
		D N MacLeod	(ex officio)
Representative Members	Ms	E Bailey	(Iwi Representative)
	Councillor	G Boyle	(Stratford District Council)
	Mr	J Hooker	(Iwi Representative)
	Councillor	R Jordan	(New Plymouth District Council) <i>from 10.50am</i>
	Councillor	P Nixon	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Mr	M Ritai	(Iwi Representative)
Attending	Councillor	M J McDonald	
		Messrs	B G Chamberlain (Chief Executive)
			A D McLay (Director-Resource Management)
			G K Bedford (Director-Environment Quality)
			M J Nield (Director-Corporate Services)
			S R Hall (Director-Operations)
			R Ritchie (Communications Officer)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Mrs	N West	(Policy Analyst)
	Mrs	H Gerrard	(Science Manager)
	Mr	R Phipps	(Science Manager)
	Mr	H Eriwata	(Iwi Representative)
Mr	J Clough	(Wrightson Consulting)	
		Four Members of the public.	
		One Member of the media.	
Apologies		The apology from Mrs B Muir (Taranaki Federated Farmers) was received and sustained.	
Notification of Late Items		There were no late items of business.	

Opening Karakia Mr M Ritai (Iwi Representative) gave the opening Karakia to the Policy and Planning Committee.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 25 July 2017

Resolved

THAT the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council

1. takes as read and confirms the 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 Tuesday 25 July 2017 at 10.30am
2. notes that the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 15 August 2017.

Littlewood/Raine

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Recent changes to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management

- 2.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum (and presentation) on the recent changes made to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM).

Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Recent changes to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management*
2. notes the ongoing uncertainty around a number of the provisions of the NPS-FM
3. notes the significant social and economic impacts the new requirements will have for Taranaki and other regions and the lack of awareness of this in central government.

McIntyre/Raine

3. National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management Implementation Review

- 3.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management Implementation Review report and a report on progress in Taranaki in implementing the National Policy Statement.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management Implementation Review*.

Williamson/Raine

4. Addressing New Zealand's Biodiversity Challenge – a regional council thinkpiece

- 4.1 Mr S R Hall, Director-Operations, spoke to the memorandum presenting for information a regional council thinkpiece on the future of biodiversity management in New Zealand entitled *Addressing New Zealand's Biodiversity Challenge*.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum and the report *Addressing New Zealand's Biodiversity Challenge*
2. notes that the Report highlights five required shifts in biodiversity management to support regional council efforts in maintaining biodiversity – stronger leadership and clearer lines of accountability, building on existing programmes, better information, better collaboration, and a coherent legislative framework
3. notes that the Council is already giving effect to many of the actions identified in the Report through its recently reviewed and adopted *Biodiversity Strategy for the Taranaki Regional Council*.

Lean/Joyce

5. Environmental Protection Authority grants marine consent for sand mining in part of South Taranaki Bight

- 5.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum informing the Committee that the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has granted consents to Trans-Tasman Resources Limited (TTR) to extract iron sand within the South Taranaki Bight and to outline the Council's ongoing role in relation to this project.
- 5.2 The Council noted within its submission that, if approval was given, a collaborative approach between the EPA and Council should be undertaken for monitoring and enforcement of activities to address the environmental effects felt within the coastal marine area where Council has jurisdiction. Condition 61 provides for the establishment of a Technical Review Group, which will provide technical advice to TTR. The Council is invited to provide a representative on this group. The costs for members of the Group will be met by TTR. It is also noted that the Council is likely to have to respond to public complaints within the project area not knowing whether the complaints are related to TTR and that this will impose unnecessary costs on

ratepayers. There has been no response from the EPA to this concern. The EPA, as consent authority, will be responsible for responding to any public complaints.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Environmental Protection Authority grants consents to Trans-Tasman Resources Ltd to extract iron sand within the South Taranaki Bight*
2. notes the Environmental Protection Authority's decision to grant consent to Trans-Tasman Resources Ltd to extract iron sand within the South Taranaki Bight
3. notes Council's ongoing role in relation to this project.

Joyce/Raine

6. National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry

- 6.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum introducing the final gazetted *National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry* (NES-PF) and to outline the Council's requirements relating to its implementation.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum on the *National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry*
2. notes the promulgation of the NES-PF occurred on 3 August 2017 and commences on 1 May 2018
3. notes that the Council will be reviewing its plans and advisory, monitoring, and compliance programmes relating to forestry activities in the region.

Littlewood/Williamson

7. Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry

- 7.1 Mr A D McLay, Director-Resource Management, spoke to the memorandum outlining the main findings from Stage 1 of the Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry, particularly from the point of view of regional council responsibilities, and to advise the Committee of the joint work underway between the Council, water supply authorities and drinking water assessors in Taranaki to review systems and processes in regard to the findings of the Inquiry.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum on the Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry

2. notes the joint work underway with this Council, water supply authorities and drinking water assessors in the region to review systems and processes in regard to the findings of the Inquiry.

Joyce/Jordan

8. Report on Advocacy and Response activities for the 2016/2017 year

- 8.1 The memorandum reporting to the Committee on the Council's advocacy and response activities for the 2016/2017 year was received and noted.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum on *Advocacy and Response activities for the 2016/2017 year*
2. notes that thirty-one (31) submissions were made during the year on the policy initiatives of other agencies
3. notes that senior staff were also involved in various working parties or other fora on central government policy development and review projects.

Raine/McIntyre

Closing Karakia Mr M Ritai (Iwi Representative) gave the closing Karakia to the Policy and Planning Committee and Karakia for kai (lunch).

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson Councillor N W Walker, declared the Policy and Planning Committee meeting closed at 12.30pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson _____

N W Walker

Date

17 October 2017

Agenda Memorandum

Date 18 September 2017



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

**Subject: Regional Transport Committee Minutes
– 6 September 2017**

Prepared by: M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services

Approved by: B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

Document: 1931211

Resolve

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Wednesday 6 September 2017 at 11.00am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Matters arising

Appendices

Document #1927583 – Minutes Regional Transport Committee

**Minutes of the Regional Transport Committee
Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council,
held in the Taranaki Regional Council
Chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on
Wednesday 6 September 2017 commencing at
11.00am.**



Members	Councillor	C S Williamson	(Committee Chairperson)
	Councillor	M J McDonald	(Committee Deputy Chairperson)
	Councillor	H Duynhoven	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Mayor	N Volzke	(Stratford District Council)
	Mayor	R Dunlop	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Mr	R I'Anson	(NZ Transport Agency)
Attending	Councillor	M J Cloke	
	Messrs	M J Nield	(Director-Corporate Services)
		G C Severinsen	(Policy and Strategy Manager)
		C B Clarke	(Transport Services Manager)
		P Ledingham	(Communications Officer)
	Mrs	F Ritson	(Policy Analyst)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Ms	L Rowland	(Digital Communications Co-ordinator)
	Mrs	R Smith	(Transport Administrator)
	Messrs	D Langford	(New Plymouth District Council)
		S Bowden	(Stratford District Council)
		V Lim	(South Taranaki District Council)
		B Dowsett	(NZ Transport Agency)
		C McKegg	(Safe Roads Alliance)
	Ms	J Stewart	(NZ Transport Agency)
	Ms	M Davison	(NZ Transport Agency)
	Ms	K Gyorak	(NZ Transport Agency)
	Mrs	M Webby	(RoadSafe Taranaki)
	Snr Sgnt	R O'Keefe	(NZ Police)
	Mr Roger Maxwell		

Apologies The apology from Ms P McLean (NZ Transport Agency) was received and sustained.

Notification of

Late Items Item 11 Correspondence and information items – Mobile Black Spot Fund update

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 14 June 2017

Resolved

THAT the Regional Transport Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and recommendations of the Regional Transport Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council, held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Wednesday 14 June 2017 at 11.00am.
2. notes that recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 27 June 2017.

Williamson/McDonald

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group

- 2.1 The minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group (RTAG) meeting held on 16 August 2017 were received and noted.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives for information purposes the minutes of the Taranaki Regional Transport Advisory Group meeting held on 16 August 2017

Duynhoven/I'Anson

3. Mid-term review of the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015/16 – 2020-21

- 3.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum updating the Committee on the mid-term review of the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16 – 2020-21* (the RLTP); noting and receiving the outputs from the Investment Logic Mapping (ILM) process undertaken as part of the interim review; and seeking support of minor changes proposed by the interim review to the strategic policy framework in Section 4, structure for the programme of activities within Section 5 and prioritisation process to follow for any regionally significant works.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the memorandum *Mid-term review of the Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21*

2. notes that an externally-facilitated Investment Logic Mapping process has been undertaken with key stakeholders as part of the review of the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21*
3. receives the investment relationship maps created as part of the Investment Logic Mapping process undertaken for the mid-term review of the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21*
4. agrees to the minor changes proposed to the strategic policy framework within the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21*
5. agrees to the proposed structure for the programme of activities within the *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16-2020/21* Plan and the proposed prioritisation process to follow for any significant works.

Duynhoven/Dunlop

4. New Zealand Transport Agency Regional Report

- 4.1 Mr R I Anson, NZ Transport Agency, spoke to the NZ Transport Agency's Quarterly Report to the Taranaki Regional Transport Committee updating Members on Agency news and activities.
- 4.2 A number of matters were discussed by the Committee including:
 - Sealing SH43 and reinstatement works timeline and progress
 - De Havilland Drive intersection and Airport Drive intersection proposed safety improvements in the Bell Block to Waitara project
 - road surface repairs/maintenance matters SH3 between Eltham and Hawera
 - sealing of Stratford plateau carpark (under special purpose roads). Stratford District Council has applied for funding and is waiting to hear back from NZ Transport Agency. The Committee will be provided an update on this matter in due course.
 - agreed list of actions for the Old Mountain Road (previous section of SH3 before Normanby Bridge Alignment project) before being handed back to South Taranaki District Council as a local road
 - culvert update at Lake Mangamahoe – repairs to SH3 and new culvert to be installed by NZ Transport Agency following recent heavy rainfall event.
- 4.3 Mr B Dowsett, NZ Transport Agency, provided a presentation to the Committee on State Highway Investment Proposal and Corridor Management Plan.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the Regional Report from the NZ Transport Agency dated 6 September 2017

Williamson/Duynhoven

5. New approach to speed management

- 5.1 Ms J Stewart and Ms M Davison, NZ Transport Agency, provided a presentation to the Committee on a new approach to speed management in New Zealand, including an overview of the *Speed Management Guide* and related activities.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the presentation on the *Speed Management Guide* and the new *Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2017* by the NZ Transport Agency.

McDonald/Dunlop

6. Regional road safety update

- 6.1 Ms M Webby, RoadSafe Taranaki, and Snr Sgt R O'Keefe, NZ Police, provided a presentation to the Committee from the Taranaki Road Safety Action Planning Group on road safety activities in Taranaki.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. notes and receives with thanks the update on road safety activities in the region provided by representatives of the Taranaki Road Safety Action Planning Group.

McDonald/Volzke

7. SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger Programme update

- 7.1 Mr C McKegg, Safe Roads Alliance, provided a presentation to the Committee on the Stage One and Stage Two Corridor Improvements Project as part of the SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger programme.
- 7.2 Mr R I Anson, NZ Transport Agency, provided an update presentation to the Committee on the Mt Messenger Bypass project following the recent announcement by the Minister of Transport on the preferred bypass option that is due to be completed by 2021.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the update provided by Mr Campbell McKegg, Safe Roads Alliance, on the SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mount Messenger Programme – Corridor Improvements project.

Volzke/Williamson

8. Mobility as a Service presentation

- 8.1 Ms K Gyorgak, NZ Transport Agency, provided a presentation to the Committee on the Agency's Mobility as a Service (MaaS) work and the launch of the Choice App which is a key aspect of the MaaS work.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the presentation by staff of the NZ Transport Agency on Mobility as a Service.

Williamson/Duynhoven

9. SH43 improvements advocacy

- 9.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services, spoke to the memorandum to ratify the recommendations proposed in the electronically circulated memorandum (SH43 Investigation Report 31 July 2017) and to discuss the next steps in the Committee's advocacy for improvements to State Highway 43.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. ratifies the recommendations contained in the Agenda Memorandum 'SH43 Investigation Report dated 31 July 2017' (Document #1907510), which were supported via email –
 1. receives the report *State Highway 43 Investigation* prepared by Abley Transportation Consultants
 2. notes the recommendations made in the *State Highway 43 Investigation* report, including :
 - a. The potential to upgrade the One Network Road Classification (ONRC) of SH43 from Secondary Collector to Primary Collector.
 - b. The NZ Transport Agency be asked to provide additional funding for the maintenance of SH43 in light of its increasing importance both as a key tourist route, and as a freight route.
 - c. The NZ Transport Agency investigate and implement measures for reducing the crash risk on SH43 including improved signage and road markings.
 - d. The Government be approached to fund the estimated \$7.6-\$8 million cost of sealing the remaining 12km unsealed section of SH43 as a contribution towards increasing the attraction of the region as a destination for tourists, and to maximise the potential benefits of the upgrading of the Taranaki Crossing day walk and other substantial investments in visitor offerings. As the tourism benefits would not be achieved until the sealing is completed, the sealing should be undertaken over a single construction season.

3. agrees to provide the *State Highway 43 Investigation* report to the Minister of Transport, local Members of Parliament and the NZ Transport Agency.
2. notes the correspondence providing the *State Highway 43 Investigation* report to the Minister of Transport, local Members of Parliament and the NZ Transport Agency
3. notes the response received from the Minister of Transport on the *State Highway 43 Investigation* report
4. requests that the NZ Transport Agency report back to the next (November 2017) Committee meeting on their response to the *State Highway 43 Investigation* report
5. consider what action the Committee would like to take in furthering the *State Highway 43 Investigation* report's recommendations.

McDonald/Volzke

10. Passenger transport operational update for the quarter ending 30 June 2017

- 10.1 Mr C B Clarke, Transport Services Manager, spoke to the memorandum providing the Committee with an operational report of the public transport services as at 30 June 2017.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the operational report of the public transport services for the quarter ending 30 June 2017
2. receives and notes the responses, provided by email on 4 July 2017, to Members queries regarding public transport services raised at the previous meeting.

Williamson/McDonald

11. Correspondence and information items

- 11.1 The memorandum updating Members on correspondence and information received since the last Committee meeting was noted.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives and notes for information purposes the following correspondence:
 - a. dated 19 June 2017, sent on behalf of the SH3 Working Party to the NZ Transport Agency, on the short-list of options being considered for the SH3 Awakino Gorge to Mt Messenger Corridor Improvements project
 - b. dated 21 June 2017, to the NZ Transport Agency, regarding concerns about state highway maintenance throughout the region
 - c. dated 28 June 2017, to the NZ Transport Agency, providing feedback on the draft 2018-21 State Highway Investment Proposal

- d. dated 28 June 2017, to the Chair of the Taranaki Regional Economic Development Strategy, providing feedback on potential transport projects for inclusion
- e. dated 3 July 2017, to the NZ Transport Agency, providing feedback on the draft Long Term Strategic View
- f. dated 13 July 2017, from the NZ Transport Agency, providing information on the Visiting Drivers Project
- g. dated 14 July 2017, from the NZ Transport Agency, providing a response to feedback on the draft 2018 Investment Assessment Framework
- h. *tabled*, Mobile Black Spot Fund announcement made on 30 August 2017 on the extension of mobile coverage for state highways and tourist areas.

Duynhoven/McDonald

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor C S Williamson, declared the Regional Transport Committee meeting closed at 2.10pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson

_____ **C S Williamson**

Date

29 November 2017

Agenda Memorandum

Date 18 September 2017



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

**Subject: Executive, Audit and Risk Committee
Minutes – 11 September 2017**

Prepared by: M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services

Approved by: B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

Document: 1931218

Resolve

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives the minutes of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 11 September 2017 at 10.00am
2. adopts the recommendations therein.

Matters arising

Appendices

Document #1929433 – Minutes Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting

**Minutes of the Executive, Audit and Risk
Committee Meeting of the Taranaki
Regional Council, held in the Taranaki
Regional Council Chambers, 47 Cloten
Road, Stratford, on Monday 11
September 2017 at 10.00am.**



Members	Councillors	D L Lean M J Cloke D N MacLeod C S Williamson	(Committee Chairperson)
Attending	Messrs	B G Chamberlain M J Nield	(Chief Executive) (Director-Corporate Services)
	Mrs	R Johnson	(Financial Services Manager)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Committee Administrator)
	Mr	R Ritchie	(Communications Manager)
Apologies		The apologies from Councillor M P Joyce and Councillor N W Walker were received and sustained.	
Notification of Late Items		General Business – Yarrow Stadium	

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 31 July 2017

Resolved

THAT the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Monday 31 July 2017 at 10.00am
2. notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 15 August 2017.

Lean/Williamson

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Financial and Operational Report

- 2.1 The memorandum to receive information on the operational and financial performance of the Council was noted and discussed by the Committee. The audit of the Council is running later than usual. Consequently, last year's ledger has not been able to be closed in sufficient time to produce the July 2017 Monthly Financial Report. This will be presented to the next Committee meeting. There are no known financial issues for 2017/2018 to date.
- 2.2 As part of the preparation of the *2016/2017 Annual Report*, a full review of all debtors has been completed. It is recommended to write-off one bad debtor (Soda Blast [Taranaki] Limited) for \$641.49. The debtor has ceased trading and the company has been removed from the Companies Register.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the memorandum
2. approves the write-off of \$641.49 due from Soda Blast (Taranaki) Limited
3. notes the digital media report
4. notes the Health and Safety report.

Cloke/MacLeod

3. Public transport operational update for the quarter ending 30 June 2017

- 3.1 Mr M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services spoke to the memorandum providing the Committee with an operational report of the public transport services as at 30 June 2017.

Recommended

THAT the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives and notes the operational report of the public transport services for the quarter ending 30 June 2017

Lean/Williamson

4. General Business

Councillor M J Cloke provided an overview of the new corporate hospitality upgrade at the Yarrow Stand (Yarrow Stadium). Councillor Cloke noted that the new facilities were well appointed and well received by guests and visitors.

5. 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 Committee Meeting on Monday 11 September 2017 for the following reason/s:

Item 6 – Confirmation of Confidential Minutes

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 the privacy of natural persons and/or would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Item 7 - Port Taranaki Limited

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 the privacy of natural persons and/or would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

MacLeod/Lean

There being no further business, the Chairperson, Councillor D L Lean, declared the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting closed at 10.35am.

Confirmed

Committee Chairperson: _____
D L Lean

Date: **24 October 2017**

Agenda Memorandum

Date 18 September 2017



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

Subject: Joint Committee Minutes

Prepared by: G K Bedford, Director-Environment Quality
M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services

Approved by: B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

Document: 1931223

Purpose

The purpose of the memorandum is to receive for information the minutes of the Yarrow Stadium Joint Committee meeting held on Wednesday 23 August 2017, the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 24 August 2017 and the minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12 September 2017.

Executive summary

The Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee and the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee are Joint Committee's between the Taranaki Regional Council and the three district councils of Taranaki.

The Yarrow Stadium Joint Committee is a Joint Committee between the Taranaki Regional Council and the New Plymouth District Council.

The Local Government Act (Schedule 7, clause 30(8)) states that a joint committee is deemed to be both a committee of the local authority and a committee of the other local authority or public body.

Each council has therefore been given the minutes of the joint committee meetings for their receipt and information.

Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council

1. receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Yarrow Stadium Joint Committee meeting held on Wednesday 23 August 2017
2. receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 24 August 2017
3. receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12 September 2017.

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 *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

Legal considerations

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

Appendices/Attachments

Document #1925001 – Minutes Yarrow Stadium Joint Committee

Document #1920952 – Minutes Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee

Document #1930251 – Minutes Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

YARROW STADIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

File Reference: ECM 7508857
Meeting Date: Wednesday 23 August 2017 at 9am
Venue: Plymouth Room
Members Present: Councillor Michael Joyce (Chairperson), Councillor Craig Williamson (TRC), Mayor Neil Holdom and Councillor Alan Melody (NPDC)

Non-members Present:
Cr John McLeod, Cr Harry Duynhoven

Staff in Attendance:
Mike Nield (TRC), Teresa Turner, Jan Holdt, Ron Murray, Andrew Barron (NPDC)

Minutes

Resolved:

Mayor Holdom)
Cr Williamson)

That the minutes of the Yarrow Stadium Joint Committee meeting (12 June 2017), and the proceedings of the said meeting, as previously circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried

MATTERS FINALLY DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION AND RECORD

1. **Yarrow Stadium Joint Committee 17/18 Works Programme**

ECM 7487059

The matter for consideration is to provide a summary of actual expenditure versus the budget for the 16/17 financial year for the Yarrow Stadium including, Major Projects; Minor Projects and Major Maintenance.

The report also sets down the proposed budget carry-forwards from 16/17 to 17/18 and the proposed 17/18 works programme for approval.

Resolved:

Cr Williamson)
Cr Melody)

That having considered all matters raised in the report:

- a) That the budget carry forwards from 16/17 to 17/18 are recommended for adoption.

- b) That the proposed programme of works for 17/18 are recommended for adoption.

Carried

2. **Yarrow Stadium Major Projects – Report to Joint Committee**

ECM 7486788

To present a progress report on the progress of Major Projects identified within the 2016/17 budgets for Yarrow Stadium.

Resolved:

Cr Joyce)

Mayor Holdom)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.

Carried

3. **Yarrow Stadium – Operations Update**

ECM 7504777

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on operations at the Yarrow Stadium and to confirm the strategic direction for the review of the Yarrow Stadium Asset Management Plan as part of the New Plymouth District Council's 2018/28 Long Term Plan process

Resolved:

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Williamson)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.

Carried

The Yarrow Stadium Joint Committee meeting closed at 9.50am.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 29 November 2017 @ 3pm.

Minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 24 August 2017 commencing at 10.30am.



Members	Councillors	N W Walker	(Taranaki Regional Council) (Chairperson)
		B Roach	(South Taranaki District Council)
		A Jamieson	(Stratford District Council)
		R Handley	(New Plymouth District Council)
Attending	Councillor	M Chong	(New Plymouth District Council)
		Mrs H Gerrard	(Taranaki Regional Council)
		Ms N Ord-Walton	(Taranaki Regional Council)
		Mrs K van Gameraen	(Taranaki Regional Council)
		Mr P Ledingham	(Taranaki Regional Council)
		Mrs K Hope	(New Plymouth District Council)
		Messrs M Baker	(New Plymouth District Council)
		H Denton	(South Taranaki District Council)
		Ms E Letendre	(South Taranaki District Council)
		Mr M Oien	(Stratford District Council)
		Mrs V Araba	(Stratford District Council)
		Mr A Sargent	(EnviroWaste)
		Ms L Jones	(EnviroSchools Taranaki)
		Ms E Bailey	(Para Kore Marae Incorporated)

One member of the media.

Apologies There were no apologies.

Notification of Late Items Item 2 – Waste Minimisation Officer’s Report – submission on the NPDC Waste Management and Minimisation Plan *tabled*

1. Minutes Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee – 25 May 2017

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 25 May 2017 at 10.30am
2. notes that the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten

Road, Stratford, on Thursday 25 May 2017 at 10.30am, have been circulated to the Taranaki Regional Council, New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and South Taranaki District Council for their receipt and information.

Walker/Jamieson

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Waste Minimisation Officer's Report

- 2.1 Ms N Ord-Walton, Waste Minimisation Officer, spoke to the memorandum reporting on the significant activities undertaken in collaboration with district council officers, activities in the wider community and matters of potential interest to the Committee.
- 2.2 The Committee noted the *tabled* submission sent to the New Plymouth District Council on the *Waste Management and Minimisation Plan* prepared and sent on behalf of the Committee.
- 2.3 The Committee noted and discussed the following from matters arising from the Waste Minimisation Officer's report:

Plastic Free July

Plastic Free July aimed to raise awareness of the problems with single-use disposable plastic and to challenge people to do something about it. The Committee strongly support continued advocacy on the reduction of plastic bags. Plastic straws used in bars and restaurants were one example of the use of plastic that can be avoided. It was noted that the *Plastic Free July* campaign targeted this area in the hospitality industry with good results.

Waste Tyres

New Plymouth District Council was not successful in their application to the latest Waste Minimisation Fund round to help address end-of-life tyres through the importation of overseas technology. Discussion was held on encouraging the new central landfill site at Eltham to provide a separate storage by/facility for the disposal of tyres to help prevent them being disposed in the landfill. The Waste Minimisation Officer was instructed to continue work in this area by way of following up on potential actions and indicatives.

Local Government New Zealand 2017 Annual General Meeting

It was noted that a remit at the 2017 Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Annual General Meeting giving councils greater powers to combat littering was passed to become official policy to be actioned by LGNZ. LGNZ will advocate to central government to amend the *Litter Act 1978* to enable local authorities to legally issue infringement notices where there is evidence of an offence.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee

1. receives the memorandum and notes the report and activities of the Waste Minimisation Officer
2. notes the submission on the New Plymouth District Council's Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

Roach/Handley

3. Plastic Bag Levy

- 3.1 Ms N Ord-Walton, Waste Minimisation Officer, spoke to the memorandum advising the Committee on a letter forwarded by WasteMINZ, from the Mayor of Wellington, seeking support from local authorities in advocating to central government for a national levy on plastic bags, and a response sent on behalf of the Committee.
- 3.2 The Committee requested that updates on this matter be reported back when they come to hand.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee

1. receives the memorandum
2. notes the letter sent to the Associate Minister for the Environment signed by the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee.

Jamieson/Roach

4. Waste Levy Update

- 4.1 Ms N Ord-Walton, Waste Minimisation Officer, spoke to the memorandum advising the Committee on recent reports on the waste disposal levy and to note potential changes to the levy in coming years following a review by the Ministry for the Environment in July 2017.
- 4.2 It was noted that the South Taranaki District Council has responded to the Ministry's Waste Levy Review. The main view of the STDC is that changes to the levy would financially impact district ratepayers and could result in increases of illegal dumping. The STDC also advocated that a product stewardship scheme be pursued and investment in achieving zero waste to reduce product going to landfills.
- 4.3 Further information on this matter would be reported to the Committee at future meetings.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee

1. receives the memorandum Waste Levy Update

2. notes that the Committee is not required to take a position on how the waste levy regime could be improved.

Handley/Jamieson

5. Preliminary summary of submissions on the NPDC 2017 Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

- 5.1 Mrs K Hope, New Plymouth District Council, spoke to the memorandum introducing a report on the preliminary summary of submission to the New Plymouth District Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (the Plan).
- 5.2 It was noted that the New Plymouth District Council received over 700 submissions on the Plan signalling a high level of community engagement. From the submissions received, strong support was given to replacing rubbish bags with bins, developing an illegal dumping strategy, a green and food waste collection and commercial waste minimisation. Submissions on the Plan have now closed. Feedback will be collated and the Plan finalised and reported back to the NPDC later this year. The Committee was advised that the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce has formed a zero waste Committee to partner with the NPDC to address commercial waste in New Plymouth.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee

1. receives the memorandum *Preliminary summary of submissions on the NPDC 2017 Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan*.

Walker/Jamieson

7. Presentation - EnviroSchools

- 7.1 Ms Lauree Jones, Regional Co-ordinator EnviroSchools and North Taranaki Facilitator, provided a presentation to the Committee on *Taranaki EnviroSchools Zero Waste efforts*. A copy of the presentation will be circulated to Members of the Committee.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee

1. receives the presentation by Ms Jones, Regional Co-ordinator of EnviroSchools.

Roach/Jamieson

8. Presentation - Para Kore Marae Incorporated

- 8.1 Ms Emily Bailey, Kaiārahi (Waste Advisor) Para Kore Ki Taranaki, provided a presentation to the Committee on *Year Five Papa Kore Ki Taranaki – Para Kore working towards zero waste*. A copy of the presentation will be circulated to Members of the Committee.

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee

1. receives the presentation by Ms Emily Bailey, Kaiārahi (Waste Advisor) Para Kore Ki Taranaki.

Handley/Walker

6. Central Landfill Update

Mrs K Hope, New Plymouth District Council, provided the Committee with an update on the Eltham Central Landfill. Changes to the local road and SH3 are currently under construction with likely completion date December 2017/January 2018. The access road into the landfill is under a detailed design phase. The design concept for the landfill is under development. The Joint Committee Agreement to oversee the operation of the landfill is nearly complete with each district council to ratify the agreement.

7. General Business

It was noted that with the establishment of a Central Landfill Joint Committee, it has been suggested that the terms and reference of the Committee be reviewed. Members of the Committee agreed that the Committee should continue in that if provided a useful forum for the exchange of ideas and values to support the ideal of zero waste and was seen as a well established group in which to lobby central government on key issues.

There being no further business, Committee Chairperson, Councillor N W Walker (Taranaki Regional Council) declared the meeting of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee closed at 12.25pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson

_____ **N W Walker**

Date

16 November 2017

**Minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence
Emergency Management Group Joint Committee
meeting held at the Taranaki Regional Council,
47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday
12 September 2017 commencing at 10.30am.**



Members	Councillor	M J Cloke	(Taranaki Regional Council) (Group Chairperson)
	Mayor	R Dunlop	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Mayor	N Volzke	(Stratford District Council)
	Mayor	N Holdom	(New Plymouth District Council)
Attending	Mr	G K Bedford	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mrs	K van Gameren	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mr	C Campbell-Smart	(Taranaki CDEM Manager)
	Mr	C Stevenson	(Taranaki CDEM CEG Chairperson)
	Mr	B Manning	(Taranaki CDEM Group Controller) <i>from 11.00am</i>
	Ms	S Little	(Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management)
	Mr	K Wright	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Mr	S Hanne	(Stratford District Council)
	Mr	M J Nield	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mr	R Ritchie	(Taranaki Regional Council)
Mrs	T Gordon	(Taranaki CDEM Analyst)	

Apologies There were no apologies.

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes - 20 June 2017

Resolved

THAT the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. takes as read and confirms the minutes and confidential minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 20 June 2017 at 10.30am
2. notes that the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting held at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 20 June 2017 at 10.30am, have been circulated to the Taranaki Regional Council, New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and South Taranaki District Council for their receipt and information.

Holdom/Dunlop

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Group Minutes

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group meeting held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 10 August 2017 at 10.30 am
2. receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-ordinating Executive Group meeting held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 31 August 2017 at 10.30am
3. adopts the recommendations therein.

Volzke/Dunlop

3. Cover report for the Taranaki CDEM Group Joint Committee meeting

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. receives the memorandum *Cover report for today's CDEM Group Joint Committee meeting*
2. notes the information set out in the memorandum
3. recommends that Members use the memorandum to provide an overview of the items that will be addressed in today's meeting.

Cloke/Holdom

4. Financial Accounting and Ownership of assets for the Taranaki CDEM Group

- 4.1 Mr C Campbell-Smart, Taranaki CDEM Group Manager, spoke to the memorandum presenting to the Joint Committee the Taranaki CDEM Group's proposals for financial accounting and ownership of assets.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. receives and approves the memorandum *Financial Accounting and Ownership of Assets for the Taranaki CDEM Group*
2. notes and approves the financial accounting and ownership of assets as detailed in this memorandum of:
 - a. A separate cost centre for CDEM Group accounts is strengthened, to record all operational, personnel and capital expenditure, accumulated depreciation and commitments, with financial reporting defined and established
 - b. Any positive end of year variances be accumulated within the CDEM cost centre, and overspend recouped from the CDEM Group as per agreed apportionment arrangements in the Group Plan
 - c. New capital items for the CDEM Group Office are funded by the CDEM Group, as per the apportionment arrangements contained within the CDEM Group Plan, and owned by the service provider on behalf of the CDEM Group
 - d. Approve the Financial Charging Policy as defined in the Memorandum
 - e. Approve the preparation of a CDEM Group Activity Management Plan and any supplementary local CDEM Activity Management Plans, within respective CDEM Group Members' Long Term Plans
 - f. Subject to the outcome of the Request for Proposal, agreement for sale of specified assets by the Taranaki Regional Council and consideration of their future needs, that the specified assets are sold to the service provider at book value as of 30 June 2018, and held on behalf of the CDEM Group, funded by the CDEM Group as per the apportionment arrangements contained within the CDEM Group Plan. Specified assets are the Robe Street building and improvements, two new vehicles and new computer equipment listed in this report
 - g. Subject to the outcome of the Request for Proposal, CDEM Group Office assets not otherwise specified in item F above, but listed on the CDEM list of assets, are transferred to the CDEM service provider at no cost, to be held on behalf of the CDEM Group.

Volzke/Cloke

5. Recommended options for CDEM-related service delivery within the Taranaki Group area

- 5.1 Mr C Campbell-Smart, Taranaki CDEM Group Manager, spoke to the memorandum reporting on the current status of the investigation into delivery options for the provision of related services for the Taranaki CDEM Group based on the three options approved by the Taranaki CDEM Group Joint Committee at the last meeting.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. receives the Memorandum, *Recommended options for CDEM-related service delivery within Taranaki Group area*
2. notes the incomplete submission in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) process from New Plymouth District Council, and offer to enter into an open book transparent basis to agree appropriate solution to the RFP process

3. accepts the offer from New Plymouth District Council to enter into an open book process to establish shared service delivery for the Taranaki CDEM Group, commencing 1 July 2018
4. notes that the Joint Committee will consider and adopt a final option for the levels of service and associated budgets on 28 November 2017.

Holdom/Dunlop

6. Funding apportionment for Taranaki CDEM Group

- 6.1 Mr C Campbell-Smart, Taranaki CDEM Group Manager, spoke to the memorandum reporting to Members on the investigation and recommendation in respect of the funding apportionment model for the Taranaki CDEM Group.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. receives the memorandum, *Funding apportionment for Taranaki CDEM Group*
2. notes and endorses the contents of the report
3. adopts the following apportionment model for 2017/2018:
 - a. Taranaki Regional Council: 34%
 - b. New Plymouth DC: 40%
 - c. South Taranaki DC: 18%
 - d. Stratford DC: 8%

Cloke/Volzke

7. Taranaki CDEM Group delivery arrangements, service vision, five-year work plan and Group principles and objectives

- 7.1 The memorandum presenting for approval the Taranaki CDEM Group's service vision and five-year work plan, draft Group Plan objectives across the 4R's, delivery arrangements and financial arrangements was received and discussed.
- 7.2 It was agreed that the Taranaki CDEM Manager would re-word the Vision Statement in the *Taranaki CDEM Group delivery arrangements* report to make the statement more reflective of the community's expectations of Taranaki CDEM in periods of disaster, crisis and change.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. receives and approves the memorandum *Taranaki CDEM Group delivery arrangements*
2. notes and endorses the proposed changes to the existing Group Plan principles and objectives

3. approves the Taranaki CDEM Group delivery arrangements, and Group Plan principles and objectives, as set out in the memorandum, subject to minor amendments as outlined by the Joint Committee.

Cloke/Volzke

8. Adoption of the Taranaki Emergency Management Office (TEMO) Annual Business Plan 2017/2018

- 8.1 Mr C Campbell-Smart, Taranaki CDEM Group Manager, spoke to the memorandum presenting the Joint Committee with the Taranaki Emergency Management Office (TEMO) Annual Business Plan for 2017/2018 for adoption.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. receives the Memorandum, *Adoption of the TEMO Annual Business Plan 2017/18*
2. notes and endorses the contents of the report
3. adopts the TEMO Annual Business Plan 2017/18.

Dunlop/Holdom

9. Service level increases and preparation of 10-year operating and capital budgets for Long-Term Plan

- 9.1 Mr C Campbell-Smart, Taranaki CDEM Group Manager, spoke to the memorandum reviewing current Taranaki CDEM Group levels of services in light of changes to the CDEM delivery model and highlighting service level increases for inclusion in Long-Term Plan budgets.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. receives the memorandum, *Service level increases and preparation of 10 year operating and capital budgets for Long Term Plan*
2. notes and approves the service level increases within the CDEM operating model, as outlined in the report
3. approves the preparation of 10 year operating and capital budgets for Long Term Planning purposes, in line with service level increase outlined in the report, and notes that these budgets will be presented to the CDEM Group Joint Committee for future adoption.

Cloke/Holdom

10. Design of new Emergency Management Facilities

- 10.1 The memorandum presenting a report specifying the design requirements for the Taranaki Emergency Management Facilities, including Emergency Operation Centres

and Emergency Co-ordination Centres for an emergency or disaster response was received and considered.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. receives the memorandum *Design of Emergency Management facilities* and report of the same name
2. notes that the requirement for new EOCs was foreshadowed by changes to local delivery of CDEM recommended in the Morris report
3. notes there are decisions required and funding implications arising from the new EOC requirement
4. accepts and approves the report.

Holdom/Dunlop

11. Delegated powers for Controllers and Recovery Managers

- 11.1 Mr G K Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum to present and seek approval of delegated powers for Taranaki CDEM Group Controllers and Recovery Managers.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. receives and approves the memorandum *Delegated powers for Controllers and Recovery Managers*
2. agrees to delegate powers under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 to Controllers and Recovery Managers, for Group and Local roles, as per the memorandum
3. agrees that the three Taranaki District Councils identify nominees and alternate nominees for Local Controller and Local Recovery Manager positions, to be approved by the Joint Committee in accordance with the *Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002*
4. agrees to the setting of financial delegations by the Taranaki District Councils for Controllers making decisions for emergency expenditure within their respective geographic boundaries, with these levels set as follows:

a. New Plymouth District Council	\$100,000
b. South Taranaki District Council	\$100,000
c. Stratford District Council	\$100,000
5. approves the delegated powers for Controllers and Recovery Managers.

Volzke/Dunlop

12. Appointment of Group Welfare Manager

- 12.1 Mr C Campbell-Smart, Taranaki CDEM Group Manager, spoke to the memorandum

presenting Mrs Lynsey Wilcox as a candidate for appointment to the vacant Group Welfare Manager position for the Taranaki CDEM Group. The appointment to the position of Group Welfare Manager is in accordance with Section 62 of the *National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan Order*.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. receives the memorandum *Appointment of Group Welfare Manager*
2. endorses and approves the recommendation to appoint Mrs Lynsey Wilcox as Group Welfare Manager of the Taranaki CDEM Group.

Holdom/Volzke

13. Taranaki Tsunami Inundation Analysis Update 2017

- 13.1 The Joint Committee received and noted the memorandum presenting, for information, a report entitled *Taranaki Tsunami Inundation Analysis Update 2017*.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. receives the memorandum *Taranaki Tsunami Inundation Analysis Update 2017*
2. notes the content of the report and next steps identified
3. notes that the amended scientific information has not significantly altered the conclusion of the initial report or its application for tsunami risk management in Taranaki.

Cloke/Holdom

14. Lifelines Council report: "New Zealand's Critical Infrastructure Resilience"

- 14.1 The memorandum presenting, for information, a summary of the comments made on behalf of the Taranaki CDEM Group to the New Zealand Lifelines Council on its report entitled *New Zealand's Critical Infrastructure Resilience: A National Lifelines Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment: Stage 1 June 2017* was received and noted.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee:

1. receives the memorandum *Lifelines Council report: 'New Zealand's Critical Infrastructure Resilience'*
2. notes the information set out within the memorandum
3. endorses the comments made on behalf of the Taranaki CDEM Group in respect of the Lifelines report.

Cloke/Volzke

There being no further business, Group Chairperson Councillor M J Cloke (Taranaki Regional Council) declared the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group meeting closed at 12.15pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson _____

M J Cloke

Date

28 November 2017

Agenda Memorandum

Date 18 September 2017



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

Subject: 2016/2017 Annual Report: Adoption

Approved by: M J Nield, Director – Corporate Services

BG Chamberlain, Chief Executive

Document: 1929975

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to receive, consider and adopt the audited consolidated *2016/2017 Annual Report* and the *Summary 2016/2017 Annual Report*.

Executive summary

The Council has completed another successful operational and financial year. In completing its statutory obligations the Council is required to prepare an audited consolidated annual report and a summary annual report. This process is complete. The Council has received an unmodified audit opinion. The last step is the publishing of the annual report and the distribution of the summary annual report.

Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

1. receives this memorandum on the *2016/2017 Annual Report* and audit
2. adopts the audited consolidated *2016/2017 Annual Report* and the *Summary 2016/2017 Annual Report*
3. notes that the *2016/2017 Annual Report* and the *Summary Annual Report* will be available to the public from October 2017 onwards.

Background

The Council is required to prepare an annual report pursuant to section 98 and Schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 2002* assessing the performance of the Council against the policies, objectives, activities, performance targets, indicative costs, and sources of funds specified in the *2016/2017 Annual Plan* and the *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan*. Section 98 requires the annual report to be audited and then made available for public inspection. The Council is also required to produce and publish/distribute an audited summary annual report.

Discussion

The *2016/2017 Annual Report* contains the audited financial and non-financial results of the Council plus the audited financial results of the Council's subsidiaries (Port Taranaki Limited and Taranaki Stadium Trust).

Operational highlights of the *2016/2017* year included:

- The latest trends for ecological health and the physical and chemical state of our rivers and streams show most measures are improving or not changing significantly and again are the best since measurements began.
- The Council's Riparian Management Programme, continues to grow from strength to strength. By the end of June 2017, more than 4.66 million native plants have been supplied to landowners since the scheme began in 1996. More than 99.5% of Taranaki's 1,721 dairy farms now have riparian plans in place on their farms. Across the region there are close on 2,700 riparian plans covering more than 14,500 kilometres of streambank. Plan holders have fenced 85% of their streams and protected 70% with planting.
- The 2016/2017 year was the 17th consecutive year that the Council had processed all resource consents within the time limits set out in the *Resource Management Act*.
- An important aspect of resource management is responding to pollution and unauthorised incidents and where necessary, undertaking successful enforcement action. A range of enforcement tools were used during the year ranging from the issuing of abatement notices to a prosecution for breaches of the Act.
- Over 170 privately owned sites have been identified under the Key Native Ecosystem (KNE) programme, which is regularly added to, and 88 of those sites now have biodiversity plans. These plans involve working alongside landowners on predator protection, pest plant eradication and regeneration of native vegetation.
- The Council administers and is a core funder of Wild for Taranaki (the Taranaki Biodiversity Trust) which brings together all the relevant agencies and community groups to speak with one regional voice on biodiversity.
- During the year the Council formally notified its *Proposed Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* after considerable public and stakeholder consultation on the future way forward for protecting the region's biodiversity assets and our crucial agriculture production.
- There were no extensions of the self-help possum control programme during the year as Council staff concentrated on the retreatment of areas surrounding Egmont National Park in conjunction with the Department of Conservation's control operation within the Park. Ongoing monitoring of the self-help possum control programme however confirmed that occupiers within the 240,200 hectare area covered by the programme have been effective in maintaining reduced possum numbers in the areas already treated.
- During the year the Council was engaged as contractors to the Ministry for Primary Industries during the myrtle rust incursion. Some of the Council's plant depots were affected by the incursion which led to a delay in landowners being able to pick up their plant orders, but the restrictions were soon lifted.
- The programme of works to upgrade Pukeiti continued with a range of developments across the garden and the upgrading of important infrastructure. The Rainforest Centre (formally known as the Gatehouse) was substantially completed and was officially opened on 9 September 2017.

- At Yarrow Stadium the significant development programme planned for the year was new hospitality suites and food and beverage facilities in the Yarrow Stand. The project was completed in time for the All Blacks test against Argentina on 9 September 2017. Increasing the hospitality options provide additional opportunities for larger events to be attracted to Yarrow Stadium.
- The 2016/2017 year was a particularly busy one with respect to the Council's advocacy with 31 submissions having been made to the policy initiatives of other agencies, the highest total for a number of years.
- Work continued on progressing the \$245 million State Highway 3 Awakino Gorge to Mount Messenger Programme. The Council, through the Regional Transport Committee and as convener of the State Highway 3 Working Party, engaged with the New Zealand Transport Agency on various options within this programme.

The Council's financial result for the year is a surplus of \$1,623,573 (total comprehensive income) which is \$1,315,222 over the budget of \$308,351. There have been a number of unders and overs in the Council's budgets. The full analysis of the Council's performance against budget is:

Budgeted total comprehensive income (operating surplus)	\$308,351
Actual total comprehensive income (operating surplus)	\$1,623,573
Positive variance	<u>\$1,315,222</u>

The key reasons for this variance are as follows:

Positive variance:

Operating expenditure was lower in total than planned.

Across the range of activities, there were positive and negative variances. In particular, salaries and wages (\$164,207), depreciation (\$200,822), external contractor expenses (\$338,421) and riparian plant purchases (\$202,875) were significantly less than budgeted.

\$568,285

Negative variance:

Direct charge revenue was lower in total than planned.

Across the range of activities, there were positive and negative variances. In particular, plant sales were less than budgeted (\$327,056).

(\$132,105)

Negative variance:

Government grant revenue was lower in total than planned.

Funding for the transport integrated ticketing project was not received due to a delay in the project at national level (\$380,146).

(\$450,558)

Positive variance:

Other investment revenue was slightly more than budgeted.

\$3,771

Negative variance:

Income tax expense was higher than budgeted.

(\$1,727)

Positive variance:

Finance income (interest) was slightly higher than budget.

\$2,175

Positive variance:

Asset revaluations (flood control schemes and investment properties)
were higher than budgeted. \$1,325,381

\$1,315,222

This is the second annual report prepared under the Council's *2015/2025 Long-Term Plan*.

The audit revealed no significant issues or internal control deficiencies. Deloitte has been able to issue an unmodified audit opinion.

A summary annual report is being prepared and audited presently. The current draft of the summary annual report is attached. It is a snapshot of the full annual report. It is intended to table the summary annual report at the meeting if there are any significant changes arising from the audit process.

Public notification of the availability of the audited *2016/2017 Annual Report* will be made on Saturday 24 September 2017. The *Summary Annual Report* will be distributed in the fortnight preceding, through the region's free midweek newspapers.

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 *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

Legal considerations

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

Appendices/Attachments

Document 1930737: 2016/2017 Summary Annual Report

[Appendices/Attachments – one separate report](#)

[Document 1835325: 2016/2017 Annual Report](#)



Livelihoods, lifestyles and progress

Taranaki Regional Council Summary Annual Report 2016/2017



The Taranaki Regional Council remains acutely aware of the need to be both efficient and effective as it works to support livelihoods, improve lifestyles and take Taranaki forward. So we're pleased to report that we've completed our full range of planned programmes of work and have again finished the year with a good financial result.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2016/2017 YEAR:

Supporting livelihoods

Our environment and natural resources, especially fresh water, underpin our regional economy. It's noteworthy that although much national commentary takes a negative view of freshwater quality, many indicators in this region collectively indicate that we're making excellent progress towards enhancing our already good environment and thus future-proofing our economy.

This is no accident. The regional community continues to make substantial investments to protect and enhance the environment, especially waterways. The benefits are becoming apparent and the Council is committed to working with the community to continue this improvement into the future.

The Council's flagship freshwater project, the Riparian Management Programme, continues to grow from strength to strength. By the end of June 2017, more than 4.66 million native plants had been supplied to landowners since the scheme began in 1996. Across the region, close on 2,700 riparian plans cover more than 14,500km of streambank. Plan holders have fenced 85% of their streams and protected 70% with planting.

This exceptional effort is producing dividends in improving trends in water quality. It is New Zealand's largest streambank fencing and planting programme.

With some disappointment, the Council continues to advocate strongly for national freshwater policy directions that take account of the huge investment already taking place in regions like Taranaki. Not doing so is tantamount to punishment for doing the right thing.

However, the Council is not waiting for the national debate to settle down. During the year we released our 'Requirements for good farm management in Taranaki' outlining what is expected of this sector. Many of our

requirements, for example a move to land-disposal of farm dairy effluent as existing consents are renewed, are in line with national policy.

For the 17th consecutive year, the Council has processed all resource consents within the time limits set out in the Resource Management Act. 95% of significant resource consent holders attained 'high' or 'good' environmental performance.

The Council continues to expand its work alongside landowners to protect bush remnants and wetlands on private land. More than 170 privately owned sites have been identified under the Key Native Ecosystem (KNE) programme, and 88 of those sites now have biodiversity plans covering predator protection, pest plant eradication and regeneration of native vegetation.

The Council administers and is a core funder of Wild for Taranaki (the Taranaki Biodiversity Trust), which brings together all the relevant agencies and community groups to speak with one regional voice on biodiversity. The groundwork is being laid for an exciting new region-wide biodiversity initiative 'Restoring Taranaki'. Watch this space!

During the year, the Council worked with the Ministry for Primary Industries during the myrtle rust incursion.

Improving our lifestyles

Important milestones have been reached in the exciting revamp taking place at Pukeiti.

The Rainforest Centre (formally known as the Gatehouse) was substantially completed and officially opened on 9 September 2017. This world-class development will enrich the visitor experience and Taranaki people can be justifiably be proud of it.

Work continued on the 'Taranaki Crossing' proposal, a mountains to surf experience extending from the North Egmont Visitor's Centre in Egmont National Park down to

Oakura, via Pukeiti and with a shorter option via Pouakai Hut to Mangorei Rd. The Council has already committed substantial funding to the proposal in areas outside of the National Park and will be considering more. With support from all parties, including the Government, the Taranaki Crossing has the potential to provide a major boost to the regional economy.

At Yarrow Stadium, new hospitality suites and food and beverage facilities were completed in time for the All Blacks test against Argentina on 9 September 2017. This places Yarrow Stadium at the forefront of regional sporting facilities in New Zealand.

Taking Taranaki forward

The Council advocated for the region's interests by making 31 submissions on the policy initiatives of other agencies, the most for a number of years.

One area of particular focus has been regionally important state highway improvements. Through its Regional Transport Committee and as convener of the SH3 Working Party, the Council worked with the New Zealand Transport Agency as various options were considered for the \$245 million improvements to SH3 at Mt Messenger and Awakino Gorge.

Strong financial position

The Council finished the 2016/2017 year with a surplus of \$1.6M (total comprehensive income). Expenditure was \$568,000 under budget. Overall it was a good result, noting that the general rates increases have been at or below the rate of inflation for the past few years. The Council's balance sheet remains very strong, with no public debt.

David MacLeod, Chairman

Deloitte INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE READERS OF TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL AND GROUP'S SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

The summary annual report was derived from the annual report of Taranaki Regional Council (the Regional Council) and group for the year ended 30 June 2017. We have considered whether the summary annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the annual report.

The annual report included full audited statements, and the summary annual report includes summary statements. We have audited the following summary statements reported in the summary annual report on pages 2 to 4:

- the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017;
 - the summaries of the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, statement of changes in net assets/equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2017;
 - the notes to the summary financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
 - the summary performance information of the Regional Council and group.
- We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the Regional Council and group's full audited statements in our report dated 18 September 2017.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the summary annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the annual report; and
- the summary statements comply with PBE FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements.

Basis of opinion

Our audit was carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand), and in particular with the International Standard on Auditing (New Zealand) 810: Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements. These standards require us to carry out procedures to confirm whether the summary annual report contains the information necessary, and at an appropriate level of aggregation, so as not to be misleading.

The summary statements do not contain all the disclosures required for full audited statements under generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the full audited statements in the annual report of the Regional Council and group.

Responsibilities of the Council and the Auditor

The Council is responsible for preparing the summary annual report so that it represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the annual report. This includes preparing summary statements, in accordance with PBE FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements. The Council is also responsible for the publication of the summary annual report, whether in printed or electronic form.

We are responsible for expressing an opinion on whether the summary annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the annual report and whether the summary statements comply with PBE FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interest in, the Regional Council or any of its subsidiaries.

Melissa Youngson
Deloitte
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Hamilton, New Zealand
18 September 2017



Supporting livelihoods



Planting and fencing streambanks

4.7m plants put along streams by landowners, 363,525 in past year along 200 km.

85% riparian plan streambanks protected with fencing

70% riparian plan streambanks protected with riparian vegetation.

Monitoring nature's extremes

8 flood warnings issued to protect people and property potentially affected.

Regional and district councils maintained Civil Defence readiness and response capability.

Maintained Waitara and Waiwhakaiho flood protection schemes to one-in-100-year level of protection.



Regulating use of natural resources

100%

resource consents processed in RMA timeframes over past 17 years.

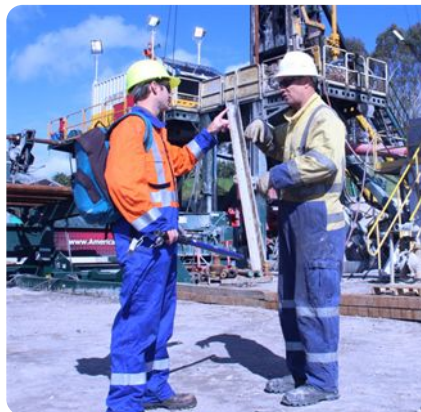
100%

consents submitted on resolved through pre-hearing process.

Sustainable land management

87% hill country being managed sustainably.

52% hill country farms with sustainable land management plans – covering 204,335 ha.



Reporting environmental performance

191 major consents monitored and publicly reported on.

95% 'high' or 'good' environmental performance for major consents.

92.6% dairy farms and all pig and poultry farms complied with consent conditions.

High level of environmental performance by industries, councils and farming sector.



Destroying predators and targeting pest plants

4,094 properties in self-help possum control programme covering 240,200 ha.

6,061 inspections for pest plants.

5% catch rate for possums on properties monitored. Well within 10% target to significantly reduce effects of possums.

Enforcing environmental standards

545

environmental incidents responded to. Control and cleanup initiated where required.

191

abatement notices served.

55


infringement notices issued.



Supported voluntary urban possum control programme across New Plymouth City.



Improving our lifestyle



Checking marine and river health

- 100%** surface water quality representative sites show improvement or stability in ecological health.
- 99%** coastal beaches samples met MfE bathing guidelines during summer.
- 87%** freshwater bathing site samples met MfE bathing guidelines.
- 57%** freshwater ecological sites show significant trends of improvement and 2% showing significant decline.

Overall, continued trend of improvement. Some areas for improvement noted.



Securing Yarrow Stadium
Hosting Wellington Phoenix A-League, Chiefs Super Rugby, domestic T20 cricket and Taranaki national provincial championship games.

Assisting Puke Ariki, heritage and culture

Funding five projects at Puke Ariki and one at Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki.

Ensuring clean air

Taranaki's air quality is good, with negligible contribution from human activities.



Public bus services and transport

- 614,815** passengers on region's public transport
- 38,477** subsidised Total Mobility passenger trips
- \$50,000** for Ironside Vehicle Society to carry people with disabilities.

TRC gardens



83,094 visitors to the Council-owned Tupare, Pukeiti and Hollard Gardens.

New world-class Rainforest Centre at Pukeiti.



Taking Taranaki forward



Restoring native habitats

- 13** new biodiversity plans covering 975 ha of ecologically important habitats on private land. Total of 88 covering 4,345 ha.
- 96%** of 23 Key Native Ecosystems monitored improving or maintaining condition.

Port Taranaki ownership

\$4.92m dividends from Council-owned Port Taranaki Ltd.



Supporting community initiatives

foundation funder for Wild for Taranaki which encourages protection of native ecosystems in Taranaki.



Connecting people

\$245m

Mt Messenger bypass, Awakino tunnel bypass and safety improvements to SH3

Educating future generations

8,001 visits or field trips through the Council environmental education programme.

15 environmental champions recognized by Council environmental awards.



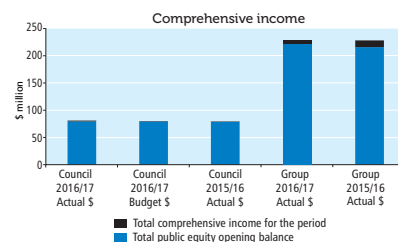
Building scientific knowledge

Range of resource investigations and applied research projects undertaken.



Comprehensive revenue and expense

	Council 2016/17 Actual \$	Council 2016/17 Budget \$	Council 2015/16 Actual \$	Group 2016/17 Actual \$	Group 2015/16 Actual \$
Total expenses	24,793,494	25,361,779	25,339,378	53,818,214	56,507,802
Total income	24,566,238	25,145,130	24,218,870	61,210,260	64,293,813
Operating surplus/(deficit) before finance income and expenses and taxation	(227,256)	(216,649)	(1,120,508)	7,392,046	7,786,011
Finance income	527,175	525,000	665,744	549,884	707,680
Finance expense	-	-	-	(1,254,056)	(1,434,032)
Operating surplus before taxation	299,919	308,351	(454,764)	(704,172)	(726,352)
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investment properties	1,204,500	-	848,000	1,204,500	848,000
Income tax expense	(1,727)	-	(9,329)	(4,265,973)	(3,439,217)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the period	1,502,692	308,351	383,907	3,626,401	4,468,442
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss when specific conditions met.					
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment	120,881	-	578,913	1,555,716	9,384,539
Change in cash flow hedge	-	-	-	(690,995)	(1,440,666)
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	1,623,573	308,351	962,820	5,873,112	12,412,315



Changes in net assets/equity

The Council's equity grew by \$1.62m in 2016/2017 to \$81.9m. At a Group level, the total community ownership of the Council and the Group grew by \$5.87m to \$220.2m.

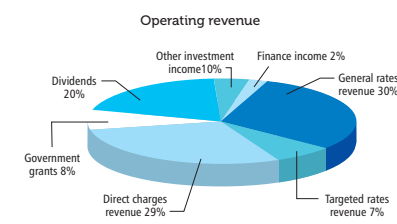
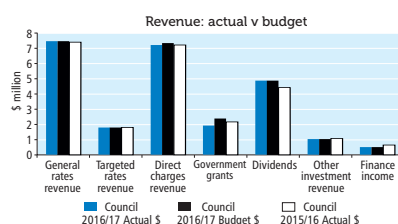
The Council's total equity of \$81.9m (Group - \$220.2m) is made up of retained earnings \$66.34m (Group - \$144.8m), special purpose reserves \$11.1m (Group - \$11.1m) and asset revaluation reserves \$4.4m (Group - \$65.6m). The Group also has a cash flows hedge reserve of \$1.26m (debit).

Comprehensive income

The Council made a net operating surplus (other comprehensive income) of \$1,623,573 (2015/2016, \$962,820) compared to a budgeted surplus, before transfers to and from reserves, of \$308,351. The entire operating surplus is from continuing activities.

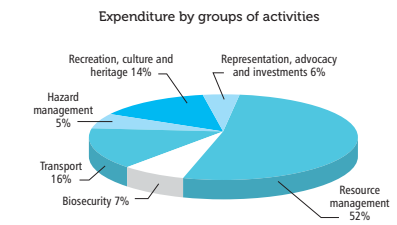
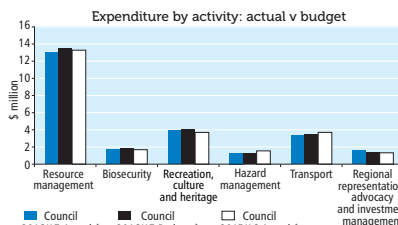
Revenue

Total revenue (including finance income) was below budget by \$576,717. This was largely due to the timing of the receipt of NZ Transport Agency funding for the regional integrated ticketing project.



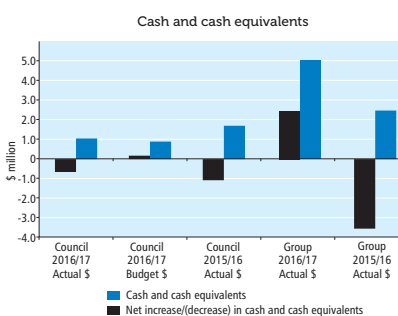
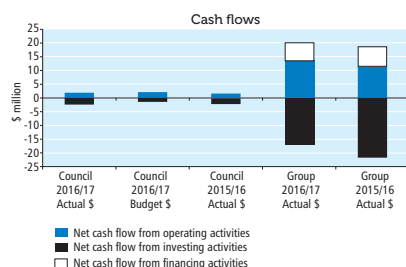
Expenditure

Operating expenditure was under budget for the year by \$568,285. There were many small ups and downs across the Council's budgets, but the two main variances against budget were a reduction in the level of riparian plant purchases and depreciation on newly constructed assets.



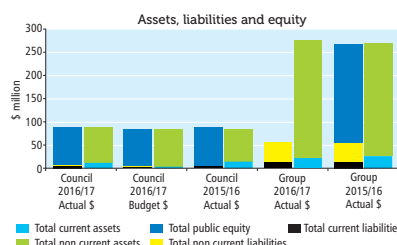
Cash flows

The Council's cash and cash equivalents reduced by \$511,488 during the year. Net cash inflows from operating was \$1.96m, whilst net cash outflows from investing activities was \$2.5m. At a Group level cash balances increased by \$2.6m to \$5.0m in total.



Financial position as at 30 June 2017

The Council's assets and liabilities remained relatively stable during the year. Assets grew by \$2.2m for the Council and by \$12.3m for the Group. Liabilities increased by \$609,063 for the Council and increased by \$6.5m for the Group. The Council continued to have no public debt.



Notes

These summary financial statements have been prepared in compliance with "Financial Reporting Standard No.43 (PBE)" issued by the External Reporting Board (November 2012). The summary report cannot provide as complete an understanding as the full Annual Report, which is available free of charge from the Council offices (ph 06 765 7127) or email publications@trc.govt.nz or visit the Council's website www.trc.govt.nz.

This summary financial report has been extracted from the Taranaki Regional Council 2016/2017 Annual Report dated 18 September 2017. The Annual Report received an unmodified audit opinion dated 18 September 2017. This summary annual report has been audited and an unmodified opinion dated 18 September 2017 has been received. The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars. The Summary Annual Report was adopted and authorised by the Taranaki Regional Council on 18 September 2017.

Taranaki Regional Council is the ultimate parent of the Group and controls two entities being Port Taranaki Ltd and Taranaki Stadium Trust. There have been a number of transactions between Port Taranaki Ltd, the Taranaki Stadium Trust and the Taranaki Regional Council during the year in the normal course of business. These transactions are of an immaterial amount both individually and collectively.

The primary objective of the Taranaki Regional Council is to provide goods or services for the community or social benefit rather than making a financial return. Accordingly, Taranaki Regional Council has designated itself and the Group as public benefit entities for the purposes of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). The full set of financial statements included in the Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with NZ GAAP. The full set complies with IPSAS, and other applicable Financial Reporting Standards, as appropriate for

public benefit entities. These summary financial statements are in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of IPSAS but do not comply with the presentation and disclosure requirements of IPSAS. The summary financial statements are in respect of the Council and Group's IPSAS full financial statements. This summary annual report has been prepared in accordance with Tier 1 Public Benefit Entity (PBE) standards.

Contingencies

The Taranaki Regional Council and Taranaki Stadium Trust have no known contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2017 (Nil-2015/2016). Pursuant to the Waitara Harbours Act 1940, the Council has an interest in 180 ha of New Plymouth District Council owned Waitara Harbour endowment lands. In the event of the sale of part or all of these lands by the New Plymouth District Council, the Council has a contingent asset. At this stage, the value is uncertain.

Agenda Memorandum

Date 18 September 2017



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

Subject: Meeting Dates October 2017

Approved by: M J Nield, Director-Corporate Services

B G Chamberlain, Chief Executive

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Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide notification to Members of the next six-weekly round of Council meetings for 2017.

Meeting Dates

The six-weekly round of Council meetings for **October 2017** will be as follows:

Consents and Regulatory Committee	Tuesday 17 October 2017	9.30am
Policy and Planning Committee	Tuesday 17 October 2017	10.30am
Executive, Audit and Risk Committee	Tuesday 24 October 2017	10.00am
Ordinary Meeting	Tuesday 31 October 2017	10.30am

Ordinary Meeting 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 Ordinary Meeting on Monday 18 September 2017 for the following reason/s:

Item 10 - Confidential Minutes Consents and Regulatory Committee

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 such disclosure would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

Item 11 - Confidential Minutes Executive, Audit and Risk Committee

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 the privacy of natural persons and/or would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

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Ordinary Council meeting, September 2017

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