



Date 2 February 2021, 10.30am
Venue: Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
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Members	Councillors	C L Littlewood	Committee Chairperson
		N W Walker	Committee Deputy Chairperson
		D M Davey	
		M J McDonald	
		D H McIntyre	
		C S Williamson	
		D N MacLeod	ex officio
		M P Joyce	ex officio

Representative Members	Councillors	C Young	South Taranaki District Council
		S Hitchcock	New Plymouth District Council
		G Boyde	Stratford District Council
	Mr	P Moeahu	Iwi Representative
	Ms	L Tester	Iwi Representative
	Ms	B Bigham	Iwi Representative

Attending	Councillors Messrs	D L Lean		
		S J Ruru	Chief Executive	
		M J Nield	Director - Corporate Services	
		A D McLay	Director - Resource Management	
		G K Bedford	Director - Environment Quality	
		D Harrison	Director - Operations	
		C Spurdle	Planning Manager	
		S Tamarapa	Iwi Communications Officer	
		C Wadsworth	Strategy Lead	
		Miss	A Campbell	Planning Officer
		Ms	J Reader	Communications Manager
		Miss	L Davidson	Committee Administrator
		One member of the media and three members of the public.		

Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor E D Van Der Leden and Federated Farmers Representative Mr P Muir.
 Littlewood/McDonald

Notification of Late items - Māori constituencies.
- Climate Change Commissioners Report.

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 24 November 2020

Resolved

That the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) 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 24 November 2020
- b) notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 15 December 2020.

MacLeod/Williamson

Matters arising

It was noted that Councillor M G Davey had attended the previous meeting.

2. Section 32 Position Paper – Sites of Significance to Māori

- 2.1 Mr A D McLay, Director – Resource Management, introduced Miss A Campbell, Planning Officer, who gave an excellent presentation, to introduce for Members information, the report on the sites of significance to Māori and answered questions arising.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum entitled *Section 32 Position Paper – Sites of Significance to Māori*
- b) notes that the findings of this report are contributing to the development of Plan provisions and spatial information seeking to project sites of significance to Māori
- c) notes that as part of the sites of significance project approximately 800 sites have so far been identified
- d) notes the policy recommendations presented in section 6.2 of the report
- e) notes that the sites of significance identification process is ongoing and that Council will be further collaborating with tangata whenua to verify sites with the aim of completing the identification of all sites of significance to Māori across Taranaki.

Davey/Williamson

3. Analysis of Air Quality-related Incidents

- 3.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director – Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum presenting the results of an analysis of complaints and incidents related to air quality in the Taranaki region, since the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki (RAQP) came in to effect (July 2011), together with a more detailed analysis of incidents in 2020. It is intended that the findings of the assessment can be used by Council, community and iwi representatives on its committees, and the community at large, to inform the development of the *Natural Resources Plan* (NRP).

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Analysis of Air-Quality-related Incidents*
- b) notes its findings, that Council's current regulatory regime appears robust for upholding and enhancing regional local air quality
- c) references the agenda memorandum and accompanying internal memorandum at the time of its consideration of the sections of the *Natural Resources Plan* relating to air quality.

Boyde/Young

4. Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment – Result of Pilot Study and Initiation of Second Stage Programme

- 4.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director – Environmental Quality, spoke to the memorandum informing the Committee of completion and publication of Stage One of a study into pathogenic and indicator micro-organisms in rivers in New Zealand, and the initiation of the study's Stage Two, with the ultimate intention to bring about an improvement in the monitoring and interpretation of results for public health protection.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment – Results of Pilot Study and Initiation of Second Stage Programme*
- b) notes the inclusion of the Waitara River in the study
- c) notes the objective of the national study is to improve interpretation of microbial water quality data in respect of public health significance.

Walker/McIntyre

5. Submission on NZ Standard for Management of Agrichemicals

- 5.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director – Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum informing the Committee of the submission on the draft Standard NZS 8409:2021 Management of Agrichemicals, which was submitted to Standards New Zealand by 1 February 2021 and asking the Committee to retroactively approve that submission.
- 5.2 Councillor N W Walker moved a motion to add supplementary commentary to the submission regarding reducing agrichemical Residues in foodstuffs.

- 5.3 Some Members felt that the issue would be better raised directly with MPI around food health and general health.

Recommended

Councillor N W Walker moved a motion that the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) Include supplementary commentary around reducing agrichemical residues as part of the submission.

Walker/Tester

For – 4 (N W Walker, L Tester, C Littlewood, S Hitchcock)

Against – 10

Motion Lost

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum, submission on NZ Standard for Management of Agrichemicals
b) adopts the submission on the draft NZS 8409:2021 Management of Agrichemicals.

McDonald/Williamson

6. 2021 State of the Environment Report for Taranaki

- 6.1 Mr G K Bedford, Director - Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum presenting for Members' information, a project update for the preparation of the Council's next State of the environment Report (SOER). The SOER is an omnibus collation of appropriate and up to date data and primarily about the physical environment of Taranaki and the effects of human activities and interventions.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum 2021 State of the Environment report for Taranaki
b) approves the revised approach to the delivery of the SOER with the schedule for delivery of all online modules to be completed by December 2021.

Joyce/Williamson

7. Submissions on the Proposal to Amend the Regional Pest Management Plan

- 7.1 Mr C Spurdle, Planning Manager, spoke to the memorandum updating members on the public consultation process on the proposal to amend the *Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* (the Proposal) to declare mustelids as pests, including recommended changes to the Proposal as a result of submissions and to set out the process from here for adopting the Proposal.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum *Submissions on the Proposal to amend the Regional Pest Management Plan*
 - b) adopts the draft recommendations contained within the attached *Officers Report*, subject to any amendments agreed by Council
 - c) agrees to hear submissions at the Ordinary meeting of 23 February 2021.
- MacLeod/Walker

8. General Business/late items

Māori Constituencies

An announcement has been made by the Minister regarding Māori Constituencies in local body elections. Councillor D N MacLeod has requested a report to the Ordinary meeting of Council on Tuesday 23 February to address Māori constituencies for members consideration.

Climate Change Commission

Officers will produce a submission on the Climate Change Commission and send out electronically to Members for feedback prior to it being lodged, as the next Policy and Planning meeting is scheduled for after submission period closed.

There being no further business the Committee Chairman, Councillor C L Littlewood, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed at 12.20pm. The meeting closed with a karakia.

Confirmed

Policy and Planning

Chairperson: _____

C L Littlewood

16 March 2020