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Venue: Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford

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Members	Councillor	C L Littlewood	Committee Chairperson
	Councillor	N W Walker	Committee Deputy Chairperson
	Councillor	M G Davey	
	Councillor	M J McDonald	
	Councillor	D H McIntyre	
	Councillor	C S Williamson	
	Councillor	E D Van Der Leden	
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	Councillor	D N MacLeod	ex officio
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	Councillor	S Hitchcock	New Plymouth District Council
	Councillor	C Young	South Taranaki District Council
	Mr	P Moeahu	Iwi Representative
	Ms	L Tester	Iwi Representative
	Ms	B Bigham	Iwi Representative
	Mr	P Muir	Federated Farmers Representative
Attending	Councillor	D L Lean	
	Councillor	M J Cloke	
	Mr	S J Ruru	Chief Executive
	Mr	M J Nield	Director - Corporate Services
	Mr	A D McLay	Director - Resource Management
	Ms	A Matthews	Director - Environment Quality
	Mr	C Spurdle	Planning Manager
	Mr	S Ellis	Environment Services Manager
	Mr	R Phipps	Science Manager - Hydrology/Biology
	Mr	C Wadsworth	Strategy Lead
	Ms	K Holland	Communications Officer
	Miss	L Davidson	Committee Administrator
	One member of the media and two members of the public.		

Apologies There were no apologies received.

Notification of Late Items There were no late items.

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 27 April 2021

Resolved

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

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on 27 April 2021 at 10.30am
- b) notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 18 May 2021.

Van Der Leden/Joyce

Matters arising

It was noted that the final submission on the Ministry for the Environment ‘*Phasing out fossil fuels in process heat*’ was confirmed at the Ordinary meeting on 18 May.

2. Freshwater Implementation Project Overview

- 2.1 Mr C Wadsworth, Strategy Lead, spoke to the memorandum seeking approval of the project plan for Essential Freshwater project and to introduce Members to the regular report that is proposed for this Committee. Both items are part of the overall management of the implementation of the *National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management* (NPS-FM) and related policy and instruments across the Council.
- 2.2 The Wai Māori group, which is made up of iwi and hapu from around the region, are in a collaborative role with the Council in policy development and other projects. The Council supports the Wai Maori group and its facilitator. The Council is also looking to form a partnership relationship at the governance level.
- 2.3 It was requested that a dashboard be included in the report to give a clear and simple understanding of where all the projects are at.
- 2.4 It was noted that throughout the region there is a lot of confusion associated with the Government’s Freshwater programme and that more education would be beneficial.
- 2.5 The risk register will be circulated to the Committee.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the *Freshwater Implementation Project Review* memorandum
- b) approves the project plan, including the scope of the project function teams, the risks and proposal for managing them and notes the comments about resourcing strategies
- c) receives the proposed Freshwater Project Implementation Report template and approves both the template and the proposed reporting cycle
- d) determines that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*

- e) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Williamson/MacLeod

3. Sediment Load Reductions for Freshwater Planning and Soil Conservation in Taranaki

- 3.1 Ms A J Matthews, Director – Environment Quality, spoke to the memorandum providing an overview of the findings of a recent report commissioned by Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) '*Planning soil conservation for sediment load reduction in Taranaki*' by Manaaki Whenua – Landcare Research (MWLR).
- 3.2 The Science Services Team are looking at the location of water quality monitoring sites as the current sites are not fully representative.
- 3.3 Officers are undertaking further work to refine the model, which may include investigating the impact of localised weather events.
- 3.4 A key next step is to commission a report on climate change impacts for the region.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum '*Sediment load reductions for freshwater planning and soil conservation in Taranaki*'
- b) notes the recommendations of the authors and officers regarding future work.

Boyde/Van Der Leden

4. Towards Predator-Free Taranaki Project

- 4.1 Mr S Ellis, spoke to the memorandum presenting for Members information a quarterly update on the progress of the *Taranaki Taku Tūrangā Our Place - Towards Predator-Free Taranaki* project and introduced Mr T Shanley, Project Lead – Towards Predator Free Taranaki, who provided an excellent presentation on activities.
- 4.2 The Committee chairperson, Councillor C L Littlewood, noted that Mr T Shanley was leaving the Taranaki Regional Council and acknowledged the immense work he has undertaken for Predator Free and wished him well in his new career.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum *Taranaki Taku Tūrangā Our Place - Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project*

- b) notes the progress and milestones achieved in respect of the urban, rural and zero density possum projects of the *Taranaki Taku Tūrangā Our Place - Towards Predator-Free Taranaki* project.

Hitchcock/Williamson

5. Review of Council's approach in managing Pampas

- 5.1 Mr S Ellis, Environment Services Manager, spoke to the memorandum informing the Committee of the history of regulating Common Pampas (*Cortaderia selloana*) and Purple Pampas (*Cortaderia jubata*) and the programmes the Council has in place to ensure and promote the management of this, and other non-regulatory plant species, in the Taranaki region.
- 5.2 The Council have implemented a social media campaign to increase education around these types of plants. The first was on Pampas and how to tell the difference between Pampas and Toetoe and control measures. These are weekly updates on face book.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum entitled *Review of Council's approach in managing Pampas*
- b) notes the Council's historic approaches in managing Pampas through the Pest Plan and the Strategy
- c) notes the current programmes and responses undertaken by the Council under the Strategy relating to the management of Pampas within the Taranaki region
- d) notes the merits in not declaring Pampas in the Pest Plan.

Walker/McDonald

6. Council Works Supporting the Protection of Kororā in Taranaki

- 6.1 Mr C Spurdle, Policy Manager, spoke to the memorandum identifying the work that has been undertaken by the Council in protecting the Kororā (otherwise known as the Little Blue Penguin, Northern Blue Penguin or just the Blue Penguin) and to introduce to Members the educational document *Coastal structure maintenance: Guidance for planning works with regard to Kororā/Blue Penguins*.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this agenda memorandum on titled *Council works supporting the protection of Kororā in Taranaki*
- b) notes that the attached guidance document will be made available on the Council's website and will be provided directly to consent holders who have relevant coastal permits

- c) notes that this guidance material has been prepared with the assistance of officers from the Department of Conservation and recognises the overlapping interest that DOC (and other agencies) have in protecting the Kororā.

Young/Williamson

7. Submission on proposed changes to the registration conditions for Brodifacoum

- 7.1 Mr C Spurdle, Policy Manager, spoke to the memorandum introducing the submission prepared in response to the discussion document *Proposed changes to the registration conditions applied to the Vertebrate Toxic Agent Brodifacoum*.

Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum entitled *Submission on proposed changes to the registration conditions for Brodifacoum*
- b) endorses the attached submission.

Joyce/Walker

There being no further business the Committee Chairman, Councillor C L Littlewood, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed at 12.17pm. The meeting closed with a karakia.

Confirmed

Policy and Planning

Chairperson: _____

C L Littlewood

20 July 2021