

Kaipara District Council**Briefing Minutes**

Date: Wednesday 6 May 2020
Time: 9.30 am – 1.00 pm
Location: Online via Webex conferencing and Kaipara Facebook live

Members Present: Mayor Jason Smith
Deputy Mayor Anna Curnow
Cr Jonathan Larsen
Cr Karen Joyce-Paki
Cr Victoria del la Varis-Woodcock
Cr Mark Vincent
Cr Peter Wethey
Cr Eryn Wilson-Collins
Cr David Wills

The Mayor opened the briefing with a Karakia.

1. New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) Directions and Activities

Steve Mutton (Director Regional Relationships, Upper North Island) presented this item.

The following matters were raised:

- The impact of COVID-19 on existing and future transport investment was discussed
- An update on the existing and planned projects were described
- Shovel ready projects and other stimulus packages from the Government was discussed
- It was noted that NZTA is committed to funding infrastructure in Northland.

2. Provincial Growth Fund Funded Unsealed Network project

Di Bussey (PGF Programme Manager) introduced the item. Curt Martin (Principal Engineer, Censeo Consulting Ltd) presented the item.

The following matters were raised:

- Project details and evaluation criteria was described and discussed
- Funding structures and sources were explained in the context of the different funding streams from the Government
- Procurement strategies and approaches were discussed

3. Independent Hearing Commissioners Policy

Kathie Fletcher (Policy Manager) presented this item, with support from Mark Schreurs (Policy Analyst).

The following matters were raised:

- Potential changes to the RMA and its implications were discussed
- Sources of analysis and information of the report was explained
- COVID-19 implications on the hearings process were discussed
- It was noted that each local authority had a different approach to the selection of independent commissioners
- Historic, existing, and potential systems of the Council were discussed.

Council direction:

- That the matter be brought to Council for a decision.

The briefing adjourned at 11.37 am.

The briefing reconvened at 11.55 am.

4. Kaipara Significant Natural Areas (SNA)

Paul Waanders (District Planner) introduced the item. Nick Goldwater (Principal Ecologist, Wildland Consultants) presented the item.

The following matters were raised:

- Background information on statutory and planning requirements were provided
- The methodology and next steps were described and discussed
- Existing and planned SNAs were discussed
- It was emphasised that there is need to consult and publicise the matter with the public.

Council direction:

- Proceed as soon as practical (after taking into account the impacts of COVID19) to enable open, robust, clear, and productive feedback on the matter. Provide as much information as possible.

5. Spatial Plan West

Paul Waanders (District Planner) introduced the item. Joao Machado (Planning Manager, AR & Associates) and Gary Marshall (Resilio Studio) presented this item.

The following matters were raised:

- Growth nodes in the Dargaville area was discussed
- The spatial plan in the context of other planning and development mechanisms was described and discussed
- Zoning for commercial activities and housing types around the District was discussed
- Land use and infrastructure development in relation to National Policy Statements was highlighted
- Affordability and financial costs to implement to the spatial plan were discussed.

Council direction:

- Edit the maps to reflect the correct zones
- Proceed with next steps and bring the plan and report to Council for a decision.

The Mayor ended the meeting with a Karakia.

The briefing closed at 1.15 pm.

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