

Kaipara District Council

Council Briefing Minutes

Date: Wednesday 1 July 2020
Time: 10.30 am – 3.25 pm
Location: Mangawhai Club
Molesworth Drive
Mangawhai Heads

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

The Mayor opened the briefing with a Karakia.

1. Mangawhai Central Plan - funding approval 2020/21

Jim Sephton (General Manager, Infrastructure Services) presented this item, with support from Sue Davidson (General Manager, Sustainable Growth and Development).

The following matters were raised:

- The Plan was described and discussed
- Funding sources and structures were explained
- Use of the Reserves Policy was discussed
- Proposed project timeframes were highlighted
- It was emphasised that a well-planned communications plan would be implemented to ensure the community knew what was happening and when
- Impacted parties of the Plan were discussed.

Council direction:

- Continue with programme as presented.

2. Kaipara Urban Design Guide discussion document

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

The following matters were raised:

- The background, approach, and design features of the guide was explained
- It was noted that it is important part of the long-term planning framework and would encourage planning and development consistency across the district
- It was emphasised that the guide must be adaptive and agile to meet the challenges and trends at various points of the future
- Potential compliance and regulatory impacts were discussed.

Council direction:

- Keep the guidelines simple to give effect to the Regional Policy Statement on Urban Design
- Make a well balanced mixed statutory document/voluntary guideline publication to allow for effective resolution of complex planning issues in the future
- Minimise consultation due to community consultation fatigue
- Emphasise the Te Ara principles to encourage holistic, well planned, and balanced planning approach

[Secretarial note: Cr del la Varis-Woodcock left the room at 12.35 pm]

- There is need for better clarity around the process and justification for the need of the guides and plans

[Secretarial note: Cr del la Varis-Woodcock re-entered the room at 12.45 pm]

- Staff to do further work toward better plans and clarity and report back to the Council – do not proceed to consultation.

The briefing adjourned for lunch at 12.47 pm.

The briefing reconvened at 1.29 pm.

3. Regional economic development – joint delivery model

Jason Marris (General Manager, Engagement and Transformation), Murray Reade (Chief Executive, Northland Inc) and Vaughan Cooper (General Manager Investment and Infrastructure, Northland Inc.) presented this item.

The following matters were raised:

- Background, structure, role, and duties of a Council Controlled Organisation was described and explained
- Approaches used by Northland Inc to develop and encourage development opportunities were highlighted
- Models of governance, along with the advantages and disadvantages were explained
- It was emphasised that there is a need to change the model to reflect the political, economic, social, and operational reality of Northland
- Accountabilities were discussed.

Council direction:

- Report to the July Council meeting for a decision.

4. Provincial Growth Fund application update

Jim Sephton (General Manager, Engagement and Transformation), Jenny Rooney (Funding Co-ordinator) presented this item.

The following matters were raised:

- It was noted \$150 million has been granted to Northland under the Provincial Growth Fund. Details of the projects that have been funded will be released by central government later.
- Project and application updates were provided. It was noted that there is a need to be proactive with strong project management and governance.

[Secretarial note: Cr Wethey left the room at 2.42 pm]

[Secretarial note: Cr Larsen left the room at 2.43 pm]

- Timeframes were discussed in relation to the wider post COVID-19 economic and social circumstances.

[Secretarial note: Cr Larsen re-entered the room at 2.46 pm]

Council direction:

- Continue as presented.

5. Kaipara KickStart Programme update

Di Bussey (Manager, Provincial Growth Fund Projects) presented this item by teleconference.

[Secretarial note: Cr Wethey re-entered the room at 2.49 pm]

The following matters were raised:

- Proposed work programme updates and timeframes were provided
- Dynamics and challenges of implementing the range of programmes were highlighted
- Processes for funding and governance decision making and timelines outlined
- It was noted that the current Programme Steering Group (PSG) governance model remains unchanged, however, the model was under review in light of future possible funding opportunities.

Council direction:

- Continue as presented.

6. Kaipara Kai Final activation plan

Di Bussey (Manager, Provincial Growth Fund Projects) presented this item by teleconference.

The following matters were raised:

- Noted that the Plan represents a large piece of work that sets out future directions for agriculture in the Kaipara district
- Emphasised that the roles and outcomes of the Plan will continue to be clarified as the Plan progresses
- Indicated that there was a further opportunity within the project for any unspent budget , subject to the agreement of MBIE
- Potential field trials and related locations and selection processes were discussed.

Council direction:

- Continue as presented.

The Mayor closed the briefing with a Karakia.

The briefing closed at 3.25 pm.

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