

**Minutes of the Long Term Plan Briefing of
Kaipara District Council**

Date: Wednesday, 10 February 2021
Time: 1.00 pm – 2.32 pm
Location: The Lighthouse Function Centre
32 Mount Wesley Coast Road
Dargaville

Members Present: Mayor Jason Smith
Deputy Mayor Anna Curnow
Cr Victoria del la Varis-Woodcock (from 1.11 pm, item 1)
Cr Mark Vincent
Cr Peter Wethey
Cr Eryn Wilson-Collins

Meeting started at 1.00 pm.

Opening

Long Term Plan (LTP) Project Update

Diane Miller (Strategic Planning Advisor) gave an update on the LTP 2021/2031 project.

Council Directed staff to:

- Continue as presented.

1. Issues and options - equalising water and wastewater rates

Sue Davidson (General Manager Sustainable Growth and Infrastructure) and Christine Toms (Revenue Manager, Sustainable Growth and Infrastructure) presented this item.

Council discussed:

- Longer term implications of wastewater equalisation for each area.
- Wastewater projects in relations to the Provincial Growth Fund.
- Potential impacts of Three Waters Reform.
- Complexities around a three-part charging system in rental situations.

Council Directed staff to:

- Be clear how growth costs impact the community.
- Continue as presented.

2. Impact of proposed new rates on Properties

Sue Davidson (General Manager Finance) and Christine Toms (Revenue Manager, Sustainable Growth and Infrastructure) presented this item.

[Secretariat note: Tabled document: addition of column UAGC 728 to table (Page 11)]

Council discussed:

- Scenarios of altering UAGC impact on the community.
- Quotable Values (QV) impact on rates and the communication of this.
- Opportunities for owners to query their valuations with QV.

Council Directed staff to:

- 'Draft/indicative' to be noted on modelling for communication purposes.
- Continue as presented.

The Meeting adjourned at 1.46 pm.

The Meeting reconvened at 1.52 pm.

3. LTP consultation, communications and engagement update

Ben Hope (Senior Communications Advisor, Engagement and Transformation) and Jason Marris (General Manager, Engagement and Transformation) gave an update on the consultation document (CD) and engagement plan.

[Secretarial Note: Tabled documents: Growth insert for the document, Design of CD, Example of Key decision formatting.]

Council discussed:

- Growth insert document to address items not covered in the CD.
- Five concurrent consultations on policies will be open for submissions including Development Contributions.
- Design features of the document including use of recycled paper.
- Submission document formatting, questions, and free text option.
- Compilation of full submissions provided electronically and as per statute.
- Educational pieces.
- Opportunities and requests for participation by elected members in the consultation period.
- Media, social media, and advertising plans for consultation.

- Process for councillors' original, ambitious ideas to be raised again in the future.
- Debt cap and public appetite for debt.
- Noted that the sample documents tabled were design indications only, with sample tables only, not actual figures.

Council Directed staff to:

- Debt per rateable property to be included in document.
- Continue as presented.

Mayor Dr Smith closed the meeting with a karakia.

Meeting closed at 2.32 pm.