

AGENDA



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MEMBERSHIP: Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Shannon Dowsing, Sandra Faulkner, Larry Foster, Debbie Gregory, Isaac Hughes, Tony Robinson, Pat Seymour, Terry Sheldrake and Kerry Worsnop.

COUNCIL
DATE: Thursday 11 August 2022
TIME: 9:00AM
AT: Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne

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Council

Chairperson:	Mayor Stoltz
Deputy Chairperson:	Cr Wharehinga
Membership:	Mayor and all Councillors
Quorum:	Half of the members when the number is even and a majority when the number is uneven
Meeting Frequency:	Six weekly (or as required)

Terms of Reference:

The Council's terms of reference include the following powers which cannot be delegated to committees, subcommittees, officers or any other subordinate decision-making body which includes:

1. The power to make a rate.
2. The power to make a bylaw.
3. The power to borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the Long Term Plan.
4. The power to adopt a Long Term Plan, Annual Plan, or Annual Report.
5. The power to appoint a Chief Executive.
6. The power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the Local Government Act 2002 in association with the Long Term Plan or developed for the purpose of the Local Governance Statement.
7. The power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy.
8. Committee Terms of Reference and Delegations for the 2019–2022 Triennium.
9. The power to approve or change a proposed policy statement or plan under clause 17 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).
10. The power to approve or amend the Council's Standing Orders.
11. The power to approve or amend the Code of Conduct for elected members.
12. The power to appoint and discharge members of Committees.
13. The power to establish a joint committee with another local authority or other public body.

14. The power to make the final decision on a recommendation from the Ombudsman where it is proposed that Council not accept the recommendation.
15. Make those decisions which are required by legislation to be made by resolution of the local authority that are not listed in 1-14 above.
16. Consider any matters referred to it from any of the Committees.
17. Authorise all expenditure not delegated to staff or other Committees.

Note: for 1-7 see clause 32(1) Schedule 7 Local Government Act 2002 and for 8-13 see clauses 15, 27, 30 Schedule 7 of Local Government Act 2002 and section 34A of Resource Management Act 1991

3.1. Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes 23 June 2022

MINUTES

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MINUTES of the GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Thursday 23 June 2022 at 11:00AM.

PRESENT:

Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Shannon Dowsing, Sandra Faulkner, Larry Foster, Debbie Gregory, Isaac Hughes, Tony Robinson, Pat Seymour, Terry Sheldrake and Kerry Worsnop.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, Director Liveable Communities Michelle Frey, Chief Financial Officer Pauline Foreman, Chief of Strategy & Science Jo Noble, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Tania Clarke.

Secretarial note: Commenced meeting at 11am and adjourned at 11.02am in order to continue the Property Strategy Workshop.

Secretarial note: Meeting reconvened at 11.37am.

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

1. Apologies

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Seymour.

That the apologies from Cr Akuhata-Brown be sustained.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes

3.1. Confirmation of non-confidential Extraordinary Minutes 10 March 2022

An update on the lease for the Pump Track was provided. It ensures that there are restrictions on the time, number of events and lighting. Three events per year can be held between the hours of 9am and 6pm.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the Minutes of 10 March 2022 be accepted.

CARRIED

3.2 Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes 31 March 2022

Information will be provided to Council on the number of community meetings held as part of the draft changes to the Speed Limit Bylaw 2013.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the Minutes of 31 March 2022 be accepted.

CARRIED

4. Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

5. Acknowledgements and Tributes

There were no acknowledgements or tributes.

6. Public Input and Petitions

There were no public input or petitions.

7. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

8. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

9. Adjourned Business

There was no adjourned business.

10. Committee Recommendations to Council

10.1 22-93 Committee Recommendations to Council April – June 2022

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Council:

1. Adopts the recommendations from the Finance & Performance Committee:
 - a) Approves Gisborne Holdings 2023-2025 Statement of Intent as attached.
2. Adopts the recommendations from the Hearings Committee:
 - d) Adopts the Gambling Venue Policy 2022.
 - e) Instructs the Chief Executive to develop an appropriate Ethics Policy at a date to be determined and pursue the non-policy initiatives as discussed in Proposal Four.
3. Adopts the recommendations from the Finance & Performance Committee
 - a) Adopts the final Fees and Charges for the 2022/23 financial year but widen the definition of working dogs by removing the breeds Huntaway and Heading.
 - b) Agrees to join the Regional Shared Service Organisation.
 - c) Instructs the Chief Executive to carry out a zoning assessment and cost recovery analysis.

CARRIED

11. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for DECISION

11.1 22-137 2022/23 Annual Plan

Points of clarification included:

- There has been no material increases from the Long-Term Plan (LTP).
- Council's intentions in terms of water re-use and the wastewater wetland, need to be strengthened and made clear.
- There is a discrepancy with the 'Council's operational expenditure' graph (page 69 of the agenda). The percentages and amounts used for Liveable Communities and Environmental Services and Protection, do not tally up.
- Petroleum tax is a requirement and is charged by central government. It is revenue received.
- In terms of the debt cap, any grants that are not re-occurring and any development contributions, are eliminated, for planning purposes.
- The increases proposed to the roading budget do not reflect the need. They are similar to that of the Liveable Community's figures. The significant difference is due to the funding coming from Olympic Pools hence the similarity to roading.
- Contingency in the budget for work that may crop up, is dependent on a case-by-case basis.
- Capital expenditure noted for township upgrades relates to amounts budgeted for in the LTP for the financial year and for 2023. Additional expenditure is being investigated. Information containing a breakdown of township work for 2023 along with who will be carrying out the work, will be provided to Council.
- It was noted that an amendment to the bottom left-hand paragraph (page 60 of the agenda), to read "...will also include the revised Trade Waste Bylaw" be made.
- As part of the Emissions Trading Scheme, it was noted that a timeline be included as there is a requirement for planting to be completed within a given timeframe.
- The figure for the relocation of the Tokomaru Bay transfer station should have some cost to remediate associated with it. There are provisions allowing for approximately \$100k for land remediation.

- Staff to look into the storage of whiteware and other items, on the ground, at transfer stations, as it may cause issues that need to be remediated.
- The definitions used as part of the Funding Impact Statement, are taken directly from the Revenue and Financing Policy as reviewed by Simpson Grierson. These are "standard" definitions that are reviewed and signed off by the auditors.
- Councillors will need to ensure their contact details are consistent with what is noted in the Annual Plan, prior to signing.
- There is a decrease in expenditure for emergency works from this year. The amounts noted are the standard that was allowed. 2022 was higher due to events that were finishing off from 2018. The accounting surplus is derived from additional capital grants received. These are not recognised as a cost therefore it contributes to a surplus. The money goes towards what is used on capital projects. Other additional funds are available for operational costs. Emergency works is an operational cost. The process for adding funding would require further analysis and rates increase.

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the Council:

1. Adopts the Gisborne District Council 2022/23 Annual Plan (Attachment 1) - subject to any minor changes, including formatting or external legal changes.
2. Approves the Capital Investment Programme of \$99.2m for 2022/23.
3. Agrees that it is financially prudent to budget for an accounting surplus in the Annual Plan 2022/23.

CARRIED

11.2 22-117 Rate Setting Report 2022/23

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Foster

That the Council:

1. Having adopted the 2022-2023 Annual Plan (including the 2022-23 Funding Impact Statements), resolves under Section 23 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to set the following rates for the year commencing 1 July 2022 and concluding 30 June 2023;

Ref	Rate	Rating Category	Description	Basis	Dollar Value Excluding GST
1.1	General Rate	All Rateable Land	Under sections 13 of the Local Government (rating) Act 2002, a general rate on capital value of all rateable land in the district.	Per dollar of capital value	0.00044365
1.2	Uniform Annual General Charge	All Rateable Land	A Uniform Annual General Charge set under section 15 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.	Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Rating Unit (SUIP)	747.34
Ref	Rate	Targeted Rates Category	Under sections 16, 17, 18 (and Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002		
1.3	Animal Control	Residential DRA1, DRA1A and DRA3, DRA4 & DRA5 (Residential Townships)	A uniform targeted rate on Residential properties in DRA1 and, DRA1A, and Residential Rural Townships in DRA3, DRA4 and DRA5	Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Rating Unit	40.16
1.4	Building Services	Inner Zone 85% Outer Zone 15%	Differential targeted rate: DRA1, DRA1A, DRA2 (Inner Zone). DRA3, DRA4, DRA5 (Outer Zone).	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00005469
					0.00002226
1.5	Noise Control	DRA1 DRA1A Residential and DRA2	A uniform targeted rate within DRA1 DRA1A and DRA2 (Inner Zone). Residential Differential Rating Group.	Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Rating Unit	3.41
1.6	Resource Consents & Planning	All Rateable Land	A uniform targeted rate on the land value of all land.	Per dollar of Land Value	0.00036435
1.7	Land Drainage – Contributors	Drainage Areas - Eastern Hill Catchment 8 and Western Hill Catchment F. Drainage Scheme Maps are available in LTP, Customer Services and on the Council website.	A targeted rate per hectare on all rating units within the Drainage Differential Rating Areas to fund drainage work.	Per Hectare	0.55075054

Ref	Rate	Rating Category	Description	Basis	Dollar Value Excluding GST
1.8	Land Drainage – Direct Beneficiaries:	1. Ormond 2. Eastern Taruheru 3. Western Taruheru 4. Willows 5. Waikanae Creek 6. City/Wainui 7. Taruheru, Classes A-D 8. Waipaoa 9. Patutahi 10. Ngatapa 11. Manutuke 12. Muriwai Drainage Scheme Maps are available in LTP, Customer Services and on the Council website.	A targeted rate per hectare on all rating units within the Drainage Differential Rating Areas to fund drainage works.	Per Hectare	27.95960850
1.9	Te Karaka Flood Control Residential and Non-Residential	Te Karaka Flood Control Non-Residential Area. Map of scheme area available in LTP, Customer Services and on Council Website	A differentiated targeted rate on the rateable capital value of all rating units within the defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Karaka Flood Control Scheme is for the purpose of contributing to the cost of flood control in the respective Non-Residential area. 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00041875
		Te Karaka Flood Control Residential Area. Map of scheme area available in LTP, Customer Services and on Council Website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Karaka Flood Control Scheme is for the purpose of contributing to the cost of flood control in the respective Residential area. 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00057770

Ref	Rate	Rating Category	Description	Basis	Dollar Value Excluding GST
1.10	Waipapu River Erosion Protection Scheme	Contributors in the defined area on map available in LTP, Customer Services and Council website	A differential targeted rate on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributors within the defined area to cover the operating costs of the scheme. 	Per hectare	0.05238078
		Direct Beneficiaries in the defined area on map available in LTP, Customer Services and Council website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct Beneficiaries within the defined area to cover the operating costs of the scheme. 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00034516
		Indirect Beneficiaries in the defined area on map available in LTP, Customer Services and Council website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indirect Beneficiaries within the defined area to cover the operating costs of the scheme. 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00001209
1.11	Waipaoa River Flood Control Scheme	Waipaoa River Flood Control Scheme A-F. Maps available in LTP, Customer Services and Council website	A targeted rate on the ratable capital value of all land within the Waipaoa River Flood Control Scheme district in accordance with the classification list (classes A - F) for the purpose of payment of loan charges and maintenance costs.	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00003272
1.12	Aquatic and Recreation Facilities	Inner Zone 1.0	Differential targeted rate on the rateable capital value of rateable properties in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRA1, DRA1A and DRA2 (Inner Zone). 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00011815
		Outer Zone 0.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRA3, DRA4 and DRA5 (Outer Zone). 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00003545
1.13	Parks & Reserves	Outer Zone 15%	Differential targeted rate per rating unit to cover the costs of maintaining Parks and Reserves within: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRA3, DRA4, DRA5 (Outer Zone). 	Per Rating Unit	167.24
		Inner Zone 85%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRA1, DRA1A, DRA2 (Inner Zone). 	Per Rating Unit	325.42

Ref	Rate	Rating Category	Description	Basis	Dollar Value Excluding GST
1.14	Animal & Plant Pests	Inner Zone 20%	A differential targeted rate on the rateable land value of all land in the Respective Differential Rating Area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRA1, DRA1A, DRA2 (Inner Zone). 	Per dollar of Land Value	0.00002072
		Outer Zone 80%.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRA3, DRA4, DRA5 (Outer Zone). 	Per dollar of Land Value	0.00011960
1.15	Soil Conservation – Advocacy & Land Use	DRA1, DRA1A, DRA2 20%	A differential targeted rate on all the rateable land in the respective DRA's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRA1, DRA1A, DRA2 (Inner Zone). 	Per dollar of Land Value	0.00006421
		DRA3 & DRA4 30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRA3 & DRA4. 	Per dollar of Land Value	0.00017524
		DRA5 50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRA5 (50%). 	Per dollar of Land Value	0.00112127
1.16	Theatres	Inner Zone 1.0 weighting	A differential targeted rate on the rateable Capital value of rateable properties in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRA1, DRA1A and DRA2 (Inner Zone) 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00006444
		Outer Zone 0.3 weighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRA3, DRA4, DRA5 (Outer Zone). 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00001933
1.17	Water Conservation	Inner Zone 70%	A Differential targeted rate on the rateable Land value of all land in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRA1, DRA1A, DRA2 (Inner Zone). 	Per dollar of Land Value	0.00024573
		Outer Zone 30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRA3, DRA4, DRA5 (Outer Zone). 	Per dollar of Land Value	0.00015195

Ref	Rate	Rating Category	Description	Basis	Dollar Value Excluding GST
1.18	Flood Damage & Emergency Reinstatement	Forestry Weighting 12.0	A differential targeted rate on the rateable capital value of all land in the respective differential rating groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All forestry exotic land and on Pastoral Land with 20 hectares or more of forestry. 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00031083
		Horticulture & Pastoral Farming weighting 1.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Horticulture and Pastoral farming land over 5 hectares. 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00003885
		Industrial & Commercial weighting 2.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Industrial and Commercial land. 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00005181
		Residential & Lifestyle weighting 1.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential and Lifestyle land. For the purposes of the differential roading rate, horticulture, and pastoral farming units with land area less than 5 hectares will be assessed as lifestyle. 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00002590
1.19	Non-Subsidised Local Roading	Inner Zone 50%	Differential targeted rate on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRA1, DRA1A, DRA2 (Inner Zone). 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00000727
		Outer Zone 50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRA3, DRA4, DRA5 (Outer Zone). 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00001677
1.20	Passenger Transport	DRA1 Residential	A uniform targeted rate within the DRA1 Residential differential rating Group.	Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Rating Unit	21.59

Ref	Rate	Rating Category	Description	Basis	Dollar Value Excluding GST
1.21	Subsidised Local Roads	Forestry 12.0	<p>A differential targeted rate on the rateable capital value of all land in the respective Differential Rating Groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forestry weighting of 12, on all forestry exotic land and on pastoral blocks with 20 hectares or more of forestry Land. 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00439942
		Horticulture & Pastoral Farming 1.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horticulture and Pastoral farming land (over 5ha) weighting of 1.5. 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00054993
		Industrial & Commercial 2.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial and Commercial weighting of 2.0. 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00073324
		Residential & Lifestyle Blocks 1.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential and Lifestyle blocks weighting of 1.0 for the purposes of the differential roading rate, horticulture, and pastoral farming units with land area less than 5 hectares will be assessed as lifestyle. 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00036662
1.22	Commercial Recycling Charge	Non-residential properties within the Central Business District who have elected to receive the service.	A uniform targeted rates within scheme recycling collection area, being non-residential area within the CBD who have elected to receive the service.	Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Rating Unit	53.00

Ref	Rate	Rating Category	Description	Basis	Dollar Value Excluding GST
1.23	Uniform Waste Management Charge- Gisborne District Refuse Collection	Within scheme refuse collection areas-Currently Gisborne City and Environs and Ruatoria. Map available Customer services and on Council website.	<p>A uniform targeted rate per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit on properties for refuse collection for which the Council is prepared to provide that service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gisborne City (Residential and Non-Commercial). Areas of the Turanganui a kiwa/ Poverty Bay flats and Gisborne City in the south to Ormond in the north and bounded by the Waipaoa River in the west and the foothills in the east. Wheatstone Road, Sponge Bay, Wainui Okitu, Makarori, Turihaua, Makaraka, Papatu Road/SH2, Manutuke, Waihire, Ormond, Waituhi, Patutahi and Muriwai. Ruatoria Township. 	Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Rating Unit	105.96
1.24	Rural Transfer Stations	Within Scheme areas. Maps available LTP, Customer Services and Council website.	A uniform targeted rate to properties within the 15 km radius scheme area of a Rural Transfer Station.	Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Rating Unit	163.20
1.25	Stormwater	DRA1 and DRA1A Residential properties including Sponge Bay, Wainui and Okitu.	<p>A differential targeted rate in the defined areas to cover the costs of maintaining stormwater in these areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRA1 and DRA1A 	Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Rating Unit.	176.66
		All Rural Townships DRA3, DRA4, DRA5 and including Manutuke and Patutahi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural Townships 	Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Rating Unit.	91.96
		DRA1 and DRA1A all Commercial and Industrial properties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRA1 and DRA1A all Commercial and Industrial properties. 	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00038753

Ref	Rate	Rating Group	Description	Basis	Dollar Value Excluding GST
1.26	Wastewater in Te Karaka Township	Connected properties per pan charge.	The wastewater targeted rate will be applied to every serviced property within Te Karaka Township per water closet or urinal.	Per water closet or urinal.	455.97
1.27	Wastewater in Gisborne city area	Connected properties per pan charge.	A wastewater targeted rate will be applied to every serviced property in the Gisborne District Scheme area.	Per water closet or urinal.	555.55
1.28	Water - Availability	Within scheme area-serviceable. Maps available Council Website and customer services	A uniform Targeted rate per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit to which water can be supplied but is not supplied (being a rating unit situated within 100 metres from any part of the waterworks).	Per Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a rating unit	125.76
1.29	Water - Connection	Properties that are connected to on demand supply of Water in Rural and Urban Water Supply Area. Maps available Council Website and customer services	A uniform Targeted Rate for the ordinary and extraordinary supply of water within the Urban and Rural Water Supply area of Gisborne City, Sponge Bay Manutuke, Papatu Road, Te Arai Valley, Matawhero, Makaraka Bushmere, Te Karaka and Whatatutu.	Per Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a rating unit	251.51
1.30	Water Metering	Water by Meter	Under Section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a fixed charge per unit of water consumed or supplied per cubic metre will apply for the on-demand supply of water to extraordinary users, and ordinary rural domestic users. Water by metre has 300 cubic metre no charge domestic allowance for ordinary rural domestic users.	per cubic metre	1.59

Ref	Rate	Rating Group	Description	Basis	Dollar Value Excluding GST
1.31	Business Area Patrols	Commercial Properties within the CBD Area. (Map available in Annual Plan 2022/23 FIS).	A Targeted rate on the capital value of all commercial rating units within the Central Business Area (CBD) for the cost of patrolling and monitoring the area. The defined area was confirmed by the Council on 1 June 2000.	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00028742
1.32	Economic Development Including Tourism	All Industrial, Commercial, Retail and Accommodation Properties	A targeted rate on the rateable capital value of all rating units as classified in the District Valuation Roll of Industrial, Commercial retail and Accommodation categories to contribute to the Notes cost of economic development.	Per dollar of Capital Value	0.00029452

- Notes that the definitions of rates are set out within the Rates Funding Impact Statement included within the 2022/23 Annual Plan and the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.
- Resolves that the rates for the year commencing 1 July 2022 and concluding 30 June 2023 are set excluding GST. The GST will be applied when rates are assessed for 2022/23.
- Resolves under section 24 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 that all rates (excluding metered water) be payable in four instalments, with each instalment due on the rates due date stated in the table under resolution 4.
- Resolves under sections 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to add a penalty of 10% of the amount of any rates (excluding metered water) unpaid after the rates due date, on the date penalty added stated below:

Rate Instalment Dates Invoiced quarterly	Rates Due date	Date Penalty Added
Instalment 1	22 Aug 2022	26 Aug 2022
Instalment 2	21 Nov 2022	25 Nov 2022
Instalment 3	20 Feb 2023	24 Feb 2023
Instalment 4	22 May 2023	26 May 2023

6. Resolves under sections 24, 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to set the following due dates for the payment of metered water rates and to add a penalty of 10% of the amount of any water meter charges remaining unpaid after the due date. The penalty will be added on the respective penalty added date stated below.

Month of invoice	Due date	Date penalty added
Invoiced annually		
Jun-22	20 Jul 2022	26 Jul 2022
Invoiced six-monthly		
Jun-22	20 Jul 2022	26 Jul 2022
Dec-22	20 Jan 2023	26 Jan 2023
Invoiced quarterly		
Jun-22	20 Jul 2022	26 Jul 2022
Sep-22	20 Oct 2022	26 Oct 2022
Dec-22	20 Jan 2023	26 Jan 2023
Mar-23	20 Apr 2023	24 Apr 2023
Invoiced monthly		
Jun-22	20 Jul 2022	26 Jul 2022
Jul-22	22 Aug 2022	26 Aug 2022
Aug-22	20 Sep 2022	26 Sep 2022
Sep-22	20 Oct 2022	26 Oct 2022
Oct-22	21 Nov 2022	25 Nov 2022
Nov-22	20 Dec 2022	22 Dec 2022
Dec-22	20 Jan 2023	26 Jan 2023
Jan-23	20 Feb 2023	24 Feb 2023
Feb-23	20 Mar 2023	24 Mar 2023
Mar-23	20 Apr 2023	26 Apr 2023
Apr-23	22 May 2023	26 May 2023
May-23	20 Jun 2023	26 Jun 2023

CARRIED

11.3 22-142 Support for Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Harm Minimisation) Amendment Bill

Points of clarification included:

- There is a concern that funding for sport may suffer as a result of the Bill.
- Recommendation '1(a) - remove of the special appeal process through Local Alcohol Policies', is to be looked at closely, as it could make it difficult for Rhythm & Vines to function. The point of the Bill is to remove the ability to appeal the decisions made, about the Local Alcohol Policy.

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Faulkner

That the Council:

1. Supports the proposed Private Members' Bill: Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Harm Minimisation) Amendment Bill, which aims to:
 - a. remove the special appeal process through Local Alcohol Policies
 - b. wind down alcohol advertising and sponsorship of sports
2. Requests the proposed Private Members' Bill: Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Harm Minimisation) Amendment Bill, is supported by the Government and/or non-Executive Members of Parliament; and,
3. Requests the New Zealand Government review the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
4. Instructs the Chief Executive to prepare a letter to local MPs and any other specified non-executive members requesting their support for the Bill.

CARRIED

Secretarial note: The meeting adjourned at 12.40pm and reconvened at 1.10pm.

11.4 22-145 Water Services Entity Bill – Submission Content

Points of clarification included:

- Equity around access to water from commercial water takes, in particular for irrigation, does not fit within the Three Waters Reform. This remains part of a Council function.
- There have been indications that mana whenua has been engaging in their own rights, with government regarding the reform.

MOVED by Cr Faulkner, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the Council:

1. Directs the Chief Executive to prepare a submission on the Water Services Entities Bill to the Finance and Expenditure select committee.

CARRIED

11.5 22-138 Update of Council Delegations

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Sheldrake

That the Council:

1. Agrees to make the delegations and revocations specified in the Instrument of Delegation in Attachment 1 to this report.
2. Agrees the Mayor can sign the Instrument of Delegation in Attachment 1 of this report to confirm the delegations have been made.

CARRIED

12. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION

12.1 22-135 Chief Executive Activity Report for 23 June 2022

Points of clarification included:

- The Better Off funding that is part of the Three Waters Reform, is for a plan that is to be submitted. This funding along with the No Worse Off Funding, has yet to be received.
- Tonkin & Taylor were only requested to do an independent review of the flooding on the coast and the mitigation or adaption that needs to happen. The assessment of Te Arai is not included.
- The 'Kainga Ora - Infrastructure Acceleration Fund' relates to the Kaiti Block. This is to provide infrastructure to support housing for Ngāti Porou. Funding has been declined. There have been discussions with officials around further opportunities.
- There is potential for inter-regional council support however this will depend on the content of the Bill. Regional Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) partners do provide support.
- A decision to provide funding to Te Whanau a Kai is expected at 2pm today.
- The status of new ECC building is to be provided to Council.
- Senior students from Te Waha o Rerekohu School and Te Kura Kaupapa o Kawakawa mai Tawhiti, will be assisting with township upgrades on the coast. Council will be advised whether these students are considered to be apprentices and if their employment will continue on a permanent basis.
- Council to be advised if the Conservation Quorum is fully digital or whether hard copies are still available.
- There has been a further 2 infestations of Rook bringing the total to 3. Director Liveable Communities to advise the reason/s for the infestations.
- A report on the economic utilisation of woody debris to be presented to Council. A position has been established that will look into the woody debris issue. This is fixed term for 1 year.
- COVID has affected timeframes in relation to the works on Peel Street/Palmerston Road. Previous discussions outlined the issues and challenges that have caused the delays.
- Criteria for the Better off funding is becoming more stringent. This has caused discontent as a result.

- There is strong scepticism with regards to the survey results of the Speed Management Plan and the "road to zero".
- Alice Heather - Project Director - is working with the Director of Liveable Communities on the review to determine the co-charges for the new Olympic Pools
- A letter has been sent to Central Government advising that a request will be made for 100% for emergency road funding. A list has been developed of what was requested and will be provided to Council.
- In terms of the Titirangi Summit project, resource consent has been lodged and it has been fully notified. There were a series of questions and submitters that staff are working with to address the concerns with the project. Once this process has been worked through, the resource consent can then be relaunched. All of the PGF funding has been spent. Post the resource consent being granted, future funds will need to be secured. The project was recently re-costed prior to lodgment, in October 2021. Cost escalation will be factored into the application for future funding.
- The application for funding for 'Enabling Infrastructure for Housing - Kaiti Catchment,' extended up to the rifle range. It is inclusive of development which is not currently within the current reticulated services boundary. This increases the need for more infrastructure and allows for more redevelopment and increased intensity over and above what the current infrastructure planning and TRMP anticipates. Kainga Ora were not forthcoming in providing guidance on what would make a successful application. A debrief meeting was held in terms of a request for lesser funding however the short answer was no.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Faulkner

That the Council:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

13. Public Excluded Business

Secretarial Note: These Minutes include a public excluded section. They have been separated for receipt in Section 12 Public Excluded Business of Council

14. Readmittance of the Public

MOVED by Cr Foster, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Council:

1. Re-admits the public.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 1.54pm.

Rehette Stoltz

MAYOR

MINUTES

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MEMBERSHIP: Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, Meredith Akuhata-Brown, Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Shannon Dowsing, Sandra Faulkner, Larry Foster, Debbie Gregory, Isaac Hughes, Tony Robinson, Pat Seymour, Terry Sheldrake and Kerry Worsnop.

MINUTES of the GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Wednesday 27 July 2022 at 10:30AM.

PRESENT:

Her Worship the Mayor Rehette Stoltz, Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga, Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Shannon Dowsing, Sandra Faulkner, Larry Foster, Debbie Gregory, Isaac Hughes, Tony Robinson, Pat Seymour, Terry Sheldrake and Kerry Worsnop.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Nedine Thatcher Swann, Special Project Manager Yvette Kinsella, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Secretary Tania Clarke.

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

1. Apologies

MOVED by Cr Faulkner, seconded by Cr Wharehinga

That the apologies from Cr Akuhata-Brown be sustained.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

4. Acknowledgements and Tributes

There were no acknowledgements or tributes.

5. Public Input and Petitions

There were no public input or petitions.

6. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

7. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

8. Adjourned Business

There was no adjourned business.

9. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for DECISION

9.1 22-182 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting 2022

Councillors were asked for their input on how Her Worship the Mayor should vote in with regards to the remits for the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Conference.

- o Remit 1 - Yes
- o Remit 2 - Yes
- o Remit 3 - Yes
- o Remit 4 - Yes
- o Remit 5 - Yes
- o Remit 6 - Yes

MOVED by Cr Sheldrake, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Council:

1. Instructs the Mayor, as presiding delegate, to vote to support the Local Government New Zealand remits as follows:
 - a) That LGNZ;
 - i. Calls on central government to fully and permanently fund free public transport for students, community service card holders, under 25s, and their support people.
 - ii. That LGNZ joins the Aotearoa Collective for Public Transport Equity (ACPTE) in support of the Free Fares Campaign.
 - b) That LGNZ call for an independent review into the way in which government, through Waka Kotahi, fund transport investments in Aotearoa. This includes funding of new developments and maintenance programmes.
 - c) That LGNZ implement a nation-wide working group of subject matter experts with the objective of formulating an action plan to effectively enforce the Land Transport Act 1998 and work with police to tackle illegal street racing and the antisocial behaviour associated with it.
 - d) That LGNZ lobby Government to implement an infringement notice regime for general bylaws.
 - e) That LGNZ requests the Government to:
 - i. Restrict the sale of vaping products to R18 specialist vape stores.
 - ii. Develop proximity limits to prevent the clustering of vaping product retailers and protect young people.
 - f) That LGNZ adopt a policy to poll the LGNZ membership on any significant issue affecting local government in Aotearoa, prior to making that decision. LGNZ should develop a policy in conjunction with the membership that sets out the threshold for polling the membership. In the interim, the decision about the threshold for polling rests with National Council.

CARRIED

10. Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Elected Members Reports for DECISION

10.1. 22-187 Code of Conduct Complaint

- The Code of Conduct is based around how Councillors treat each other, which includes comments to the media.
- Cr Wharehinga acknowledged all parties involved in the process.
- The apology received from Cr Akuhata-Brown was also acknowledged and is included as an attachment, with her permission.
- Though recommendations have been made, it does not necessarily mean the respondent may follow through.

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Burdett that the recommendation be amended to read.

That the Council:

1. Approves the Conduct Review Committee findings and finds that Councillor Akuhata-Brown breached sections 3,5,6 and 10 of Nga Tikanga Arataki – Ethics and Values for Elected Members (Code of Conduct).
2. Approves the Conduct Review Committee's recommendation that Councillor Akuhata-Brown makes a public apology in a Council meeting.
3. Approves the Conduct Review Committee's recommendation that Councillor Akuhata-Brown makes a written apology in the Gisborne Herald.

CARRIED

11. Public Excluded Business

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12. Readmittance of the Public

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Stoltz

That the Council:

1. Re-admits the public.

CARRIED

13. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11:00am.

Rehette Stoltz

Chair

3.3. Action Sheet

Meeting Date	Item No.	Item	Status	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken	Due Date																																				
23/06/22	16.4	Additional Action Items	Completed	22-135 Chief Executive Activity Report for 23 June 2022 - Information to be provided on whether the Conservations Quorum is fully digital or whether access to hard copies is still available.	Anita Reedy-Holthausen	26/07/2022 Melanie Cheetham Conservation Quorum no longer exists and has been replaced by Panui Taiao which is currently fully digital.																																					
23/06/22	11.1	22-137 2022/23 Annual Plan	In progress	22-137 2022/23 Annual Plan - Provide Councillors with breakdown of township work for 2023 along with who will be carrying out the work.	Tim Breese	27/07/2022 Tim Breese <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Financial Year</th> <th>Township</th> <th>Funds Available</th> <th>Completion By</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2022 - 2023</td> <td>Matawai & Motu</td> <td>\$350k</td> <td>June 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2022 - 2023</td> <td>Ruatorea</td> <td>\$350k</td> <td>June 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2023 - 2024</td> <td>Te Puia Springs & Waipiro Bay</td> <td>\$350k</td> <td>June 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2023 - 2024</td> <td>Te Karaka</td> <td>\$350k</td> <td>June 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2024 - 2025</td> <td>Uawa</td> <td>\$350k</td> <td>June 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2024 - 2025</td> <td>Patutahi</td> <td>\$350k</td> <td>June 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2025 - 2026</td> <td>Tokomaru Bay</td> <td>\$350k</td> <td>June 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2025 - 2026</td> <td>Wharekahika</td> <td>\$350k</td> <td>June 2026</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Financial Year	Township	Funds Available	Completion By	2022 - 2023	Matawai & Motu	\$350k	June 2023	2022 - 2023	Ruatorea	\$350k	June 2023	2023 - 2024	Te Puia Springs & Waipiro Bay	\$350k	June 2024	2023 - 2024	Te Karaka	\$350k	June 2024	2024 - 2025	Uawa	\$350k	June 2025	2024 - 2025	Patutahi	\$350k	June 2025	2025 - 2026	Tokomaru Bay	\$350k	June 2026	2025 - 2026	Wharekahika	\$350k	June 2026	
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23/06/22	16.3	Additional Action Items	Completed	22-135 Chief Executive Activity Report - Provide Councillors with information pertaining to students being employed as part of township upgrades on the coast i.e. apprenticeship, work program or full time.	Jade Lister-Baty	<p>26/07/2022 Jade Lister-Baty</p> <p>Tuakana/ Teina is the mentoring of local senior secondary school students by our Contractors who are appointed the Township Plan work. It is all about growing our own workforce and exposing our senior students to possible future employment pathways. The project will create opportunities for identified students in Tikitiki and Te Araroa to give them a look into the infrastructure business and/or informational type sessions for senior students at schools.</p> <p>Our contractor will mentor 2 resident rangatahi of Tikitiki and Te Araroa to assist with portions of the work that does not involve machinery due to H&S issues.</p> <p>There are plans for rangatahi to assist with the fencing and smaller items of work in Te Araroa August – Sept.</p> <p>For Tikitiki the 2 rangatahi will help with the prep of the footpaths – this mahi is scheduled for Sept.</p> <p>There is a reporting requirement for the contractor to provide us with feedback on rangatahi inclusion and mentoring.</p>	19/07/22
13/12/21	17.4	Additional Action Item	In progress	Chief Executive's Activity Report: Provide an update report on play options for E-Tu Elgin following meetings with Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti.	Tyler Kirk	<p>14/02/2022 Tyler Kirk</p> <p>A report will be presented to Sustainable Tairāwhiti Committee on 8 September 2022.</p>	

Meeting Date	Item No.	Item	Status	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken	Due Date
30/09/21	17.3	Additional Action Item	In progress	Public Input and Petitions - Roger Tichborne, Darrell Naden & David Armstrong - Strip of Foreshore from Te Mawhai to Koutunui Report to be brought back to Council with regard to the High Court proceedings. Arrange a meeting to discuss matters going forward.	Te Rina Whaanga	17/01/2022 Te Rina Whaanga High Court proceedings are not due to occur until October/November.	19/07/22
23/06/22	16.2	Additional Action items	In progress	22-137 2022/23 Annual Plan - Staff to investigate the storage of whiteware and other items, on the ground, at transfer stations that may cause issues needing to be remediated.	Phil Nickerson		19/07/22

3.4. Governance Work Plan

COUNCIL						Meeting Dates							
Group Activity	Activity	Name of agenda item	Purpose	Report type	Owner	10-Mar	31-Mar	23-Jun	11-Aug	29-Sep	27-Oct	24-Nov	15-Dec
Community Lifelines	Journeys Infrastructure	Draft Changes to Speed Limit Bylaw 2013	The purpose of this report is to adopt the Statement of Proposal for the Draft Amended Speed Limit Bylaw 2013 for consultation.	Decision	Tina Middlemiss								
Community Lifelines	Journeys Infrastructure	22-79 Barton Street	The purpose of this report is to approve the transfer of 1,019m2 of land on Barton Street for educational purposes.	Decision	Dave Hadfield								
Environmental Services and Protection	Compliance and Enforcement	Temporary Alcohol Bans - March and April 2022	Report seeks approval for four temporary alcohol bans during the R&V at Easter Weekend this year and the Music & Arts Festival planned for early March as requested by the NZ Police.	Decision	Julie Lloyd (Went to 27 Jan Ctee)								
Finance and Affordability	Financial Services	Rates setting report for 2022/23	Set Rate for 2022/23, Approve Rates Resolution after Annual Plan for 2022/23 approved	Decision	Fiona Scragg								
Finance and Affordability	Planning and Performance	Annual Report and Summary		Decision	Tim Breese								
Internal partnerships	Democracy and Support Services	Declaration by Mayor & Councillors		Decision	Heather Kohn								
Internal partnerships	Democracy and Support Services	Trust Tairāwhiti Trustee Appointment		Decision	Heather Kohn								
Internal partnerships	Democracy and Support Services	Elected Members Remuneration (June Every Year)		Decision	Heather Kohn								

INAUGURAL COUNCIL

COUNCIL						Meeting Dates							
Group Activity	Activity	Name of agenda item	Purpose	Report type	Owner	10-Mar	31-Mar	23-Jun	11-Aug	29-Sep	27-Oct	24-Nov	15-Dec
Internal partnerships	Democracy and Support Services	GHL Director Appointment Extensions		Information	Heather Kohn								
Internal partnerships	Democracy and Support Services	Declaration of Election Results		Information	Heather Kohn								
Internal partnerships	Democracy and Support Services	Code of Conduct		Decision	Heather Kohn								
Internal partnerships	Democracy and Support Services	Adoption of Meeting Schedule		Decision	Heather Kohn								
Internal partnerships	Democracy and Support Services	Adoption of Standing Orders		Information	Heather Kohn								
Internal partnerships	Democracy and Support Services	Gisborne Holding Limited Annual general meeting and proxy appointment		Information	Heather Kohn								
Internal partnerships	Democracy and Support Services	LGNZ Annual Conference Attendees		Decision	Heather Kohn								
Internal partnerships	Legal	Update of Council Delegations	The purpose of this report is to seek amendments to the Council's statutory delegations to staff under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2022, the Resource Management Act 1991 and the delegated authority held by Sustainable Tairāwhiti.	Decision	Jacinta Bowe								

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Liveable communities	Liveable Spaces	Lease Hearing - Alfred Cox Pump Track	Summarise the written submissions and seek decision on the lease following the hearing.	Decision	Tyler Kirk								
Liveable communities	Community Projects	KIWA Pools Operations (Pexcl)		Decision	Michele Frey								
Liveable communities	Community Projects	KIWA POOLS - Fees and Charges		Decision	Michele Frey								
Liveable communities	Community Projects	Change of Bright Street (Stopped Road) to Recreation Reserve	Request a decision to declare the stopped road at the Waikanae Stream end of Bright Street as a recreation reserve and a party of Alfred Cox Park.	Decision	Abbe Banks								
Liveable communities	Principal Scientist	Reinstatement of Access to Bush Intake Above the Te Arai Landslide	Seek approval for unbudgeted expenditure of \$515,000, including a contingency to reinstate access to the Bush Intake area above the major landslide located approximately one kilometre above the water treatment plan in the Te Arai Catchment.	Information	Dr Murry Cave								
Strategy and Science	Strategy and Science	Support for Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Harm Minimisation) Amendment Bill	Detail support of the Bill	Information	Charlotte Knight								
Strategy and Science	Policy	Psychoactive Substances Policy report	To seek readoption of Council's Psychoactive Substances (Local Approved Products) 2104 Policy	Decision	Makarand Rodge /Chris Gilmore								
Strategy and Science	TRMP - FDS	Sign off on FDS for public notification		Decision	Shane McGhie								

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Strategy and Science	Strategy and Science	Update on Resource Management Reform (Report timing to be confirmed pending Ministerial announcement)	To provide an update on the RM Reform	Information	Paula Hansen/Fazilat Tooranian								
Strategy and Science	TRMP	TRMP to be included as part of induction of new Councillors	To introduce new members to the TRMP Programme	Information	Dr Graeme Card								

10. Committee Recommendations to Council



22-181

Title: 22-181 Committee Recommendations to Council - June 2022
Section: Democracy & Support Services
Prepared by: Heather Kohn - Democracy & Support Services Manager
Meeting Date: Thursday 11 August 2022

Legal: Yes

Financial: No

Significance: **Medium**

Report to COUNCIL for decision

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to approve the recommendation from the Regulatory Committee.

SUMMARY

Regulatory Committee 29 June 2022

22-140 Draft Amended Speed Limit Bylaw 2013

1. Recommends that Council
 - a. Determines that the draft amended Speed Limit Bylaw 2013:
 - I. is the most appropriate form and the way to address speed limits.
 - II. amends the speed limit on Makorori beach and Kaiti Beach to 5 kmph
 - III. does not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
 - b. Makes the included amendments to the Speed Limit Bylaw 2013.
 - c. Introducing the reduced speed limits around schools be addressed as a priority, followed by townships and Makorori and Kaiti beach.

The decisions or matters in this report are considered to be of **Medium** significance in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

1. Adopts the recommendations from the Regulatory Committee:
 - a. Determines that the draft amended Speed Limit Bylaw 2013:
 - I. is the most appropriate form and the way to address speed limits.
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Authorised by:

James Baty - Director Internal Partnerships

Keywords: speed limit bylaw, bylaws, submission on bylaws, speed management plan, speed signs,

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - Minutes Regulatory Committee 29 June 2022 (5) [**10.1.1** - 10 pages]

MINUTES/DECISION



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MINUTES of the REGULATORY Committee

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Wednesday 29 June 2022 at 9:00AM.

PRESENT:

Councillor Pat Seymour (Chair), Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga and Councillor Larry Foster

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief of Strategy & Science Jo Noble, Asset Planning Manager Tina Middlemiss, Governance Advisor Jill Simpson and Committee Secretary Penny Lilburn.

INTRODUCTIONS

Cr Pat Seymour declared the meeting open and introduced Cr Larry Foster and Cr Josh Wharehinga as part of the panel.

A welcome was expanded to the submitters and an outline of the hearing process was followed.

SUBMITTERS ATTENDING

Jeanie Rose McCallum (Personal), Hemara Donnelly (Personal), Kay Bermingham (Personal), Robyn Busby (Personal), Sandy Bull (Personal), Raymond Kitchen (Personal) and Katrina Duncan (Gisborne Cycle Walkway Trust).

SUBMITTERS RECIEVED

Council received a total of 154 submissions. Submitters who spoke at the hearing expanded on their written submissions included in the officer's report.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

Larry Foster declared that he is a resident of Kaiti Beach.

3. Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

4. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for DECISION

4.1 22-140 Draft Amended Speed Limit Bylaw Report 2013 - Hearings Report

PURPOSE OF THE DRAFT POLICY – Reporting Officers Tina Middlemiss & Jo Noble

Staff started reviewing the 2013 Bylaw with the intent to make a Speed Management Plan which would align the speeds as determined by Waka Kotahi nationally across New Zealand.

- Following this, engagement in the community began around a year ago with a broad-brush approach to change all the speeds in the beginning stage.
- In April 2022 there were 154 submissions with the majority supporting speed changes around schools and beaches. However, there was still resistance by reducing the speeds from 100km to 50km in some areas. Specific speeds were concerns to people in the community and each of the responses received had individual issues.
- Reporting Officer Tina Middlemiss stated that staff would like to stick with what is proposed. This is due to the new law as there is no longer a bylaw system, it is instead done under a National Speed Limit register which is in place. If approval is made for these changes, they will be implemented into the register which is a process done over time with Waka Kotahi.
- There are trials currently being done for schools, and after that it would be aligned with township planning jobs. There are no published lists or timeframes.

5. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE HEARD (Additional to their written submissions)

5.1 Jeanie McCallum (Personal)

Introduced herself and thanked the Panel for the opportunity to speak. Points of clarification included:

- Mrs McCallum believes that due to the change in speed limits it was an appropriate time to bring up these two subjects.
- The proposal is to get the 50km signage down to the south end of Bilham Road.
- There are 11 vehicle exits on Bilham Road; rural, horticultural, residential and includes an Astro Tour site run by well know Gisborne astronomer, John Drummond. There are two regular nights where he does tours and has 25 people on his property.
- Both roads have exit and entrance points to De Costa Enterprises, which has huge areas of apple orchards and an assortment of trucks, tractors, and spray units in action.
- Kaimoe Road is a single lane and there are 19 exit and entrances and would also like speed reduced on this road.
- Mrs McCallum feels incredibly strongly about this as the 50km sign into the village was put in 35-40 years ago when there was no development. During the time living there, there has been many missed calls, and it has been sheer luck that there have been zero total fatalities.
- There are two families living on both roads with young children.
- These roads can be safer by simply shifting the speed signs as proposed. The community is behind this, and all residents have spoken verbally to Jeanie that they agree with this proposal.

Further Clarifications:

- Both Cr Foster and Cr Wharehinga thanked her for her response.
- Reporting Officer stated that although this wasn't in the consultation document that was handed out, it can be included in the Traffic Speed Management Plan and it will be fed into the Speed Register and implemented over time as resources allow.
- Reporting Officer cannot give an approximate time of completion as the budget gets reviewed every three years along with expenditure and the long-term plan. When the new plan is looked over it is a second opportunity for residents to let Council know of their proposal.

5.2 Hemara Donnelly (Personal)

There have been a higher number of visits from the Mongrel Mob that are arriving from Hawkes Bay into Kaiti and as a result, an increase in wheelies and burn outs in the middle of the road, intimidating children.

- This hazardous driving occurs mainly on the straight between Ranfurly Road and Oxford Street, which they use as a racetrack. One day somebody's house is going to be smashed or worse, something will happen to a child.
- The signage that Council wants to put up will mean nothing to these boy racers.

Hemara also stated that the footpath that has been widened around Cambridge Terrace has angled and needs fixing.

In Response to Questions:

- Hemara rings the police anytime he sees a large number of vehicles at number 64 and 52 Ranfurly Road, where two of the cars do not have license plates. By the time police arrive, the cars have usually gone, and there isn't anything they can do about it.
- Reporting Officer stated that the issue of the footpath will be lodged as well as a request for service.

Councillor Seymour thanked Hemara for always being involved in Council and constantly putting an effort into their causes.

5.3 Kay Bermingham (Personal)

Thanked the Council staff for the well-meaning protection of Makorori and Kaiti Beach and the encompassing issues that come with this.

Summary of Points:

- Mrs Bermingham has been personally contacting Council since 2008. In principle back then it was noted that there was going to be a prohibition for vehicles on beaches with exceptions; but obviously this has not happened.
- In the past 2-3 years there has been a significant increase of the number of vehicles and people on beaches and a significant number of people coming into the district. This brings a lot into the community however, vehicles and people are harassing seals, disrespecting the dunes, abusing beach users, and driving dangerously.

- The Makorori community and holiday makers that come here believe that reducing the speed to 20km is inviting more vehicles onto the beach. SUV's drive onto the beach and sit in front of people who are sitting and enjoying the environment.
- Council have put in a lot of time, money, and resources that seems to have had little change. If you do not prohibit vehicles on the beach, you may as well leave the signage instead of wasting ratepayers' money on a sign that nobody is going to pay attention to.
- Climate change is of real importance to people, especially to our coastal environments and a real threat to the dunes which are constantly being eroded due to weather events. However, you as Council are allowing further erosion with driving on the beach.
- No driving on the beach with exceptions would mean that no one would constantly be called on to regulate activity on the beach and would not require bollards. Currently Police and Council staff are constantly being contacted for rule breakers and staff are already under pressure, but this is what we as locals must do to live in a safe environment.
- There are sealed roads and dune tracks along Makorori and Kaiti Beaches so there is no need for vehicles to drive on the beach unless they are emergency vehicles. It only takes one vehicle or one child for there to be an accident.
- This does not just concern Makorori and Kaiti, but all the beaches around Gisborne. Currently so many laws are being violated as people drive across the dunes and onto the beaches.
- Places where you are not allowed to drive on beaches are Auckland, Whakatane, and Clutha, so why not Gisborne? There is a chance to change this Bylaw now, to prohibit vehicles on beaches.

In Response to Questions:

- Regular carcasses are dumped on the beach by the dunes alongside furniture which is often discarded there.
- A lot of people have moved back to Gisborne, so there are also a lot of gang issues. Makorori is the first flat beach out of town, and it's close enough to town that people are there every day.
- To remove vehicles or ban vehicles on the beach would not be done under the Speed Limits Bylaw, it would either be a different bylaw or resource management plan.

5.4 Robyn Busby (Personal)

The proposal put forward by the Council is to implement a 20km sign on Makorori and Kaiti beach, the last time she was here it was also for no vehicles on the beach.

- Surely by putting up a speed sign, you are telling everyone it is okay to use a vehicle and drive onto the beach. How is this going to be policed? Also, there are no designated access points to stop the destruction of the dunes.
- All roads have regulations that people adhere to, but the beach is the recreational area, and it does not need added hazards.

- Why is it okay for Wainui to have a sign that says no vehicles on the beach, but not at Makorori or Kaiti? We, the residents of Makorori have been repeating ourselves saying the same thing, no vehicles on the beach, and have received multiple hazardous complaints including rogue motorbikes roaring up and down the beach causing violation of speed and extreme noise on a recreational beach in a community.
- Have some common sense for the Police to enforce laws for this behaviour

5.5 Sandy Bull (Personal)

Mr Bull's submission is in support of the Makorori residents. Residents have been attempting to change this for over three years and has noticed a similar problem for the residents of Kaiti Beach. Other concerns are damage to the foreshore and dunes by vehicles. It is a danger to other beach users and is a great concern to the residents.

- I disagree to the new speed limit of 20km per hour. These beaches are being replaced as roads and state highways, e.g. Makorori like SH35. Except for official purposes, police and surf life savers, there should be no vehicles on beaches. With respect, this illegal behavior would not be tolerated on Gisborne's other beach reserves.
- Officers of Council can be empowered to carry out official duties, also honorary persons can be empowered through Council to carry out enforcement work. No regulations are of any value if there are no enforcements.

Cr Seymour thanked Mr Bull for his effort and persistence.

In response to Councillor Questions:

- There is no hard evidence of birds being killed. However, Council has a list that sets out the threatened species in the district and from time to time there are penguins which nest, particularly on the dunes. Makorori have photographs of the damage on the dunes, and disturbance to vegetation. Habitats of protective wildlife are also threatened.
- Any records of the disturbance of wildlife over the years would have been and should have been kept by the Internal Affairs Department of Wildlife. Mr Bull has highlighted 4 species that are found on these beaches. Their threat status is critically threatened. The little blue penguins are threatened and on the gradual decline.
- The volume of vehicles on the beach is a deterrent to birds and is an offence. In some cases, can land you a fine of up to \$20,000.

In response to questions staff advised:

- A ban across the beaches was discussed by the Traffic Sub-Committee and there is a clause that allows Council to place restrictions on beaches.
- In terms of Makorori this was thought about in some depth and there is a master plan that will occur. However, due to a wave of sickness of staff this has been delayed.
- Council is working on a physical barrier to stop people from going on beaches.
- A community engagement process will follow and will need to be discussed with tangata whenua.

- As discussed at some length during the bylaw processes, enforcement is incredibly difficult. The only way to take action is to prosecute people and we need the police in order to do that, which is really hard to manage. Council needs physical restraints to stop the access which is where the bollards come into play.
- Council has not consulted on banning all vehicles, and this will have significant issues for some people in the community, e.g., fishing, but it may be something that comes into play for the Tairāwhiti Resource Management planning process.
- Gisborne District Council is looking at a new biodiversity action plan. A national action plan for biodiversity is being released later this year and Council will have to develop a regional biodiversity strategy as a part of this process. It will need engagement from the community, and from this may well place wider restrictions of vehicles on beaches to protect the coast and the wildlife.
- Presence is much easier to monitor than speed limit. But it is a question of do Council have the staff for this, and what needs to be put aside in order to monitor this daily. There remains the enforcement issue which because of the way bylaws and the legislation are structured, is very hard as we have to take a court case. The associated costs and burden of evidence that must be provided to the courts that someone hasn't stolen someone's car or borrowed it, assuming we have the license plate, is a lot of extra work.
- There are greater troubles banning vehicles at Makorori rather than Wainui as not all of the land is owned by Council. There are also issues with resource consents which allows the motorcycle racing on the beach. In general, a more densely populated urban area is easier to control access due to the increased amount of surveillance. The further you get along the coast the easier it is to access. It is a real behaviour change.

Panels response:

- Cr Seymour stated that it was certainly not that difficult to make similar changes as Wainui. It is frustrating for the community to continue to see the degradation and abuse of the beach and the dunes.
- Cr Foster suggests that a major part of the Tairāwhiti community are law-abiding citizens and if there was a ban of vehicles the majority of people would abide by that. If the minority were still doing this activity and was monitored by locals, it would be decreased quite rapidly, with the odd offender being caught.
- Cr Seymour stated that there needs to be a behaviour change. Unfortunately, as councillors, we have to remember that while we can advocate for what seems a reasonable outcome, we have to manage the process asked by Council and today's decision is about speed limit and location. However, it is a good opportunity to have these discussions about what the community are seeking and what Council can do to help.

Secretarial Note: Mr Bull asked to speak again.

Cr Seymour stated that if Mr Bulll would like to add something else he needs to come back to the table, to be heard by council officers and by the community.

- Mr Bull had meant to put in his submission that he gives great credit to the amount of effort and money Council have put in to protecting all other reserves e.g. Wainui and Okitu. In the process Council have planted trees, put concrete paths, and cannot see any difficulty for doing the same thing at Okitu. The parking areas at Waikanae and the walking access is ideal. The main thing is to allow the public to use the beach but not drive on it. What is happening at Makorori is a travesty and the photos being given to Councillors are horrific.

5.6 Raymond Kitchen (Personal)

The proposal to Gisborne District Council appears to be the outcome of a survey and seems to be Waka Kotahi and Nationally driven.

- This impacts considerably on road safety. Not all roads can do cycling and walking, and this does not seem to be appear acknowledged.
- To address specific locations: In Stout Street you propose 50km to 40km and have installed judder bars. Judder bars have also been installed on Salisbury Road, why do you need two methods? Reducing the speed on Stout Street will significantly increase traffic in Ormond Road which is already overrun by heavy vehicles.
- Reducing the speed to 30km is too slow and leads to frustrations and therefore silly behaviour.

Cr Seymour stated that it is part of the national strategy, but Council do have bylaws to make speeds that are fitting for their community.

In response to questions staff advised:

- There is a budget line that relates to road safety improvement. There is another two years left of this long-term financial budget and the intention is that implementation will be phased out and the likelihood is that schools will be the priority with trials already begun.
- Following the Hearing and Councillors decision, the first step will be to create a more detailed analysis plan and phase it out so that it is affordable and remains in the budget. In 2024, if additional resources are needed, engagement will be undertaken with the community and Councillors will make a call on what is to be prioritised.
- Everything that has been done is excluded from the State Highway and have heard nothing that it will be changed. It is something that will be pulled up under the new rule, but as it is a rural school it will likely only go down to 60km.

Secretarial Note: The meeting adjourned at 10.14am and reconvened at 11.02am.

Cr Seymour stated that due to submitters declining to come and speak the summary will begin and will have a second summary if new material arrives.

5.7 SUMMARY

- Chief of Strategy & Science Jo Noble stated that there isn't anything that will change the recommendations of the speed limits. The next step is already under way as part of the implementation plan, but as submitters what they may want to turn their minds to (and would be helpful to Council), is if there are any certain roads that should be a priority and therefore will be progressed first.
- Have heard loud and clear about the message of vehicles on Makorori beach. The master plan has been delayed due to sickness and other matters arising, but the intention now is to run community workshops which will be underway in August. Excluding or restriction of vehicles on the beach is a clear theme coming through the master plan.
- The new area that was bought forward by the first submitter this morning will be included in the new plan.

Staff responses:

- Workshops are being held to ensure that we have heard from the community and to make sure that the aspirations for the area from mana whenua are involved within the decision. It is a bigger picture than just the beach. What is happening in the town planning are flow-on effects as to why people go to the beach.
- Kaiti Beach is not included in the same process at the moment as Makorori is being used as a trial to see what may be rolled out for other areas of the coastline.

Cr Seymour welcomed and appreciated that Mrs Katrina Duncan has attended to fill in for the Gisborne Cycle Walkway Trust.

5.8 Katrina Duncan (Gisborne Cycle Walkway Trust)

Here to support safer limits for our people. Have strong links to the Netherlands where their streets are prioritised for cyclists and pedestrians. The Netherlands made a decision 30-40yrs ago which has changed the entire way that people move, and Council should do the same, making people the forefront of the decisions to make the future for Gisborne a much nicer place.

Further Clarifications

- The Netherlands is a very diverse place with lots of villages that are very similar to Gisborne areas - lots of flat land and side suburbs. All the side streets are 30km which makes them beautiful streets for people to live in. It makes the areas incredibly quiet and an all-round much more pleasant place to live.

5.10 Final responses from Reporting Officers:

- Priority 1 would start now, assuming schools is the priority and Priority 2 will begin to be woven in. Priority 3 and 4 will be prioritised and would be done in the next 2 years. Townships will probably happen sooner and then progressively go from there based on population and risk.
- Mrs McCallum's submission will be sorted into the next relevant committee meeting. We were unaware of the problem before so it will go back through the matrix. This is a guidance tool used by staff to work out what a speed should be based on factors such as speed, value, function of the road etc.

- Would advise the Panel to include something in the Hearing report regarding a vehicle ban on beaches and give clear directions to Council and the Chief Executive on how important of an issue you think it is.
- Signs can be put up; it then depends on whether or not it can be legally enforced. There can be some signage that portrays the message of what is appropriate or inappropriate behavior in the environment.
- To have nil speed as supplementary signage would have to be checked for the legality of reducing the speed to zero under a bylaw.

Cr Seymour stated that the Committee will take on this information and the issues raised. Acknowledgements to all the submitters for the speed limit bylaw and appreciate that it is a long process with many consultations. The Committee understands that Council Officers hands are sometimes tied with bureaucracy but will do their best to put the submissions into effect.

No further questions from Councillors.

6. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11:24am to consider all submissions.

7. Matters considered and Reasons for the Decision

- a) The Committee considered all written submissions and those from submitters attending in person. The Committee observed that the generic nature of the key proposals in Table 1 of the report provided insufficient clarity for some members of the public.
- b) We noted concerns expressed that the state highway might be reduced to 20kmph along Makorori beach and by extension both of the beaches mentioned, Makorori and Kaiti beach.
- c) The Committee heard from written and oral submissions that the members of the Makorori Beach community wished to see vehicles, excluding emergency service vehicles and site-specific boat launching, excluded from driving on Makorori Beach. Their reasoning being it is a popular beach for day picnickers and families and there is concern that an accident is likely to happen from vehicles speeding along the sand. Degradation of the dunes continues as the number of vehicles driving over the dunes increases.
- d) Council Officers asked the Committee to indicate priorities for the introduction of the changed speed limits since not all locations can be changed at one time. Considering previous submissions and the submissions to this bylaw review the Committee recommend that around primary schools be addressed, the Makorori and Kaiti beach speed reduction on a pathway to removing cars from these beaches altogether and speed limits reductions in townships be addressed as a priority.

MOVED by Cr Wharehinga, seconded by Cr Foster

That the Regulatory Committee

1. Recommends that Council:
 - a. Determines that the draft amended Speed Limit Bylaw 2013:
 - I. is the most appropriate form and the way to address speed limits.
 - II. amends the speed limit on Makorori beach and Kaiti Beach to 5 kmph
 - III. does not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
 - b. makes the included amendments to the Speed Limit Bylaw 2013
 - c. introducing the reduced speed limits around schools be addressed as a priority, followed by townships and Makorori and Kaiti beach.

CARRIED

Pat Seymour
Chair

11. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for DECISION



22-147

Title: 22-147 Declare Land Bright Street (stopped Road) Recreation Reserve
Section: Community Projects
Prepared by: Abbe Banks - Community Facilities Partnerships Advisor
Meeting Date: Thursday 11 August 2022

Legal: No

Financial: No

Significance: **Low**

Report to COUNCIL for decision

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to request a decision from Council to declare the stopped road at the Waikanae Stream end of Bright Street, as a recreation reserve and a part of Alfred Cox Park.

SUMMARY

Alfred Cox Park is a recreation reserve under the Reserves Act 1977. Part of this reserve has the skate park located on it. This includes land that is now a stopped road.

To add the stopped road to Alfred Cox Park Reserve there is a requirement for a resolution by the Council declaring the land to be a recreation reserve under Section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977.

The decisions or matters in this report are considered to be of **Low** significance in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

- 1. Resolves that Pursuant to Section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977 and by a delegation from the Minister of Conservation Section 1 SO 569522 be declared a recreation reserve and to form part of Alfred Cox Park.**

Authorised by:

Michele Frey Director Liveable Communities

Keywords: Bright Street (stopped road), Recreation Reserve, Alfred Cox Park

BACKGROUND

1. **Report 21-174** regarding the redevelopment of the Alfred Cox Skate Park was brought to the Sustainable Tairāwhiti Committee (19 August 2021 meeting) for consideration.
2. One of the recommendations from this report was to permanently stop the Bright Street paper road adjacent to Alfred Cox Park and redesignate the land as part of the existing recreation reserve.
3. At its 26 August 2021 meeting Council adopted the recommendation from the Sustainable Tairāwhiti Committee to permanently stop the Bright Street paper road adjacent to Alfred Cox Park and redesignate the land as part of the existing recreation reserve.
4. The paper road has now gone through the required road stopping process as is required under the Local Government Act 1974.

DISCUSSION and OPTIONS

5. To add the stopped road to Alfred Cox Park Reserve there is a requirement for a resolution by Council declaring the land (Section 1 SO 569522) to be a recreation reserve under Section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977.
6. Should the Council pass a resolution declaring land to be reserve there is a requirement to publish a gazette notice. This notice will automatically classify the land as a recreation reserve as per Section 16 (2) of the Reserves Act 1977.

ASSESSMENT of SIGNIFICANCE

Consideration of consistency with and impact on the Regional Land Transport Plan and its implementation

Overall Process: Low Significance

This Report: Low Significance

Impacts on Council's delivery of its Financial Strategy and Long Term Plan

Overall Process: Low Significance

This Report: Low Significance

Inconsistency with Council's current strategy and policy

Overall Process: Low Significance

This Report: Low Significance

The effects on all or a large part of the Gisborne district

Overall Process: Low Significance

This Report: Low Significance

The effects on individuals or specific communities

Overall Process: Low Significance

This Report: Low Significance

The level or history of public interest in the matter or issue

Overall Process: Low Significance

This Report: Low Significance

7. The decisions or matters in this report are considered to be of **Low** significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

TANGATA WHENUA/MĀORI ENGAGEMENT

8. Pre-publicised proposals and title plans were shared with Te Runanga o Turanganui a Kiwa and Rongowhakaata where neither party objected to the proposals. Support for the proposal to stop the road was obtained by the neighbouring Tūranga Ararau organisation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

9. The process required as part of the road stopping involved consulting with affected parties and the Department of Conservation, surveying the site, 40 days of public notice, and lodging a formal application with Toitū Te Whenua, Land Information New Zealand (LINZ).
10. No submissions were received as a result of this process.

CLIMATE CHANGE – Impacts / Implications

11. There are no obvious impacts on climate change from the stopped road at the Waikanae Stream end of Bright Street or its redesignation as a recreation reserve.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial/Budget

12. Council to incur the cost for this work as noted in **Report 21-174** from August 2021. The remaining work has been quoted at a cost of \$1400.

Legal

13. Section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977 gives Council the ability to declare land as recreation reserve and classify it accordingly.
14. This resolution and subsequent publication of a gazette notice declaring the now stopped road to be a recreation reserve needs to be completed to enable it to be added to Alfred Cox Park and held under the same legal status as the other land parcels that make up the reserve.

POLICY and PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

15. The recommendations in this report are consistent with the direction of the following regional strategies:
 - Community Facilities Strategy.
 - Tairāwhiti 2050 – Spatial Plan.
 - Rau Tipu Rau Ora.

RISKS

16. There are no risks associated with this report. This report is part of the statutory process to declare land reserve.

NEXT STEPS

Date	Action/Milestone	Comments
11th August 2022	Council declaration of stopped road as recreation reserve.	
Mid-August 2022	Gazetting and redesignation process commences.	
September/October 2022	Stopped road officially redesignated as a recreation reserve.	

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - Gisborne SO 569522 Title [22-147.1 - 3 pages]



Title Plan - SO 569522

Survey Number SO 569522
Surveyor Reference 12989 GDC
Surveyor Adrian Ernest Besseling
Survey Firm Grant & Cooke Surveyors Ltd
Surveyor Declaration I Adrian Ernest Besseling, being a licensed cadastral surveyor, certify that--
 (a) this dataset provided by me and its related survey are accurate, correct and in accordance with the Cadastral Survey Act 2002 and Cadastral Survey Rules 2021; and
 (b) the survey was undertaken by me or under my personal direction.
 Declared on 24 Mar 2022 10:56 AM

Survey Details

Dataset Description	Section 1		
Status	Approved as to Survey		
Land District	Gisborne	Survey Class	Class A
Submitted Date	24/03/2022	Survey Approval Date	14/04/2022
		Deposit Date	

Territorial Authorities

Gisborne District

Created Parcels

Parcels	Parcel Intent	Area	RT Reference
Section 1 Survey Office Plan 569522	Legalisation Road	0.0967 Ha	
Total Area		<u>0.0967 Ha</u>	

SCHEDULE OF AREAS			
ROAD TO BE STOPPED			
SHOWN	ADJOINING	ESTATE RECORD	AREA
SECTION 1	LOTS 109 & 110 DP 1357	RT GS2A/485	967 m²
	LOT 111 DP 1357	RT GS110/233	
	LOTS 77 & 78 DP 1357	RT GS5B/509	
	SECTION 14 BLOCK VII TURANGANUI SD		

Title: 22-97 KIWA Pools - Fees and Charges
Section: Liveable Communities
Prepared by: Michele Frey - Director Liveable Communities
Meeting Date: Thursday 11 August 2022

Legal: Yes

Financial: Yes

Significance: **Low**

Report to COUNCIL for decision

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to establish Council's position on the fees and charges and learn to swim offering at the new Kiwa Pools Complex.

SUMMARY

The Kiwa Pools will be a brand-new offering to the Tairāwhiti community and its visitors. This provides a timely opportunity to re-visit the fees and charges and learn to swim offering by Council at this new complex.

Council commissioned fees and charges analysis to help inform decision-making. This will be circulated separately. This analysis considered the current fees and charges against a number of key considerations including the desire for the facility to be equitable and accessible to all, for it to be financially sustainable and cognisant of national benchmarking of other comparable facility fees and charges.

Three options were considered in the fees and charges analysis; retain existing fees and charges, a 'balanced model' (largely retaining the existing fees and charges but moving slightly further towards the benchmarked average) and a benchmarked average. This report recommends a balanced model.

There are several options available to Council for the provision of a learn to swim programme. Officers have considered the two key options being; in house provision and contracting in a skilled provider.

Given the risks to Council in establishing a significant new facility it is recommended that Council test the market for an external provider to deliver the learn to swim programme.

The decisions or matters in this report are considered to be of **Low** significance in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

1. Approves the 'balanced model' for fees and charges.
2. Approves proceeding with a procurement process to identify an external learn to swim programme provider.

Authorised by:

Michele Frey - Director Liveable Communities

Keywords: kiwa pools, learn to swim programme, fees and charges

BACKGROUND

1. Council commissioned a fees and charges analysis to help inform decision-making on the best approach to setting fees and charges for the new Kiwa Pool complex. This will be circulated separately and provides the rationale to conclusions drawn in this report.
2. Currently Council has a fees and charges structure that is overly complex and inequitable. The fees and charge's structure has been developed and modified over a long period of time, reflected in numerous inconsistencies.
3. The new Kiwa Pool complex offers an opportunity to set a new fees and charges structure that is more streamlined and aligns with Councils key assumptions for the complex into the future, as outlined below.
4. The Councils key assumptions in setting fees and charges for the new Kiwa Pools facility are:
 - a. The impact on rates of the new facility must be minimised.
 - b. Fees and charges need to be simplified to make options and choices easier to understand and administer.
 - c. The cost of entry must remain as affordable as possible to encourage regular community use.
 - d. Equitable and consistent charges need to be applied to all aquatic based, junior/youth sports codes.
 - e. Council is committed to improving the water safety skills of Tairāwhiti's young people by improving access and ensuring cost is not a significant barrier to participation.
 - f. Discounts for families, elderly and those with disabilities.
5. To reduce the impact of the new facility on rates it is critical to strike the optimal balance in setting fees and charges to ensure a broad cross section of the community can afford to regularly use Kiwa Pools, whilst also generating sufficient income to minimise the impact of Kiwa Pools on rates.
6. Maximising the utilisation of the pool during opening hours, and by extending those hours, wherever viable, to support new activities and programmes will also be a key focus for the Kiwa Pool management team.
7. Another important consideration for the Kiwa Pools Complex is the learn to swim offering.
8. Until now the learn to swim offering across Tairāwhiti has been provided by external providers. Through the new Kiwa Pool complex Council will have facilities for learn to swim and needs to consider options to run the programmes in this new facility.
9. In order to best determine the recommended way forward for the aquatics service given the new facility development, a Section 17A review of Local Government Act was undertaken. This has informed the recommendations for overall management of the facility and more specifically the learn to swim programme as discussed specifically in this report.

10. Council will retain in-house delivery for the overall management and operation of the facility however it is recommended to test the market for the provision of the learn to swim programme. This will need to be tendered in accordance with Councils procurement policy.

DISCUSSION and OPTIONS

11. Three options for fees and charges for Kiwa Pools have been modelled.
12. **Option one** is the existing Olympic Pool fees and charges. The current approach is very complicated, particularly when compared with other aquatic facilities nationally. Multiple charging options are available and variable rates are applied across different sports codes and users. The current fees and charges take an inequitable approach amongst user groups and have been unduly complex and confusing for the aquatics team to apply. Aquatics staff confirm the current fees and charges are confusing, hard to interpret, which may unintentionally lead to inconsistent charging.
13. **Option two** is a balanced model that proposes a much-simplified approach to fees and charges. Whilst it does propose increases in fees to reflect the higher quality and more diverse service offer provided by Kiwa Pools, the proposed fees remain relatively modest and well below most pools benchmarked nationally. Option two attempts to strike a balance between the tension to make money from the facility to minimise the impact on rates, and Council's social objectives of building community health and wellbeing and improving water safety skills across the community. This option includes:
 - a. Consistent and equitable fees and charges across all sports codes.
 - b. Standard discounts (50%) for junior/youth sporting groups and schools. Note: using percentage discounts enables Council to readily review and adjust the percentage discount as required. For example, aquatic facilities in Hawke's Bay apply a 30% discount on lane bookings for long term sports users such as water polo, surf and swim clubs.
 - c. Reduced upfront costs in accessing concession rates for regular users (reduces the impact of cost as a potential up front barrier to participation)
 - d. two heavily discounted family passes to encourage regular recreational use of the facility by families.
 - e. The introduction of business or commercial rates for some bookable spaces to reflect a new potential market i.e., the specialist hydrotherapy suite, the foyer area, and the meeting/family room.
 - f. Continued support by Council of the Swim for Life programme through the ongoing provision of free lane space for participating schools.
14. **Option three** reflects, where comparisons were possible, the average pricing for a sample of benchmarked aquatic facilities nationally. Pricing varied widely across the facilities, reflecting the different communities of interest and the drivers of the various councils.

15. The recommended option is option 2, the balanced option. This represents a pragmatic middle ground position for Kiwa Pools, which can be readily modified by Council as improved information on use of the facility is captured.
16. There are several options available to Council for the provision of a learn to swim programme at the new Kiwa Pools Complex. Officers have considered the two key options being; in-house delivery with an enhanced version of the status quo, or contracting out. Through the Section 17a review these two options were evaluated for their suitability, feasibility and acceptability for Council.
 - a. Suitability: this is the extent to which the strategic opportunity is suitable for Gisborne District Council. It takes into account:
 - alignment to the Council's vision, goals and objectives
 - current council capabilities and the requirement to extend capabilities
 - the opportunity optimises cost effectiveness
 - the potential to secure opportunities and minimize threats
 - whether it creates or capitalises on any competitive advantage.
 - b. Feasibility: this is the extent to which the strategic option is feasible. This involves looking at strengths and weaknesses that arise from an internal analysis and considers:
 - people
 - capital
 - expertise
 - capacity
 - market environment.
 - c. Acceptability: the acceptability of a strategic choice arises by examining the financial aspects and the extent to which the choice fits in with Council and community.
17. After careful analysis of the factors above it is recommended that the learn to swim programme offering at Kiwa Pools be tendered to the market and be run by an external supplier.
18. The two key factors strongly influencing this recommendation are; that there are already strong operators in the market at this time who have a long standing reputation of successful delivery of learn to swim programmes, and Council already has a significant programme of work to ensure the overall success of the Kiwa Pool Complex, without adding further workstreams.
19. While Council would be foregoing some revenue, on balance it is considered a more prudent option to ensure good continuity of service for the community.

ASSESSMENT of SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts on Council's delivery of its Financial Strategy and Long Term Plan

This Report: **Low** Significance

Inconsistency with Council's current strategy and policy

This Report: **Low** Significance

The effects on all or a large part of the Gisborne district

This Report: **Low** Significance

The effects on individuals or specific communities

This Report: **Low** Significance

The level or history of public interest in the matter or issue

This Report: **Low** Significance

20. The decisions or matters in this report are considered to be of **Low** significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

TANGATA WHENUA/MĀORI ENGAGEMENT

21. Ngai Tawhiri are partners to this project, including being represented in the Project Control Group overseeing the development of this facility. The Project Control Group have been supportive of the proposed fees and charges through this forum. No further engagement with tangata whenua has been undertaken at this stage.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

22. No community engagement regarding the fees and charges approach for the new Kiwa Pool Complex has been undertaken at this time. The approach to fees and charges will be consulted on for one month following the outcome of this meeting.
23. The learn to swim programme is already run externally. We propose a continuation of this model subject to a successful tender process. In this regard no external consultation has been required at this stage.

CLIMATE CHANGE – Impacts / Implications

24. The decision about how to offer the fees and charges and learn to swim programme has little direct impact on climate change.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial/Budget

25. The proposed fees and charges support the achievement of the draft budget. The balanced model proposed, has been developed to achieve the financial targets.

26. The fees and charges analysis (and as shown below in Table 1) includes the forecast level of income, expenditure and rates requirements for the Kiwa Pools first full year of operation. These estimates are consistent with what was provisioned within the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.

Table 1 Estimated total budget for Kiwa Pools 2023/24

Budget area	Dollars
Projected total income	\$1,679,820
Projected direct expenditure	-\$2,530,457
Net operational cost to run	-\$850,637
Overheads (e.g. payroll, HR, coms), depreciation, insurance, finance charges etc	-740,623
Rates impact	-\$1,591,260

27. The majority of the revenue is made up of admission fees. However, as noted within the fees and charges schedule additional revenue will be from lane hireage (ie sports clubs), programmes/events (eg aqua aerobics), and venue hire.
28. It is important to note, the setting of fees and charges will be a continuous review process. This will be part of the annual review process of Council's fees and charges where a draft document is completed each year, and then released for consultation.
29. Close monitoring of use and careful capture of data over time will enable more informed decision making around fees and charges into the future.

Legal

30. With the development of Kiwa Pools, Council is making a significant change to its aquatic service delivery. Under the Local Government Act 2002 Section 17A, this triggers the requirement for Council to undertake a review of its delivery arrangements to ensure they remain the most cost effective. The Local Government Act Section 17a Review has been undertaken and has informed the recommendations contained within this report.

POLICY and PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

31. The Tairāwhiti Community Facilities Strategic Framework 2018 (the Framework) provides the overarching framework for Council's prioritisation and investment in facilities. It identifies that community facilities, such as the new Kiwa Pools complex, are important contributors in building strong, healthy, and vibrant communities.

32. The Tairāwhiti Aquatic Facilities Plan 2018 (the Plan), which gives effect to the overarching framework, highlights that Kiwa Pools as the regional facility must be fit for purpose, affordable and accessible. The Plan's objectives include that Kiwa Pools as the regional facility must:
- meet community needs where there is a compelling demand
 - be provided in the most cost-effective way
 - meet the needs of the whole region regardless of socio-economic status and ability
 - encourage high levels of use and enjoyment
 - ensure sound management to optimise operational and maintenance costs
 - meet best practice health and safety requirements
 - be available year-round for leisure, learn to swim, fitness and training.
33. These factors have been a key consideration in undertaking the fees and charges and learn to swim reviews.

RISKS

34. The key risk associated with the proposed approach to fees and charges is that Council doesn't obtain the level of use of the facility as predicted and therefore revenue and general performance targets are not met. This will be mitigated through significant promotion of the facility and a varied and interesting programme of activities to drive high levels of use. Good data capture to monitor use patterns will ensure an informed approach to the setting of future fees and charges and ensure any refinements to this are well informed.
35. The key risk regarding the proposed approach to learn to swim is that Council is unable to secure a learn to swim provider that meets the needs of Council. Should this eventuate, Council may need to reconsider options including delivering the service in-house.

NEXT STEPS

Date	Action/Milestone	Comments
August/ September 2022	Notify potential operators of the learn to swim opportunity.	
August/ September 2022	Consultation of Proposed Fees and Charges – Kiwa Pool.	
August - November 2022	Undertake procurement process to identify the market for the learn to swim programme.	

Title: 22-183 Psychoactive Substances Policy Report
Section: Strategy
Prepared by: Makarand Rodge - Policy Advisor
Meeting Date: 11 August 2022

Legal: No

Financial: No

Significance: **Low**

Report to COUNCIL for decision

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek re-adoption of Council's Psychoactive Substances (Local Approved Products) 2014 Policy.

SUMMARY

The Psychoactive Substances (Local Approved Products) 2014 Policy (the current policy) defines where retailers would be permitted to sell psychoactive substances, should the Ministry of Health add any such substances to the approved products register, thereby allowing their sale.

The current policy (**Attachment 1**) sets mandatory minimum distances to be maintained between retailers of approved products alongside minimum distances between retailers and sensitive sites such as schools, places of worship etc.

At this time the Ministry of Health lists no approved psychoactive substances and the Psychoactive Substances Regulatory Authority have not received any applications for approval of any substances.

Staff consider the current policy is still well aligned with the requirements under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2013 ("the Act") and the community views expressed during the 2014 consultation. The current Policy makes full use of the restrictions available under the Act, and with no changes to the legislation or approved products on sale, staff consider the current Policy remains both fit-for-purpose but also necessary should any products become approved in future.

If the Council wishes to revoke, amend, or replace the current policy, the Act requires formal review and consultation using the special consultative procedure.

The decisions or matters in this report are considered to be of **low** significance in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

- 1. Approves the readoption of the Psychoactive Substances 2014 Policy.**

Authorised by:

Nedine Thatcher Swann – Chief Executive

Keywords: Psychoactive substances, locally approved products

BACKGROUND

1. The stated purpose of the Act is to "regulate the availability of psychoactive substances in New Zealand to protect the health of, and minimise the harm to, individuals who use psychoactive substances". The negative effects of the sale of psychoactive substances on the local community are not included in the purpose of the Act.
2. The Act allows Council to have a Local Approved Products Policy (s.66). Approved products are products which have been approved by the Authority for sale under the Act. There are no approved products currently.
3. According to s.68 of the Act, a policy may include:
 - (a) The location of premises from which approved products may be sold by reference to broad areas within the district.
 - (b) The location from which approved products may be sold by reference to proximity to other premises from which approved products are sold within the district.
 - (c) The location of premises from which approved products may be sold by reference to proximity to premises or facilities of a particular type/s within the district (for example kindergartens, early childhood centres, schools, places of worship, or other community facilities).
4. The Act states (s.69(1) and s. 69(2)) that if a territorial authority (TA) wishes to adopt, amend, or replace a local approved products policy, then the TA must do so in accordance with the special consultative procedure under s. 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.
5. Under s.69(3) of the Act, Council must provide a copy of the Policy to the Authority after adopting or amending.
6. Lastly, s.69(4) of the Act states that once a TA's Psychoactive Substances Policy has been adopted, it must be reviewed at intervals of no more than 5 years. Further, s. 69(5) outlines a Local Approved Products Policy does not cease to have effect because it is due for review or is being reviewed.
7. Council's Psychoactive Substances Policy (Locally approved products) 2014 Policy (the current policy) was adopted in September 2014 in accordance with the provisions in the relevant sections (s. 66 to s. 69) of the Act. The current Policy had not been reviewed until now due to other strategic reviews and development priorities.

Our Current Policy

8. The current Policy aims to address harm caused by using psychoactive substances to communities and concerns regarding the location of premises selling psychoactive products.

9. To achieve this, the policy:
 - a. Limits the distance between approved substance retail premises to a minimum of 200 meters apart.
 - b. Limits the location of approved substance retail premises from sensitive sites or a riverbank walkway to a minimum of 50 meters from these points.
 - c. Restricts the hours of operation of any approved substance retail premises to be between 9am to 5pm Monday – Friday and 10am to 3pm on a Saturday.
 - d. Restricts stores to Gladstone Road (between Reads Quay and Roebuck Road).
10. Separation distances are measured from the external legal boundary of each premises in question.
11. Location of potential retailers is regulated by the current Policy to ensure that if an approved product comes to market, there are some measures in place to control the location of sale of psychoactive substances.
12. Increased visibility of any negative impacts from the use of psychoactive substances at these known locations will allow authorities such as the NZ Police and MOH to monitor offences relating to use of such substances.
13. The Policy includes a 'saving provision' to ensure if any part is found by a Court or by the Regulatory Authority to be invalid it can be severed and it does not invalidate the whole policy. This allows for some changes in the legislative environment without triggering a full review and consultation of our policy.

DISCUSSION and OPTIONS

14. This report is seeking a decision from Council to readopt the Psychoactive Substances 2014 Policy. Council has three options to consider as outlined in Table One.

Table One: Options for Council.

Option	Benefits	Risks / Costs
Option 1: Readopt policy	<p>Aligns with legislation.</p> <p>Aligns with Council's aim to address community concerns regarding the issue of approved substances.</p> <p>No impact on current resources and / or work programme planning.</p> <p>If any products are approved in the future this means a full review does not need to be completed.</p>	No costs identified.

Option	Benefits	Risks / Costs
<p>Option 2: Current Policy is not readopted, and formal review initiated.</p>	<p>Feedback from the public during consultation may reveal current concerns regarding the location of any potential retail premises in the community.</p> <p>Allows Council to re-consider if the distances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. between retail shops and ii. between retail shops and sensitive sites <p>are still appropriate.</p>	<p>Formal review would likely return a similar or identical policy due to the nature of the current policy's restrictions. As there are currently no approved substances and no changes to the legislation the risk to the community is unchanged and the current policy meets Council's and the community's objectives.</p> <p>Significant time has passed since these substances were previously available in the community and their effects were being felt. Formal consultation now may receive a different response and one not reflective of community views should an approved product become available.</p> <p>Special consultative procedure will be required for a full review.</p> <p>Resources allocation and work programming for other policy work will be impacted.</p>
<p>Option 3: Current Policy is revoked</p>	<p>No benefits identified.</p>	<p>If Council decides to revoke and if products are approved in the future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lack of regulation could contribute to community harm, or • Development of a new policy may be required. <p>The revocation decision may be challenged in Court.</p>

15. Staff have also considered the policies that other Councils have adopted. It is observed that except for the Hamilton City Council, none of the other Councils have reviewed their Psychoactive substances policies. Even after reviewing, the Hamilton City Council have re-adopted the same policy. Table 2 below outlines the status on amendments / reviews carried out by Councils.

Table Two: Other Council policies

Council	Date / year of adoption	Review / amendments (if any)
Nelson City Council	Adopted on 3 Sep 2015.	No reviews or amendments could be observed since adoption.
Whangarei District Council	Adopted in June 2014	No reviews or amendments could be observed since adoption.
Hamilton City Council	Adopted on 27 Feb 2014	Reviewed policy on 11 Oct 2018 (without consulting) however no change from 2014.
Western Bay of Plenty	Between mid-2013 and 2014.	No reviews or amendments could be observed.
Marlborough District Council	Adopted 19 May 2016	No reviews or amendments could be observed.

Next Steps

16. Council's readoption of the Policy would be the end of this process until such time as a product was approved by the Ministry of Health or the legislation was amended in a way that required Council action.
17. The policy would next be considered for review in 2027 in line with the review period under s.69(4) of the Act.

ASSESSMENT of SIGNIFICANCE

Consideration of consistency with and impact on the Regional Land Transport Plan and its implementation

Overall Process: Low Significance

This Report: Low Significance

Impacts on Council's delivery of its Financial Strategy and Long-Term Plan

Overall Process: Low Significance

This Report: Low Significance

Inconsistency with Council's current strategy and policy

Overall Process: Low Significance

This Report: Low Significance

The effects on all or a large part of the Gisborne district

Overall Process: Low Significance

This Report: Low Significance

The effects on individuals or specific communities

Overall Process: Low Significance

This Report: Low Significance

The level or history of public interest in the matter or issue

Overall Process: **Medium** Significance

This Report: **Low** Significance

18. The decisions or matters in this report are considered to be of **Low** significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

TANGATA WHENUA/MĀORI ENGAGEMENT and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

19. Tangata whenua views on the option of readopting have not been sought.
20. Readoption of the current Policy triggers no requirements for consultation with any external parties.
21. Staff have investigated RFS and compliance data to understand the effects of the current Policy. So far, there have been no complaints or compliance issues on record raised by the public.
22. If Council decides to review or revoke the Policy, then consultation under s. 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 will be required.

CLIMATE CHANGE – Impacts / Implications

23. There are no identified climate change impacts or implications associated with this policy or Council's readoption of this policy.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial/Budget

24. There are no identified financial/budget implications associated with the readoption of this policy.

Legal

25. The Psychoactive Substances Act 2013 requires Council to review their approved substances policies every five years if implemented (s. 69(4) of the Act). This report and readoption of the current Policy, while not a review, allows Council to consider this Policy without triggering the formal review and consultation process (s. 69(1) and (2) of the Act). As stated, in the absence of the five yearly review, the Policy remains in effect.
26. This policy should be considered a legal document as legal decisions may cite parts or all the policy. As such it will be assessed and approved by Council's Legal team if amended/reviewed.

POLICY and PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

27. There are no policy and planning implications for Council beyond those discussed in this report.

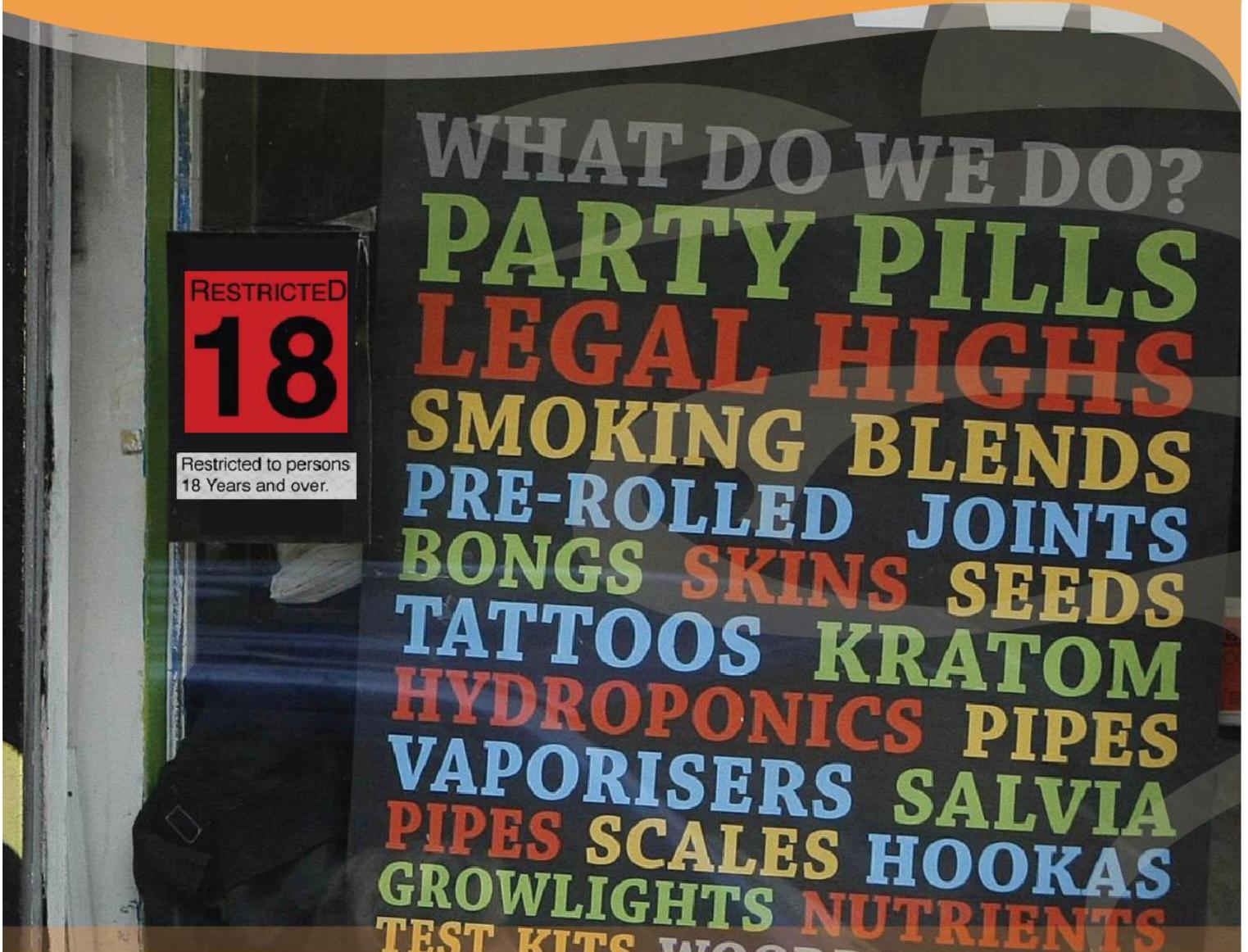
RISKS

28. **Time and resources:** if Council decides to do a complete review of the current Policy, then staff time and resources may be spent on this project.
29. **Reputation:** If Council decides to revoke the Policy and new products are approved in the future, Council may not be seen to be addressing community concerns and minimising harm.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - Psychoactive Substances 2014 Policy [**22-183.1** - 4 pages]

Psychoactive Substances Policy (Local Approved Products Policy)



GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES POLICY (LOCAL APPROVED PRODUCTS POLICY)

Pursuant to s.68 of the Psychoactive Substances Act 2013

A. Introduction

A Local Approved Products Policy ("the Policy") is a set of policy criteria determined by the Council, in consultation with the community, which may restrict the location of the premises selling approved psychoactive substances in the district. This Policy addresses community concerns regarding the location of premises selling psychoactive products, while being in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Psychoactive Substances Act 2013 ("the Act").

The Policy provides the Psychoactive Substances Regulatory Authority with a policy framework, when making a decision on an application to sell psychoactive substances in Gisborne.

B. Policy Objectives

The objectives of the policy are to:

1. Minimise the harm to the community caused by psychoactive substances by defining the permitted location of retail premises;
2. To minimise the potential for harm to sensitive communities (such as places of worship, family focussed and child focussed areas) from the sale of psychoactive substances.
3. To allow the local community to have influence over the location of retail premises in the Gisborne District.

C. Interpretation

Sensitive Site in the policy means a site which contains:

- any childcare centre, kindergarten, school, or any other educational institution; and
- any library, public swimming pool, museum, place of worship and all marae; and
- any public riverbank walkway.

Riverbank Walkway means any public riverside walkway, whether formed or not, in the Gisborne District.

Unless otherwise defined, terms in this policy shall have the same meaning as those terms have in the Psychoactive Substances Act 2013.

D. Location of Psychoactive Substances Sales Points

1. An outlet may only be located on Gladstone Road between Reads Quay and Roebuck Road.
2. Approved products are not permitted to be sold within 50 metres of any existing sensitive site or a riverbank walkway.
3. Points of sale for psychoactive substances must be located a minimum of 200 metres apart from each other.
4. The trading hours of the outlet shall be limited to 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday and 10am - 3pm Saturday.
5. Separation distances shall be measured from the external legal boundary of each premises in question.

E. Saving Provision

If any part of this Policy is found by a Court or by the Regulatory Authority to include matters outside the scope of the Act, those parts shall be severed and may be disregarded when applying this Policy.



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Title: 22-193 Gisborne Holdings Limited Annual General Meeting and Appointment of Shareholder Proxy

Section: Democracy & Support Services

Prepared by: Heather Kohn - Democracy & Support Services Manager

Meeting Date: Thursday 11 August 2022

Legal: Yes

Financial: No

Significance: **Low**

Report to COUNCIL for decision

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to appoint a Proxy for Gisborne Holdings Limited's (GHL) Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held 28 September 2022.

SUMMARY

Council has the right to appoint a Proxy to exercise its vote as the Shareholder on the on the resolutions that will be considered at the AGM. The matters in the resolution below are the usual items that are voted on at the AGM. It is recommended that the Mayor be appointed Proxy and the Deputy Mayor Josh Wharehinga signs the proxy instrument on behalf of Council (**see Attachment 1**).

The decisions or matters in this report are considered to be of **Low** significance in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

1. **Appoints the Mayor as Proxy for the Annual General Meeting of Gisborne Holdings Limited to be held at 5.30pm Wednesday 28 September 2022 at the Waikanae Surf Lifesaving Club.**

2. Instructs the Proxy to vote as follows:

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the annual report, including the financial statements and the audit report thereon, for the year ended 30 June 2022.**
- 2. To approve the dividend recommended by the Directors.**
- 3. To confirm the appointment of Ernst & Young as agents of the Office of the Auditor General to act as the Company's auditor for the ensuing year in accordance with section 70 of the Local Government Act 2002, and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration.**
- 4. To approve the Directors recommendation for the directors' fee pool to remain at \$285,200 for the ensuing year.**
- 5. To deal with any other business that may properly be brought before the meeting.**

Authorised by:

James Baty - Director Internal Partnerships

Keywords: Gisborne Holdings Limited, GHL, Annual General Meeting, AGM, 2022, proxy, directors, annual report, financial statements

BACKGROUND

1. Council received notice of the Annual General Meeting 29 July 2022.
2. The notice is required to set out the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting in sufficient detail to enable the Shareholder to make a reasoned judgement in relation to it. It must also advise the text of any special resolution (clause 22.2 of the GHL Constitution).
3. The Annual Report, Financial Statements and Auditor Report are yet to be received. The draft Financial Statements will be available to Gisborne District Council on 15 August 2022.
4. As set out in clause 21.4 of the GHL Constitution, Council has the right to appoint a Gisborne District Council representative as its Proxy to attend and vote at the AGM.
5. One of the principal objectives of GHL is to achieve the objectives of Council (see section 59 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA)). Section 65 of the LGA legislates regular performance monitoring of council organisations to ensure that organisation is meeting the local authority's objectives and desired results. The Office of the Auditor General's guideline "Governance and Accountability of Council-controlled Organisations" includes the Principles of Good Governance. These outline the need for a local authority to have structures, systems, information and capability in place to hold the council-controlled organisation to account.
6. Sending a Proxy to the AGM with authority to vote as resolved by Council assists Council to guide and contribute to the achievement of the objectives of GHL.
7. It is recommended that the Mayor be appointed Proxy and Cr Wharehinga sign the proxy on behalf of Council, as Deputy Chair of the Finance & Performance Committee.

ASSESSMENT of SIGNIFICANCE

Impacts on Council's delivery of its Financial Strategy and Long Term Plan

Overall Process: Low Significance

This Report: Low Significance

Inconsistency with Council's current strategy and policy

Overall Process: Low Significance

This Report: Low Significance

The effects on all or a large part of the Gisborne district

Overall Process: Low Significance

This Report: Low Significance

The effects on individuals or specific communities

Overall Process: Low Significance

This Report: Low Significance

The level or history of public interest in the matter or issue

Overall Process: Low Significance

This Report: Low Significance

8. The decisions or matters in this report are considered to be of **Low** significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

TANGATA WHENUA/MĀORI ENGAGEMENT

9. No engagement with Tangata Whenua is required.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

10. No community engagement is required.

CLIMATE CHANGE – Impacts / Implications

11. There are no climate change impacts or implications arising from the decisions made in this matter.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial/Budget

12. There are no financial implications arising from this decision.

Legal

13. Council is required to regularly undertake performance monitoring of GHIL (section 65 of the LGA).
14. Section 70 of the LGA provides that the Auditor-General is the auditor of council-controlled organisations

POLICY and PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

15. There are no policy or planning implications.

RISKS

16. If a proxy is not appointed as a representative and Council does not attend GHIL's AGM, Council loses the opportunity to promote its interests, influence the direction of GHIL and monitor performance. This may breach the Office of the Auditor General's Principles of Good Governance and Council's obligation to monitor GHIL under section 65 of the LGA.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - AGM Notice Proxy Template [**22-193.1** - 2 pages]

GISBORNE HOLDINGS LIMITED

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2022 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Gisborne Holdings Limited will be held at the conference room of Waikanae Surf Lifesaving Club, 280E Grey Street, Awapuni, Gisborne 4010, on 28th September 2022, at 5.30pm.

BUSINESS

1. **Apologies**
2. **Financial Statements & Annual Report.** To receive, consider and adopt the annual report, including the financial statements and the audit report thereon, for the year ended 30 June 2022.
3. **Dividend.** To approve the dividend recommended by the Directors.
4. **Auditors.** To confirm the appointment of Ernst & Young as agents for the Office of the Auditor General to act as the Company's auditor for the ensuing year in accordance with section 70 of the Local Government Act 2002, and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration.
5. **Remuneration of Directors.** To approve the Directors recommendation for the directors' fee pool to remain at \$285,200 for the ensuing year.
6. **General Business.** To deal with any other business that may properly be brought before the meeting.

PROXIES

Any shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may vote either by being present in person or by proxy. A proxy must be appointed by a written notice signed by the shareholder, which must state whether the appointment is for a particular meeting or for a specified term not exceeding 12 months. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the company but is entitled to attend and be heard as if the proxy were the shareholder. A proxy form is enclosed. To be effective the proxy form must be produced to the company not later than immediately prior to the meeting.

By order of the Board

29 July 2022

John Rae

Board Chairperson

GISBORNE HOLDINGS LIMITED
INSTRUMENT APPOINTING A PROXY

We/I _____ of the **GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL** being a shareholder of **GISBORNE HOLDINGS LIMITED** hereby appoint _____ of _____ as our Proxy to vote for us and on our behalf at the Annual Meeting of the Company to be held at the conference room of Waikanae Surf Lifesaving Club, 280E Grey Street, Awapuni, Gisborne 4010, on 28th September 2022, at 5.30pm and at any adjournment thereof.

We direct our Proxy to vote in the following manner:

RESOLUTIONS

	Vote with a Tick	
	For	Against
To adopt the 2022 Annual report and Financial Statements with the Auditor's Report thereon, for the year ended 30 June 2022.		
To approve the dividend recommended by the Directors.		
To confirm the appointment of Ernst & Young as agents for the Office of the Auditor General to act as the Company's auditor for the ensuing year in accordance with section 70 of the Local Government Act 2002, and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration.		
To approve the Directors recommendation for the directors' fee pool to remain at \$285,200 for the ensuing year.		

SIGNED this _____ day of _____ 2022.

 Signature

 Signature

NOTES:

1. If you wish you may appoint as your Proxy, the chairperson of the meeting.
2. If the form is returned without a direction as to how the Proxy shall vote on any particular resolution, the Proxy will exercise the Proxy's discretion as to whether to vote and, if so, how.
3. This form must be signed by the appointer or his/her/their attorney duly authorised in writing or if the appointer is a corporation, under the hand of a signatory/s or attorney duly authorised. Joint holders shall all sign this form.
4. The Proxy form must be signed and produced to the Chairman of the Company not later than immediately prior to the meeting.

Title: 22-115 Three Waters Better Off Funding
Section: Chief Executive's Office
Prepared by: Yvette Kinsella - Special Projects Manager
Meeting Date: Thursday 11 August 2022

Legal: Yes

Financial: Yes

Significance: **Medium**

Report to COUNCIL for decision

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek a Council decision on the activities to be included in Gisborne District Council's Three Waters Better Off Funding Proposal.

SUMMARY

Gisborne District Council (Council) has been allocated \$28.83 million from the Government's Three Waters Reforms Better Off Funding support package to invest in community wellbeing and positioning Council for the future. Council is now able to apply for the first tranche of funding of \$7.21 million for projects that contribute to low emissions economy, housing development and/or placemaking and community wellbeing.

A number of potentially eligible projects have been identified in partnership with chief executives of iwi authorities and at a Councillor workshop. Those projects have been assessed in terms of their transformative potential and practicality of delivery in line with the rules of the funding.

The projects recommended for inclusion in a funding proposal for Tranche 1 of Better Off funding are:

- Growing the circular economy by establishing systems to collect compostable waste for future conversion to energy source leading to reduced greenhouse gas emissions.
- Installing solar panels at Kiwa Pools to reduce environmental footprint and keep operational costs down so use is more affordable for the community.
- Supporting marae to upgrade their infrastructure such as drinking and wastewater, energy and urupā, to ensure their future sustainability.
- Trialling an east to west temporary separated cycleway across the city to connect Wainui and Kaiti suburbs to the CBD, schools and recreation facilities.
- Remediating the Tūranganui riverbank asbestos contamination to restore the mauri of this historically important site so the Hawaiiki Tūranga art piece can be installed.
- Rolling out deliberative fora to support communities to understand and respond to the impacts of climate change at their place through adaptive pathway planning.

All of the activities are important to the region and are captured in key regional strategies and documents. Most of the projects are contemplated in the 2021-2024 Long Term Plan.

Limited engagement with the chief executives of iwi authorities has taken place around the Tranche 1 funding and needs to be more deliberative and focused on co-design for Tranche 2 to be consistent with Council's aspirations for tangata whenua engagement and the requirements of the funding.

A streamlined online community engagement would be useful to understand the level of community support for the projects to be included in Tranche 1. For the bigger sum of Tranche 2 Better Off Funding, it is recommended a full Special Consultative Procedure is undertaken alongside the development of the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.

The decisions or matters in this report are considered to be of **Medium** significance in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

- 1. Directs the Chief Executive to submit a proposal for the Gisborne District Council allocation of Better Off Funding Tranche 1 with the following projects:**
 - a. Circular economy – waste.**
 - b. Kiwa Pools – solar panels.**
 - c. Marae sustainability programme.**
 - d. Carbon-friendly transport.**
 - e. Hawaiiki Tūranga site remediation and installation.**
 - f. Deliberative democracy on climate change adaptation.**

Authorised by:

Nedine Thatcher Swann - Chief Executive

Keywords: Better off funding Tranche 1, circular economy, kiwa pools solar panels, marae sustainability programme, carbon friendly transport, hawaiiki turanga site remediation, climate change, 3 Waters Reform

BACKGROUND

1. In July 2021, the government announced a package of \$2.5 billion to support the local government sector through the transition to the new water services delivery system for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater, and to position local government for the future.
2. The package aims to ensure that territorial authorities are supported through the three waters transition, the financial impacts of reform are managed and, importantly, all councils and communities will transition to the new system for delivering three waters services in a better position than where they are now.
3. The table below outlines the funding streams:

Funding	Use	Amount
Better Off Funding	To invest in positioning local government for the future and community wellbeing	\$28.83m
No Worse Off Funding	To ensure councils are no worse off financially from the reforms and cover stranded costs	\$3m
Transition Funding	To cover the direct costs to councils during the transition period to 1 July 2024	\$732k

4. The focus of this memo is on the Better Off Funding component of the package.

Better Off Funding

5. The funding is comprised of \$1 billion crown funding and \$1 billion from the new water services entities. It is allocated to territorial authorities with 75% allocation based on population, 20% allocation based on the deprivation index, and 5% allocation based on land area. This formula recognises the relative needs of local communities, the unique challenges facing territorial authorities in meeting those needs, and differences across the country in the ability to pay for those needs.
6. Territorial authorities can use the funding for actions that support government priorities to:
 - support communities to transition to a sustainable and **low-emissions economy**, including by building **resilience to climate change** and natural hazards
 - deliver infrastructure and/or services that enable **housing development and growth**, with a focus on brownfield and infill development opportunities where those are available
 - deliver infrastructure and/or services that support local **place-making and community well-being**.
7. The funding is available in two tranches with the first \$500 million of Crown Funding available from 1 July 2022 and the remaining \$1.5 billion available from 1 July 2024.
8. Te Tairāwhiti has a total allocation of \$28.83 million to be split as follows:
 - Tranche 1 (July 2022): \$7.21 million
 - Tranche 2 (July 2024): \$21.62 million.

Funding Proposals

9. To access each tranche of funding, territorial authorities must complete a Funding Proposal that specifies:
 - the proposed projects and/or programmes the funding will be used for, along with key milestones, dates, costs, risks, outcomes monitoring and reporting
 - how the proposed activities will deliver on the three priority areas for government (resilience, housing development and/or place-making)
 - a wellbeing assessment setting out the expected benefits of the activities
 - how iwi/Māori have been engaged in decisions on the content of the proposal.
10. There are several rules that have been made plain around eligibility of projects. It is important to note that these rules are still evolving, and eligibility will be determined by the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) ultimately on a case-by-case basis.
11. The rules that we are aware of at this stage are:
 - Funding proposals must be for new initiatives or projects, and/or to accelerate, scale up or enhance the quality of a planned project or investment
 - The funding must be used and the activities in the proposal completed by 30 June 2027 (though activities can continue beyond this timeframe with resourcing and funding from other sources)
 - The total amount of funding payable must not be more than the designated funding allocation (unless co-funding is made available)
 - Territorial authorities are expected to consider how the first tranche of funding could support funding proposals for the second tranche
 - Funding proposals that were declined for other funding may be able to be considered for better off funding – on a case-by-case basis in discussion with the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA).

Mana Whenua Engagement

12. Councils are expected to engage with mana whenua in determining how they will use the funding.
13. For Tranche 1, the minimum expectation is that councils will:
 - Identify Māori impacted by the activities proposed.
 - Demonstrate genuine engagement, extending beyond standing committees.
 - Identify issues/concerns arising from the engagement, and steps taken to accommodate and support these interests.
14. For Tranche 2, the expectation is that:
 - There will be relationships built on trust and mutual respect.
 - Funding Proposals have been co-designed and co-implemented from inception.
 - Decision-making on initiatives to fund and prioritise have been made jointly.

Timing for Proposals

15. Proposals for Tranche 1 funding must be approved by DIA by 30 September 2022.
16. DIA advice is that proposals should be submitted as soon as possible to allow time for them to work their way through DIA processes. They are wanting to have proposals before end of August 2022 for Tranche 1.

WORK TO DATE

Long List of Projects

17. Staff prepared a long list of potential projects that captured activities from Council's Long-Term Plan, strategies and plans of other regional leadership bodies, and iwi authority priorities.

Engagement with Iwi Chief Executives

18. Council staff have had two workshops with iwi authority chief executives. The first identified some investment principles that were important in the allocation of the funding, most notably that funding is used for activities that:
 - are unlikely to secure funding from another source
 - deliver on immediate issues with potentially big impacts
 - contribute significantly to Māori wellbeing.
19. The second workshop identified a series of projects that iwi chief executives want to see included in the funding proposal:
 - Funding for marae to upgrade their infrastructure to ensure they are resilient and can meet environmental and drinking water standards.
 - Remediation of Hawaiiki Tūranga site to restore mauri and enable the sculpture to be installed.
 - Completion of point source community supply of drinking water for Muriwai and Ruatōria.
 - Repair of pipework and connections of drinking water supply for Te Puia Springs community that is provided by Te Puia Springs Hospital.
 - Reticulation of drinking water and wastewater for Muriwai and Ruatōria townships.
20. The iwi chief executives also indicated some support for marae-based community climate change adaptation planning.
21. At a workshop on 27 July, Councillors confirmed that the funding should be used for activities that could be transformational for the region and not for:
 - funding three waters infrastructure that would transfer to the new water services entity
 - activities that would easily attract funding from alternative sources.

DISCUSSION and OPTIONS

Potential Projects for Funding

22. From the work to date, the following projects have been identified as potentially eligible for Better Off Funding:

Circular economy – waste	Grey Street linear park
Kiwa Pools – solar panels	1,000-year bridge
Marae sustainability	Kiwa Pools – hydroslices
Zero carbon transport	War Memorial Theatre - sprinklers
Hawaiiki Tūranga (remediation and install)	Te Puia Springs water network remediation
Deliberative democracy (climate adaptation)	Reticulation of Muriwai
Tolaga Bay cycle project	Reticulation of Ruatōria

23. **Attachment 1** includes a description of each of the projects in terms of outcomes and actions.

24. The two projects to install point source community water supplies for Muriwai and Ruatōria have been removed from the project list. They are underway with funding from Three Waters Stimulus Package. Muriwai will be completed by end of 2022. Ruatōria is likely to be completed in 2023/24.

Criteria for Assessment

25. Based on the rules of the Better Off Funding and engagement with councillors and iwi chief executives, the following criteria have been used to assess projects:

26. The first set of criteria relate to the degree to which the project has **transformational potential** for Te Tairāwhiti:

- Breadth of impacts: how widely the impacts are felt across Te Tairāwhiti and the number of potential beneficiaries.
- Depth of impacts: how intensely the impacts are felt by the beneficiaries.
- Contribution to Māori wellbeing.
- Likelihood of success: how likely it is that the project will meet its intended outcomes.
- Impact on no action: the outcome if we did not progress the project.
- Community support: the level of community support as indicated through the consultation and engagement of Council and other organisations.
- Funding leverage: the degree that investment would leverage other funding.

Practicality

27. The second set of criteria relate to the degree to which the project is **practical**.
- **Shovel readiness:** how quickly the project can be implemented.
 - **Information readiness:** the availability of the information needed to complete a successful funding proposal.
 - **Risks limited:** the degree to which risks are known and manageable.
 - **No alternative funding:** the likelihood the project would not attract other funding.

Assessment Results

28. **Attachment 2** shows the staff assessment of the potential projects against the criteria above.
29. The assessment suggests the following projects are higher priority and would be achievable within the current \$7.21 million funding quantum:

• Growing the circular economy by establishing systems to collect compostable waste for future conversion to energy source leading to reduced greenhouse gas emissions	\$2.9m
• Installing solar panels at Kiwa Pools to reduce environmental footprint and keep operational costs down so use is more affordable for the community	\$810k
• Supporting marae to upgrade their infrastructure such as drinking and wastewater, energy and urupā, to ensure their future sustainability	\$1m
• Trialling an east to west temporary separated cycleway across the city to connect Wainui and Kaiti suburbs to the CBD, schools and recreation facilities	\$1.5m
• Remediating the Tūrangānui riverbank asbestos contamination to restore the mauri of this historically important site so the Hawaiiki Tūranga art piece can be installed	\$400k
• Rolling out deliberative fora to support communities to understand and respond to the impacts of climate change at their place through adaptive pathway planning	\$400k

ASSESSMENT of SIGNIFICANCE

The effects on individuals or specific communities

Overall Process: Low Significance

This Report: Low Significance

30. The decisions or matters in this report are considered to be of **Medium** significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
31. The activities proposed have the potential to have positive impacts across broad sectors of the community and will enable project delivery to be brought forward and/or an increase in the project offerings for greater community wellbeing.
32. However, most of the projects suggested for inclusion in the proposal are contemplated in the Long-Term Plan and/or Regional Land Transport Plan. There has been community engagement on them, and they are consistent with Council's strategic direction.

33. Engagement with iwi authorities has identified activities for funding that mana whenua view as priorities particularly around the important role of marae and the need to ensure the sustainability of these taonga for Māori wellbeing. While this has not specifically been consulted on, the importance of marae as focal points for Māori connection, history, and cultural transmission are well-known.

TANGATA WHENUA/MĀORI ENGAGEMENT

34. Tangata whenua have been engaged to some degree through workshopping with iwi authority chief executives. However, the short timeframes to preparing a funding proposal have not enabled the desired depth of deliberation and engagement nor has it allowed for engagement with mana whenua ie hapū.
35. The approach to engagement for this programme is not yet fully consistent with Council's statements of aspiration for Te Tiriti o Waitangi based relationships and decision-making. (**Report 22-95**) around co-creation, co-development and rebalancing inequities.
36. However, there is an opportunity to give greater effect to this approach for Tranche 2 of the funding allocation. In essence, it is a requirement of the funding that Tranche 2 adopts a co-design partnership approach with iwi/Māori to identifying and deciding what the funding will be spent on.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

37. The short timeframes to preparing a funding proposal have not enabled a fulsome engagement with the community. We have largely inferred the potential level of community support for projects based on previous engagement by Council and others.
38. A streamlined online community engagement would enable us to seek confirmation of the level of community support for the projects.
39. For the bigger sum of Tranche 2 Better Off Funding, it is recommended a full Special Consultative Procedure is undertaken alongside the development of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan.

NEXT STEPS

Date	Action/Milestone	Comments
11 Aug 2022	Council prioritises projects	
18 Aug 2022	Draft funding proposal sent to CIP	
31 Aug 2022	Final Funding Proposal submitted	
30 Sep 2022	DIA considers proposals	

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 - REPORT to Council Better Off Funding Appendix 1 Project Details 11 August 2022 [**22-115.1** - 6 pages]
- Attachment 2 - REPORT to Council Better Off Funding Appendix 2 Project Priorisation 11 August 2022 [**22-115.2** - 1 page]

Appendix 1: Detail of Potential Projects for Better Off Funding Tranche 1

Recommended Projects

1. Circular Economy – Waste

Background

Te Tairāwhiti produces nearly 15,000 tonnes of waste to landfill per annum contributing to national methane emissions. There is a double-hit in terms of greenhouse gas emissions, as the majority of this waste is transported to Tirohia landfill in Waikato contributing to carbon emissions from transport.

Around 26% of this waste to landfill is compostable – food or household green waste – representing the largest of the waste streams for the region.

There is potential to divert 3,172 tonnes of compostable waste from landfill each year. However there needs to be an alternative to use/disposal of that waste locally. A feasibility study for a regional anaerobic digester has identified this project could be a viable

Outcomes

- To reduce emissions of greenhouse gases (methane) from landfills
- To reduce carbon emissions from transport of landfill waste out of region
- To grow the circular economy in Te Tairāwhiti

Description of activities

This programme of work focuses on diversion of compostable material from landfill disposal. It includes two key elements:

- Infrastructure and systems to enable separation of waste streams at the waste source (household, business, marae etc)
- Options for alternative disposal of compostable waste.

Infrastructure and systems involve providing equipment and information to households, businesses and marae to support separation of waste streams at the source. The physical plant required includes four waste bins per property and two mobile waste separation facilities for large community gatherings. The systems aspects include support to manage the roll-out across the region including logistics and education.

Options for alternative disposal involves building on the earlier feasibility study to get a project for a regional anaerobic digester ready for investment and construction. This facility would provide an alternative disposal pathway for compostable waste from the region and could include bio-solids from the Gisborne wastewater treatment plant.

2. Kiwa Pools Extension – Solar Panels

Background

In 2017, the Tairāwhiti Community Facilities Strategy identified an under-provision of public aquatic recreational facilities in Tairāwhiti compared to the rest of New Zealand. There is a single facility in Gisborne city (Olympic Pool Complex) that has seen a significant decline in use (even pre-COVID) due to its age, ongoing maintenance issues, poor quality of experience, and not meeting changing community demands for facilities.

In response, Council is building Kiwa Pools, a modern, multi-purpose aquatic complex to provide for a range of aquatic needs from recreation, family fun, water safety education and sports training. As with any aquatic facility, there is a balance to be struck between providing a quality aquatic experience that meets community needs and ensuring the affordability of that service for ratepayers and pool users.

Outcomes

- To improve the environmental footprint and energy resilience of the complex through renewable energy solutions
- To reduce operational costs making the use of the complex more affordable for the community

Description of activities

This programme of work focuses on installing solar panels at the Kiwa Pools complex including the contracting of suppliers, the purchase of physical plant (five rows of solar panels) and the installation of the infrastructure.

3. Marae SustainabilityBackground

Marae are critical as centres of Maori identity, as repositories of the history of their people and of the transmission of cultural knowledge and practices. Māori oratory, language, value and social etiquette are given their fullest expression on the marae. The stories of ancestors and events of significance to whanau are etched and woven into the fabric of each marae.

Marae serve wider functions as centres of community connection. Marae in Te Tairāwhiti are important centres for community deliberation and dialogue. They are refuges for many in times of distress and are central to emergency management responses.

Marae often have limited options for generating revenue for maintenance and upgrade of their facilities. Many are facing challenges with ageing or no basic infrastructure for drinking water, wastewater, and energy. Some marae also have critical assets that are at risk from hazards, particularly urupa.

There is a need to future-proof marae to enable their longer term sustainability and so they can continue to support the wellbeing of whanau and communities. There are 70 operational marae across Te Tairāwhiti with a large proportion of these on the East Cape.

Outcomes

- To protect marae as centres of social connection, history and knowledge
- To ensure the health and wellbeing of those using marae
- To reduce operating costs of marae
- To reduce frequent interruptions to electricity supply experience by many rural marae

Description of activities

This programme of work focuses on ensuring the future sustainability of marae in Te Tairāwhiti. It has three key elements:

- Sustainability assessment of marae (drinking and waste water, electricity, waste, urupa)
- Report on high-level options to address sustainability issues at each marae
- Implementation of actions to address sustainability at first four marae needing attention

The activities involve procuring technical advice to take stock of marae facility sustainability and options for improvement across 70 marae in Te Tairāwhiti. The options would be tailored to the specific circumstance of each of the marae.

It also involves initiating a pilot to implement sustainability measures on the first four marae, which could entail delivery of three waters and renewable energy infrastructure, waste recovery services and urupa protection).

4. Zero Carbon Transport

Background

Tairāwhiti 2050 - Shaping the Future of our Region - is Gisborne District Council's (GDC) long-term spatial plan and is a reflection of community aspirations for the future. There is a strong focus on ensuring connected and safe communities including the following aspirations:

- Everyone has access to transport to get where they need to go
- There are no deaths or serious injuries on roads in Tairāwhiti
- The city and townships are pedestrian and cycling friendly
- Gisborne city is the cycle capital of NZ
- 40% of Gisborne city residents walk or cycle to work.

These targets can only be achieved with investment in an extensive network of high-quality cycleways and education that target the journeys of, as a priority, school children.

The Rutene Road /Ormond Road stretch of the road network is a key east to west connecting route. It links the Wainui, Kaiti and Tamarau suburbs on the eastern side of the city (about 43% of the population) with the CBD and educational and recreational facilities on the western side of the city.

Council has identified an option to have a core east-west separated cycleway route running along Rutene Road and extending onto Ormond Road, with secondary routes spread throughout the remainder of Kaiti (mostly in the form of on-road facilities like painted cycle lanes and traffic calming measures).

Outcomes

- To reduce carbon emissions from transport
- To improve multi-modal transport connectivity across Gisborne city
- To improve the health and wellbeing of communities in Te Tairāwhiti
- To improve safety of vulnerable road users

Description of activities

This programme of work focuses on trialling separated cycleway infrastructure in preparation for future investment in permanent infrastructure. It has three key elements:

- Temporary infrastructure design with community engagement
- Installation of temporary cycleways and monitoring sites
- Monitoring and reporting

The activities involve engaging with communities in a similar way to streets for people projects that are taking place on Grey Street and Tolaga Bay to design trials of temporary infrastructure for cyclists along the length of Rutene Road and Ormond Road up to Wi Pere Street and secondary connections to schools along the route. The trial would be supported by an education campaign. It would run for approximately 12 months and would monitor use of the cycleways and any issues that arise and report on effectiveness and lessons learned to inform investment in permanent infrastructure.

5. Hawiiki Turanga Site Remediation and Installation

Background

Public art is important in enabling local communities to express, reinforce, celebrate and strengthen their identity. It gives expression to local culture and has a critical role in telling the stories of place.

The Hawiiki Turanga installation will be a prominent and important cultural and social icon within the region. It will be an imposing art piece of mixed media (bronze, steel and copper) on the Western bank of the Turanganui River.

The sculpture depicts Ruapani, a paramount chief of the Tūranganui a Kiwa iwi in the 15th and 16th centuries from whom many Tairāwhiti people descend and whose wisdom and leadership continues to inspire current generations. It represents an important part of the story of our place, the people who have lived here, and their importance in the shaping of our place.

The project will contribute to place-making and support Tairāwhiti as a vibrant, attractive place with a rich history.

The sculpture has been completed. However, council has now identified that the installation site is compromised by asbestos contamination from historical land use. There is a need to remediate the area. The additional funding will be used to improve the quality of the project to restore the mauri of the site in a culturally-appropriate way before the monument can be installed.

Outcomes

- To create a sense of place at a historically important site for Aotearoa New Zealand
- To tell our stories of place and people in an authentic way
- To restore the mauri of the site in a culturally appropriate way

Description of activities

This programme of work focuses on remediating the river bank site in a culturally-appropriate way so that the Hawaiiki Turanga sculpture can be installed. It involves the following elements:

- Earthworks and contamination removal
- Foundations and paving
- Installation of art work, landscaping and ancillary infrastructure

6. Deliberative Democracy on Climate Change Adaptation

Background

The impacts of climate change are already being felt globally driving governments and communities on action to reduce emissions and to adapt to the bio-physical changes that are manifesting. Locally, the increased frequency of disruptive weather events has raised significant concerns for communities across Te Tairāwhiti about the future viability of their communities and their places, none more so than those of the East Coast communities from Uawa north.

Communities are becoming increasingly aware of the need for them to start to plan their responses to the impacts of climate change. While council will be focused on dealing with the regional impacts of climate change on infrastructure and public assets, it is local communities and households who will be tasked with decisions about protecting their private assets like homes, businesses and marae.

There is an opportunity to empower local communities to understand the impacts of climate change for them and their place and to support localised adaptation planning.

The Future for Local Government review interim report identifies change is needed in local government if we are to meet future challenges like climate change. The report states that while councils will continue to be important “there is scope for local democracy to be strengthened, to rebuild trust and confidence, provide for more effective community involvement in local decision-making, ensure that all communities and interests are fairly represented, and ensure effective leadership and governance”.

Outcomes

- To support households, businesses, marae etc to understand and plan for adapting to the impacts of climate change
- To support development of a regional climate change strategy
- To prepare council for a future of local deliberative democracy by testing a participatory/ deliberative style of democracy

Description of activities

This programme of work focuses on the design and roll-out of a deliberative process around climate change adaptation planning at local levels ie at marae and communities. It has three key elements:

- Design of deliberative process and establishment of processes and administrative arrangements
- Implementation of fora for communities and marae to undertake adaptive pathway planning
- Reporting on outcomes and lessons learned

Substitute Projects**7. Tolaga Bay Cycle Project Extension**Outcomes

- To reduce carbon emissions from transport
- To improve multi-modal transport connectivity through and within Tolaga Bay
- To improve the health and wellbeing of communities in Te Tairāwhiti
- To improve safety of vulnerable road users

Description of activities

- Extension of current initiative to include further components and enhance experience
- Engagement with community on design
- Trial of temporary infrastructure
- Leveraging of Waka Kotahi Streets for People funding

8. Grey Street Linear Park ExtensionOutcomes

- To reduce carbon emissions from transport
- To improve multi-modal transport connectivity across Gisborne city
- To improve the health and wellbeing of communities in Te Tairāwhiti
- To improve safety of vulnerable road users

Description of activities

- Extension of current initiative to connect to beach and Oneroa walkway for enhanced experience
- Engagement with community on design
- Trial of temporary infrastructure
- Leveraging of Waka Kotahi Streets for People funding

9. 1,000-year BridgeOutcomes

- To create a sense of place at a historically important site for Aotearoa New Zealand
- To tell our stories of place and people in an authentic way
- To create a physical connection between two sites of significance and strengthen the navigations narrative

Description of activities

- Extension of current initiative to provide an improved experience

10. Kiwa Pools Extension – Hydroslides

Outcomes

- To improve the quality of experience at the region’s sole public aquatic facility

Description of activities

- Install two hydroslides

11. War Memorial Theatre – Sprinklers

Outcomes

- Increase safety of users and assets at a key community facility
- Enhance regulatory compliance with building standards

Description of activities

- Install sprinkler systems at the War Memorial Theatre

12. Te Puia Springs Drinking Water Supply Network Remediation

Outcomes

- To ensure health and wellbeing of Te Puia Springs community
- To improve the reliability of networked supply of drinking water to Te Puia community

Description of activities

- Identify options for temporarily remediating Te Puia Hospital drinking water network that services the Te Puia residential area
- Implement the most cost-effective solution

13. Reticulate Muriwai and Ruatoria for Drinking Water and Wastewater

Outcomes

- To ensure health and wellbeing of these communities
- To ensure sufficient quality supply of drinking water to these communities
- To reduce costs to these communities of trucking water
- To improve wastewater services to these communities
- To improve environmental outcomes for these communities

Description of activities

- Engage with community
- Identify options for technical supply of services
- Install services to households and marae

Project Name	Cost (estimated)	Breadth of impacts	Depth of impacts	Contribution to Maori wellbeing	Likelihood of success	Impact of no action	Community support	Funding leverage	Shovel readiness	Information readiness	Risks limited	No alternative funding	TOTAL	R/R
Circular economy (waste)	\$2.9m	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	14	1
Kiwa pools extension (solar panels)	\$810k	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	14	1
Marae sustainability	\$1m	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	16	3
Zero carbon transport	\$1.5m	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	16	3
Hawaiiki Turanga (site remediation and installation)	\$400k	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	18	5
Deliberative democracy (climate change adaptation)	\$400k	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	3	1	18	5
Tolaga Bay Cycle Project (extension)	\$350k	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	18	5
Grey Street Linear Park (extension)	\$700k	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	20	8
1,000-Year Bridge (extension)	\$350k	1	2	3	2	3	2	3	1	1	1	2	21	9
Kiwa pools extension (hydroslides)	\$3.7m	1	2	3	1	3	2	3	1	1	1	3	21	9
War Memorial Theatre sprinklers	TBC	2	2	3	1	2	2	3	1	2	1	3	22	11
Te Puia Springs drinking water network remediation	TBC	3	1	1	3	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	25	12
Reticulation of Muriwai	TBC	3	1	1	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	1	26	13
Reticulation of Ruatoria	TBC	3	1	1	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	1	26	13

1 = High
 2 = Medium
 3 = Low

12. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION



22-160

Title: 22-160 Chief Executive Activity Report August 2022
Section: Chief Executive's Office
Prepared by: Joy Benioni - Planning and Performance Advisor
Meeting Date: Thursday 11 August 2022

Legal: No

Financial: Yes

Significance: **Low**

Report to COUNCIL for information

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide elected members with an update on Council activities from June to July 2022.

The decisions or matters in this report are considered to be of **Low** significance in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

1. **Notes the contents of this report.**

Authorised by:

Nedine Thatcher Swann - Chief Executive

Keywords: CE activity report, central government updates, local government and policy updates, climate change, policies and bylaws, civil defence updates, local government elections, co-governance

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - Chief Executive's Activity Report for Council - August 2022 [22-160.1 - 26 pages]



**Chief Executive's Report
for Council Meeting**

11 August 2022

INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Kia ora koutou

This report provides high-level updates on Council activities from June through to July 2022 and provides elected members with an opportunity to discuss progress on Council activities.

Our region continues to deal with the transmission of COVID-19 and cases are prevalent along with winter respiratory illnesses, placing a lot of pressure on our workforce. Welfare providers remain active in supporting whānau affected by COVID-19. COVID-19 continues to be a key factor in GDC's approach to health and safety and we are continuing to adapt COVID-19 guidance, based on public health advice and supporting affected staff working from home.

Work in the Three Waters Reform space continues to progress. Council made a submission on the Water Services Entities Bill in June. The Bill sets out how the three waters across Aotearoa/New Zealand will be set up once they transfer from councils from 1 July 2024. Our submission focused on seeking specific amendments to the Bill to provide better outcomes for Tairāwhiti. It included commentary on the new water services framework intended to be in the second Bill due around September 2022. It is hoped that by providing a position on these frameworks early, the government can consider our concerns in the drafting of the second Bill. Staff are also in the process of preparing a funding proposal to access Tranche 1 'Better Off' funding for Tairāwhiti.

We are continuing to engage with the Ministry for the Environment, regional sector special interest groups, Taituarā and Local Government New Zealand to stay updated on the other reforms underway, the Resource Management Reform and the Civil Defence Emergency Management 'Trifecta' Review.

In June and July, we saw some respite from severe weather events, however a heavy rain event on 12 July that saw high levels of rainfall over 18 hours, from Tolaga Bay north to East Cape. The storm resulted in damage to two bridges, five road closures and flooding and erosion across the region. We will continue ongoing recovery efforts in partnership with local and central government agencies.

The High Court hearing on the appeal made by Te Whānau a Kai against the Environment Court decision on the Regional Freshwater Plan was held on 4 and 5 April 2022. The appeal was dismissed by the High Court on 23 June. Te Whānau a Kai will appeal the High Court judgment to the Court of Appeal. At the time of writing, it was unknown whether the Court of Appeal will grant leave to appeal.

We have made some progress on our journey to being a better Treaty partner and continue to gain momentum. Following the recommendation at the last hui between Council and iwi leadership, a steering group has been confirmed to progress co-governance discussions. The group consists of 4 Council staff and 4 iwi representatives. A tentative date of August 2 has been identified for the first meeting. The TRMP review will be the primary focus for that co-governance group as a testing ground for the relationship and what co-governance over shared priorities looks like in action.

Ngā mihinui



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COUNCIL Meeting 11 August 2022



2 CENTRAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES

THREE WATERS REFORM

1. The Water Services Entities Bill was released in June and submissions closed on 22 July. It is the first of two Bills to establish the water services delivery framework and is focused on the governance and accountability arrangements.
2. At the last Council meeting, Councillors endorsed the Chief Executive preparing a submission with a focus on the following key points:
 - local representation and accountability to communities
 - interface between water services provision and resource management
 - transition arrangements
 - revised costs of the new arrangements.
3. Staff sent in a submission on 22 July 2022 that has also been published on Council's website www.gdc.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0027/41895/Water-Service-Bill-GDC-Submission-22-July-2022.pdf
4. The submission includes commentary on the parts of the new water services framework that are intended to be included in a second Bill that is due out around September 2022. This second Bill will include information about the specific functions of the water services entities, the water services economic regulator and how water services entities will intersect with other national and regional functions, most notably the resource management framework. It is hoped that in providing a position on these things early to government, our concerns can be considered in the drafting of the second Bill.
5. Staff are in the process of preparing a funding proposal to access Tranche 1 funding for Tairāwhiti. A separate report at this meeting seeks Council endorsement of potential projects for inclusion in the funding proposal.

FUTURE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Review Process

6. The Minister of Local Government has extended the due date for the final report of the Review into the Future for Local Government to 19 June 2023 (previously 30 April 2023).
7. Local Government New Zealand requested the extension to provide more time for the local government sector to engage meaningfully on the draft report given the pending local body elections in October 2022.
8. The new consultation period will now run from mid-October 2022 until 28 February 2023.
9. To date the panel have identified five key shifts to local governance that they believe will be required if the system is to meet the needs of Aotearoa in 30 years' time:
 - Strengthened local democracy
 - Stronger focus on wellbeing
 - Authentic relationship with hapū/iwi/Māori
 - Genuine partnership between central government and local government
 - More equitable funding.

Recent Engagement

10. The Review Panel has taken a strong interest in models of deliberative democracy as part of strengthening local democracy. They have been closely following the Watercare citizen's assembly pilot that is due to be rolled out from July to September 2022. The pilot will bring together a diverse, representative group of people to make an informed decision on future sources of water for Auckland (<https://www.watercare.co.nz/About-us/Information-Hub/Community-engagement-hub/citizens-assembly-project>).
11. The Library and Information Association of NZ (LIANZA) recently held a public webinar about the future of libraries. Some of the key messages were around the importance of libraries as inclusive spaces and the need for service expansion to accommodate changing community needs for education, learning and technology. You can view the webinar at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViiMtWcPlys&ab_channel=LIANZA.

CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 'TRIFECTA' REVIEW

12. The Trifecta Programme aims to update the strategic and legislative foundations for emergency management in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Programme elements	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023
Enact new legislation	Engagement on Bill content			Call for submissions	Select Committee hearing
Review National CDEM Plan	CDEM Group Managers coordinating local feedback into CDEM Plan review.				
Map NDRS implementation	Engagement on development of roadmap				

13. The new legislation is aiming to address several shortcomings to ensure the system can meet current and future needs. A Bill will be introduced after the local government elections in 2022, outlining proposed changes with select committee hearings expected in early 2023.
14. The CDEM review undertaken in 2018 identified several issues with internal emergency management activities including a lack of clarity around the roles and functions of CDEM players and barriers to efficient operation of CDEM under a unitary authority. Other issues are likely to have become apparent during the multiple emergency management responses and recovery events over the past four years.
15. The CDEM team will be taking stock of the actions taken since the internal review and the lessons learned from activating response and recovery functions to identify those systemic issues that have their roots in the current legislation. This could form the core part of a submission on the Bill.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REFORM

The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) concluded its latest round of engagement on the reform of the resource management system in February 2022. Council provided a submission on 28 February 2022. The Strategic Planning Act had a name change and is now called the Spatial Planning Act to better reflect its function.

Local Government NZ (LGNZ) is running a series of monthly webinars on resource management (RM) reform specifically for councillors. The first session was held on 14 June 2022. Ministers have made significant decisions on the shape of the RM reform and delegated other decisions to specific Ministers.

Staff are expecting the introduction of the full Natural and Built Environments Bill and the Spatial Planning Bill to Parliament in September or October.

Submitting on the Bills is the next opportunity for the local government sector to have input. Meanwhile, MfE is continuing to work with the Local Government Steering Group (LGSG) and a group of senior local government practitioners (including a representative from Gisborne District Council) to test policy as it is developed.

The Transition and Implementation work programme is engaging with local government through the LGSG, and some detailed matters are also being worked through with some senior local government practitioners. Staff expect further communication regarding the model region project once MfE have decided on their approach to selecting regions.

WASTE LEGISLATION AND STRATEGY UNDER DEVELOPMENT

There is a lot of [work](#) happening in 'waste' across a variety of issues.

A new Aotearoa New Zealand Waste Strategy is expected to be in place soon. New legislation is expected to go through the House in 2023 to have a more comprehensive approach to the regulation of the management of waste, and products and materials circulating in our economy. The new legislation would replace the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 and the Litter Act 1979.

No decisions on the [proposed product stewardship regulations for tyres and large batteries](#) have been announced.

Government recently consulted on [three proposals](#) to transform recycling in New Zealand:

- Container return scheme
- Improvements to kerbside recycling
- Separation of business food waste

The summary of submissions is likely to be published later this year. It will include how many submissions were received for each proposal. The expected timing of Cabinet decisions on the proposals is late 2022. If these proposals are adopted, Council will have new requirements for kerbside recycling services. These requirements align with work Council is already doing to reduce the amount of waste heading to landfill.

More information on the proposals is on the MfE [website](#).

OTHER NATIONAL DIRECTION INSTRUMENTS

This table provides a list of resource management matters the Government is developing national direction on.

NATIONAL DIRECTION INSTRUMENT	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT	STATUS
Natural and Built Environment Bill	Environment Select Committee	First of two Bills giving effect to RMA reform. This focuses the setting of environmental limits, environmental and land use planning, and the governance of those activities.	Bill into House September/October 2022
Strategic Planning Bill	Environment Select Committee	Second of two Bills giving effect to RMA reforms. This one focuses on regional spatial strategies and the governance of these activities	Bill into House September/October 2022
National Direction on industrial greenhouse gas emission	Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE)	The proposals include banning new low and medium temperature coal boilers, phasing out coal in existing sites by 2037 for low and medium temperature process heat, and requiring some industrial sites to have emission reduction plans.	Officials intend to seek approval to release exposure drafts for consultation in the second half of 2022 to test the workability of the provisions, before seeking final Cabinet approval to gazette the national direction later this year.
Proposed National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL)	Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) with support from Ministry for the Environment (MfE)	The proposed NPS-HPL aims to improve the way highly productive land is managed under the Resource Management Act 1991	Final decisions will be made by Ministers and Cabinet at the end of July 2022. If approved by Cabinet, the proposal would be gazetted and take effect soon after decisions are made.
Proposed National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB)	MfE with support from Department of Conservation (DoC)	The Government is proposing an NPS-IB. This builds on a draft created by the Biodiversity Collaborative Group	An exposure draft of the NPSIB has been released. The exposure draft responds to feedback from submissions and hui and will help test the workability of updated proposals. A final NPS is expected by the end of 2022.

NATIONAL DIRECTION INSTRUMENT	LEAD AGENCY	COMMENT	STATUS
Freshwater Farm Plan regulations	MfE supported by MPI	Freshwater farm plans are one of the new rules and regulations announced in 2018 to stop further degradation of New Zealand's freshwater resources and improve water quality.	<p>A regional sector implementation group has been stood up to help determine what sector needs to be ready come 2023, and to prioritise where MfE should provide support to the sector to deliver.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeframe for 2022: • Drafting regulations July-Oct/Nov 2022 • Exposure draft Oct/Nov 2022. • Regulations finalised in late 2022/early 2023.

SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE FREEDOM CAMPING IN AOTEAROA

On 30 November 2021, the Minister of Tourism announced substantial changes to freedom camping in New Zealand.

They will have an impact on what vehicles can be certified as self-contained, how certification will be undertaken and where uncertified vehicles can be used for freedom camping. A detailed summary of these changes along with useful FAQ's can be found on the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment's [website](#).

It is anticipated that before Council's meeting the Freedom Camping (Infringement Offences and Other Matters) Amendment Bill may have had its first reading.

3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND POLICY UPDATES

UPDATE ON TE WHĀNAU A KAI APPEAL ON PROPOSED REGIONAL FRESHWATER PLAN

The High Court hearing on the appeal made by Te Whānau a Kai against the Environment Court decision on the Regional Freshwater Plan was held on 4 and 5 April 2022. The Attorney-General joined the appeal as an 'intervener' given the implications of any finding that planning instruments could recognise native title rights in freshwater. The appeal was dismissed by the High Court on 23 June. Te Whānau a Kai will appeal the High Court judgment to the Court of Appeal. At the time of writing it was unknown whether the Court of Appeal will grant leave to appeal.

CLIMATE CHANGE

National Adaptation Plan to be released early in August

Government is on track to publish the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) early in August. MfE concluded consultation on the draft NAP on 3 June 2022. The final NAP will be published alongside public submissions/responses on the MfE website. The NAP will be New Zealand's strategic document for adapting to climate change, with immediate focus on 10 prioritised climate change risks.

He Waka Eke Noa opts for farm-level pricing option for agriculture emissions

In April 2022, He Waka Eke Noa (the Primary Sector Climate Action Partnership¹) concluded consultation on options to price emissions from the agricultural sector — whether at the **farm-level** or at the **processor-level**. Staff reported earlier on the Partnership's [Discussion Document](#) and the implications of the two pricing options for Tairāwhiti **[Report 22-42]**. The Partnership has finished reviewing submissions and recommended that the best alternative to pricing agricultural emissions through the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS) is a farm-level split-gas levy with built-in incentives to reduce emissions and sequester carbon starting from 2025. The Partnership has presented its report to the Ministers of Agriculture and Climate Change. The Ministers will consider the report's recommendations and make suitable regulations by the end of 2022 to start pricing agricultural sector emissions in the NZ ETS from 2025.

Work Programme Updates

Regional Climate Change Risk Assessment — Work on the Tairāwhiti Climate Change Risk Assessment (TCCRA) is gaining momentum, with the first workshop held for staff (managers and team leaders) to socialise the project and identify stakeholder groups. Staff are working on suitable avenues for iwi engagement as the project progresses.

Our Climate Change Roadmap — Staff have progressed the development of our climate change roadmap. This is a high-level document that captures the critical milestones and timeframes for Council's organisational climate change action and how we support regional climate action. A decision report was considered by the Sustainable Committee meeting on 28 July 2022 **[Report 22-143]**.

Organisational Emissions Reduction Plan — Staff have received the final draft of MyImprint's report on our emissions reduction plan. Staff are undertaking further work on other pieces of information around actions and costs to inform the draft plan. A report will be presented to Council in November 2022.

¹ He Waka Eke Noa is made up of 13 partners, led by a steering group and supported by a small programme office. Partners include Beef and Lamb New Zealand, Federated Farmers of New Zealand, DairyNZ, Apiculture New Zealand, Deer Industry New Zealand, Horticulture New Zealand, Irrigation New Zealand, Meat Industry Association (MIA), Dairy Companies Association of New Zealand, Foundation for Arable Research (FAR), Federation of Māori Authorities (FoMA), Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and Ministry for the Environment (MfE).

Regional Decarbonisation Roadmap and Just Transition Work — The just/equitable transition planning work with Trust Tairāwhiti continues. Engagement on a regional decarbonisation roadmap for transition planning will be progressed. This will include input by treaty partners, stakeholders, and the wider community and to properly capture opportunities for significant emissions reduction into our regional transition planning. We are hoping to receive support from the Just Transition Unit of the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment, while procurement is underway to secure consultancy support to deliver the work .

GAMBLING VENUE POLICY 2019 REVIEW

Council adopted the Gambling Venue Policy 2022, without changes, at its recent 23 June meeting. The new policy further restricts venue relocations and reduces the number of machines permitted following a club merger from 18 to 10.

Councils' resolution also directed staff to pursue the non-policy options for managing gambling and gambling related harm in Tairāwhiti. These initiatives include developing an ethics policy concerning Councils access to gambling related funds and lobbying central government for improved in-region support services and more tools for regulating gambling at the local government level.

DOG CONTROL POLICY AND BYLAW REVIEW 2010

At its 28 October 2021 meeting, Sustainable Tairāwhiti approved a review of Council's Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2010. Staff review and discussions with stakeholders found the current policy and bylaw were compliant with the legislation and largely effective at meeting Council's objectives.

A new draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw is being developed in line with Councils feedback and is scheduled to be considered for adoption and consultation following the local government elections.

REGIONAL SPEED MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Hearings Committee was held on 29 June. Seven members of the community spoke to expand on their written submissions. These submissions mainly related to specific speed related issues in places such as the approach to Patutahi township, around Kaiti School and Makorori beach. Three submissions spoke about their preference for banning vehicles on Makorori beach. The Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2021 rather than the Speed Setting Bylaw, holds the functions for restricting or prohibiting vehicles on beaches. This option was considered through the Traffic and Parking Bylaw hearings with Council resolving to consider restrictions once the Makorori master plan was complete.

One submitter spoke out against reducing speeds in some urban areas saying that it will lead to driver frustration. A representative for the Gisborne Walking and Cycling Trust spoke in support based on the benefits for walking and cycling.

Next steps involve approving the minutes and recommendations of the hearing committee at the next Council meeting so the bylaw can be finalised and the timings of the speed changes will be brought for resolution to the Traffic and Parking Sub-committee. This will then be submitted to Waka Kotahi to certify speed changes into the National Speed Limit Register under the new Speed Setting Rule.

TE KĀWHIRINGA PĀTI 2022 / LOCAL ELECTIONS 2022

Local government triennial elections are being held by postal vote on Saturday 8 October 2022 and will be undertaken by Election Services, under contract to Gisborne District Council.

The single transferable voting (STV) electoral system will be used for the Gisborne District Council elections.

Anyone who is correctly enrolled can vote in the local elections where they live. Also, voters who own property within a local council area, but who usually live outside this, can apply to go on the ratepayer roll. They will then be able to vote in the area where they pay rates and the area where they live.

Key Dates

Nominations open - Friday 15 July

Nominations close - Noon, Friday 12 August

Delivery of voting packs - from Friday 16 September

Close of voting - Noon, Saturday 8 October

Official results announced - Thursday 13 October

Following a decision to establish Māori wards in 2021, Gisborne District Council undertook a representation arrangements review (review of wards, boundaries, number of elected members etc).

As a result of this, elections will be required for the following positions:

- mayor (elected 'at large')
- councillors (13)
 - Tairāwhiti General Ward (8)
 - Tairāwhiti Māori Ward (5)

There will be no district health board elections in 2022.

GISBORNE RAIL REINSTATEMENT ASSESSMENT

An updated Assessment Report on the potential reopening of the Napier to Gisborne Rail Line was submitted to Ministers in May. The report was developed by an independent team of consultants and commissioned jointly by Gisborne District Council and Hawke's Bay Regional Council. At the time of writing the Project Group are still awaiting a response from Ministers for a decision or further discussion. If the proposal is successful in moving to a next stage business case, a working group with a wide membership of iwi/hapū and stakeholders will be established for engaging in its development.

4 CIVIL DEFENCE UPDATES

COVID-19

COVID-19 cases are prevalent in the region and along with winter respiratory illnesses, there is a lot of pressure on the health system and an impact on workforce. The resurgence of COVID-19 numbers is not helped by the low level of vaccination rates and hygiene protocols (mask wearing and hand sanitising). Welfare providers remain active in supporting whanau affected by COVID-19.

TAIRĀWHITI SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS

Although we are in the winter season, there has been some respite over the last month from the severe weather events that have caused significant damage to land, buildings and infrastructure. The region did however have a heavy rain event on 12 July that saw high levels of rainfall over 18 hours into the area Tolaga Bay north to East Cape. This resulted in damage to two bridges and five road closures across the region as a result of flooding and erosion. The region is in a fragile state following the number of severe weather events over recent months and the impact of weather events are amplified.

TAIRĀWHITI REGION CONSOLIDATED RECOVERY

The Tairāwhiti Region Consolidated Recovery Action Plan has been completed. This is a living document that will continue to guide the region in the recovery process following the recent severe weather events.

Although all events were prompted by heavy rain, each disaster has been different. Hazard types and scales have varied, as have the characteristics of the communities impacted. The very short time between these emergency events added a level of complexity; so too did the parallel presence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recovery will need to be planned across a range of timeframes depending on the challenges and tasks required. We will work together across these timeframes to meet these challenges to enable a successful recovery.

5 RELATIONSHIPS

CO-GOVERNANCE WITH TANGATA WHENUA

Following the recommendation at the last hui between Council and iwi leadership, a Steering Group has been confirmed to progress the co-governance discussions. The group consists of 4 Council staff and 4 iwi representatives. The first meeting of the group was held on August 2 as a half day wananga, focussing on relationships as well as outcomes.

A co-governance model post Resource Management reform will be a primary focus of this group. The early thinking is to use the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan Review as a testing ground for the relationship, and what co-governance over shared priorities looks like in action.

POTENTIAL JOINT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT/MOU WITH NGĀ HAPU O TOKOMARU ĀKAU

There has been no change in Council's position since the last CE report. Court proceedings in September will determine who Council may be entering into a potential Joint Management relationship with.

A memo to COR has been developed to determine which activity area may be most appropriate to lead the work required post court decision.

TE KAHUI PATU KAIKIRI | ANTI RACISM WORKING GROUP

Council has made a lot of progress since the establishment of Te Kahui Patu Kaikiri Roopu, although the roopu have not met for some time. A meeting is planned for 9 August to discuss the options for a pathway forward. The options put forward to the group for discussion are;

1. The group stays the same
2. Reset the direction of the group as advisory/monitoring
3. The group is discontinued and the workstream is absorbed into Council business as usual.

JOINT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FORUM (JMAF)

The project team (consisting of Ngāti Porou and Council representatives) aims to meet regularly (roughly six-week intervals) to discuss and work through technical aspects of the Waiapu Catchment Plan. The project group has developed a work plan and meeting schedule for 2022/2023. The group intends to convene the JMAF once the foundation of the Catchment Plan has been established.

WAIAPU KOKA HUHUA / RESTORING THE WAIAPU CATCHMENT

A Programme Manager has now been appointed to this project. Nadine McKinnon commenced in this role on the 11 July 2022. Her focus initially is to undertake a stocktake of progress towards the goals of 'Restoring the Waiapu Catchment'. This will enable Nadine to then report back to the Joint Governance Group (JGG) on priorities for the year ahead. This appointment ensures progress continues to be made towards the goals of 'Restoring the Waiapu Catchment'.

6 GENERAL MANAGEMENT

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and retention of skilled labour continues to be a challenge and has required increased focus.

Strategic alignment to the local government market median to ensure that we are paying market rates in line with the new approach continues.

Alongside this, an EVP document has been created, for both internal and external use, to assist with recruitment and retention of our current staff. This document promotes the benefits (both monetary and non-monetary) of being an employee of Gisborne District Council.

Additionally, planning is underway for our student recruitment programme which will begin in November. This is a key strategic piece of work not only in terms of building capability (primarily within our local workforce) but also by identifying and developing talent to fill future vacancies.

From a technology standpoint, the introduction of the new TechOne system is promising. Work has been underway to plan the configuration of the system, which will improve efficiencies within the people and capability team, as well as a better employee experience – a big bonus from a recruitment, retention and induction perspective.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Council's COVID policy has been reviewed and updated to reflect present risk level. New Zealand has seen a recent spike in case numbers emanating from the recently identified BA.5 variant, highlighting the importance of maintaining orange level protocols. RATs and PPE levels remain high with GDC suppliers having access to good stock levels within New Zealand.

Contractors engaged by GDC to complete planting work as part of the Waingake project were involved in a serious road incident resulting in two of their workers being hospitalised. A full investigation will be conducted.

Contractor meetings and site visits (boots on the ground) for assurance and verification audits have been undertaken with a focus on project works including the Banks Street Wastewater Treatment Plant, Kiwa Pools, stormwater and roading projects.

The review of our drug and alcohol policy will likely require training for managers and team leaders once finalised.

Incident Type	Incident Description	July 2021 Events*	Rolling 12 Months
Near miss	An event or incident that someone has been exposed to that could have caused injury.	Nil	32
Injury	Someone has been physically hurt and reported.	2 x minor 1 x major*	41
Incident	An event or incident that has caused damage to equipment, property or environment and includes threats and abuse to staff members.	2 x minor	110
Notifiable event	Any of the following events that arise from work: death, notifiable illness or injury or notifiable incident that trigger requirements to preserve the site and notify WorkSafe NZ.	1 x major*	2
Illness	Someone has seen or been involved in an event or exposed to a situation that has resulted in someone becoming ill or unwell, e.g., lung disease, asbestosis, legionnaires disease; this is from workplace exposure and does not include common illness such as personal illness, cold and flu.	Nil	4

FINANCIAL REPORTING

Council's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 are still in progress. Draft (unaudited) financial statements will be presented to Finance and Performance Committee on 14 September 2022. The audited 2021/22 Annual Report will be presented to Council for adoption on 29 September 2022.

May 2022 YTD with high level forecast full year results will be presented to Finance and Performance 3 August 2022. The summary below is for 31 May 2022, as taken from report [22-176].

For the eleven months ending 31 May 2022, Council has a net surplus of \$41.4m, \$10m lower than the Annual Plan due mainly to timing of capital grant funding. The receiving of capital grants is dependent on when projects will be completed. Initially, several projects were planned to be completed by 30 June 2022 but will now be completed beginning of 2022/23. These projects include Roding Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) capital works (\$5m) and Kiwa Pools (\$5.5m) and the 1000-year bridge (\$1m). As a result, the grants and the expenditure will transfer to next year, meaning that there are no adverse impacts to Council.

7 FOCUS PROJECTS

PROJECT STATUS KEY:



PROPOSE



INITIATE



PLAN



DELIVER



CLOSE



ONGOING

RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE

Milestone Three of the Resource Recovery Centre Feasibility Study has been completed. The final milestone includes providing a recommendation report to Council to be completed by the 5 August 2022.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The 'early win' projects continue to progress thanks to the allocation of \$15m towards this work from Trust Tairāwhiti. The Gisborne Skate Park redevelopment will be the next project to be completed around September.

At Trust Tairāwhiti's June meeting the following approvals were endorsed in principle towards early win facilities, from within the \$15m allocation:

- Mareiura Waka Ama – project costs
- Horouta Waka Hoe/YMP Waka Ama – preconstruction costs
- Whakarua Park – preconstruction costs
- Gisborne Boardriders Incorporated – East Coast Surf for Life initiative

Following guidance from Central Government Officials, approaches to local officials are being planned to establish a funding programme to progress the Tairāwhiti Sport and Recreation Facilities Business Case and Investment Proposal.

DEVELOPMENT OF KIWA POOL

The Kiwa Pools facility has the first stage of structural steel up with the second stage starting in July. Pools, pool filters and Kingspan roof panels have arrived onsite. The installation of the 50-metre pool commenced in early July. Despite COVID-19 disruptions, our agile contractor, Apollo Projects, has continued to keep the project on track for the opening in late March 2023. Recruitment of all roles is ongoing. RFP (Request for Proposals) for the pool's operational and management system has been advertised and the RFP for the café operator is being advertised in July.



PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Tokomaru Bay Wharf toilet is now open following a blessing from local kaumatua in early July 2022. Resource consent for the new Waihou Beach toilet is currently being processed. The Peel St toilet project is progressing with an update report going to Operations Committee on 4 August 2022 to outline the next steps.

TOWNSHIP UPGRADES

Te Araroa

The Te Araroa Playground equipment has been installed and opened on the 17 July 2022. Upgrade work continues:

- The instalment of the new toilet facilities on the playground site and the decommissioning of the old toilet facility.
- The upgrade of the basketball court.
- The installation of a 1-metre boundary fence and use of bollards around the playground for seating.
- Installation of a picnic table and core board.
- Curb, channel, and footpath installation from the playground entrance to the corner of Rata Street and Moana Parade.
- The installation of 1 – 2 bench seats along Rata Street.
- Remedial work to the Te Araroa Skate Rink; and
- Installation of a horse hitching rail close to the skate rink.



Picture above taken on Wednesday 13th July 2022 of completed playground equipment and safety fall installation.

We are grateful to the Wharekahika community that volunteered their time on Sunday 10 July 2022 to assist the contractor to install the bark under the equipment. A true testament of Ngāti Porou Piritahi in Action!

The work is scheduled for completion in October 2022 however this is dependent on the weather conditions and contractor staff availability.

Wharekahika

The additional toddler playground equipment for Wharekahika will now be installed mid -September 2022 due to manufacturing and supply delays.

PROJECT STATUS KEY:



PROPOSE



INITIATE



PLAN



DELIVER



CLOSE



ONGOING

Tikitiki/Rangitukia

From the last update installation of new footpaths was to be completed before the end of March 2022. Weather events have had an impact on that timeframe and the contractor has advised that the work will be completed by the beginning of October 2022. This includes:

- Lighting for the Playground (6-month delay due to international production and freight disruptions).
- Relocating some of our stored equipment including BBQ and playground equipment.
- Installation of a shade sail.
- Working and supporting the community to upgrade the Tikitiki Returned Service Association Memorial Gates.

Tiniroto

As reported previously, the Tiniroto playground equipment installation is delayed by 6 weeks. Although this is disappointing it has given the builder more time to fix the deck area which needs replacing as both piles and framing are rotten.

The total cost of this upgrade is \$180,000, this includes a small contingency fund .

Warenga-o-Kuri have questioned investment in Tiniroto. The Area Liaison Officer will remain in close contact with those smaller townships to manage any matters arising and to confirm the schedule for the 13 identified townships in Council's Long-Term Plan.

Ruatoria

All plans are on track for this upgrade.

PĀNUKU TŪ/TITIRANGI SUMMIT

Resource consent for Te Pānuku Tū project was submitted late last year and was fully notified. Several submissions have been received. The application is now on hold while further information is provided and discussions with submitters are undertaken.

TAIRĀWHITI RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The review of Te Papa Tipu Taunaki o te Tairāwhiti, the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan (TRMP), is tracking satisfactorily. No new significant updates have taken place since the quarterly progress update provided to the Sustainable Tairāwhiti meeting on 28 July 2022 (Report 22-156). The short-term focus, however, is on preparing workshop material for councillor workshops happening in August as well as September 2022.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE UPDATE

The Science and Environmental Monitoring teams continue to make progress with delivering the science programme, with a particular focus on freshwater and providing evidence for the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan (TRMP) review.

The project to drill groundwater monitoring bores in Uawa concluded with a hui to share the findings with the community. This excellent project, delivered in partnership with the community, delivered four permanent monitoring bores which will provide scientific information on the area's groundwater.

The Poverty Bay groundwater model which Council developed in partnership with mana whenua has added water quality to the water quantity component which had previously been delivered. This followed input from mana whenua and stakeholders. The model is going through a calibration process before the final model is delivered in the second quarter of 2022/23.

The Environmental Monitoring team continues to carry out regular monitoring of the environment as required by Government regulations and for Council business needs. The team is undertaking surveys to provide evidence for the freshwater catchment planning process, including using eDNA. This uses DNA tracing to identify species within the catchment.

TŪRANGANUI ESTUARY RESTORATION PROJECT

Planting of around 14,000 native plants and trees at Waiteata Park, Nelson Park and Blackpool Reserve is taking place in July and August 2022. Local schools, pre-schools and members of local iwi helped plant 2000 riparian trees and plants in Waiteata Park in early July. Further planting at Nelson Park and Blackpool Reserve is planned for later in July and August. GDC staff, community and schools can take part in these events.

Detailed plans for projects due to commence in 2023/24 are being developed in partnership with mana whenua. A job description for a programme manager to oversee this programme is also being written in partnership with mana whenua who will form an integral part of the interview panel. Four kaimahi positions will hopefully be filled by September.

BIODIVERSITY

Waingake Transformation Programme

The programme continues to progress to scope and budget. Delivery of key activities, including planting are being closely monitored to ensure critical timeframes are met.

The Heads of Agreement with eLandNZ for the replanting of the 29% land is being negotiated. As signalled to Council in May, negotiation of a buffer or hive exclusion zone extending over the 71% land has been challenging. We continue to work with eLandNZ and Maraetaha to find an acceptable resolution, however there is a risk that agreement will not be reached. A contingency plan has been prepared should Council need to complete planting to avoid ETS liabilities.

In the meantime, we are working closely with both eLandNZ and JNL to facilitate planting this season around harvest operations. JNL completed aerial control of areas to be planted, however due to advanced wilding pine and woody species regrowth in some areas a subsequent round of control may be required to achieve a clean and plantable state. To allow for this, some mānuka replanting originally planned for this season will be scheduled for autumn 2023 to achieve the best balance between managing ETS liabilities and ensuring successful establishment and survival of planted mānuka.

In the 71% restoration area, pre-plant preparations are complete and planting is well underway, with 140-150 ha to be planted this season (dependent on final plant numbers from suppliers). A procurement process is underway to identify a panel of suppliers for ongoing wilding pine control, with contracts to be awarded and work to commence in August.



Integrated Catchment Management (ICM)

Assistance with ECFP grants alongside MPI and landowners is ongoing. This has incorporated existing ECFP funding along with opportunities through the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) and improvements to freshwater to align with MfEs reforms. While progress is slow the benefits are significant for the land, landowners and progressing effective tree cover on Land Overlay 3A.

Previous reports mentioned concern at the establishment of permanent forestry. Applications for afforestation with the intent of harvesting plantation forestry continue with permanent options declining. This is due to the uncertainty of ongoing government assistance in funding permanent exotic forestry. Staff have worked closely in achieving managed reversion on sensitive land and sustainable plantation forestry on better land where the initial intent had been to proceed with permanent forestry solely for carbon.

ICM staff have organised and participated in landowner interviews alongside MfE to assess if a draft template for Freshwater Farm Plans (FWFPs) is fit for purpose and user friendly. These interviews were beneficial to landowners, ICM and MfE with a clear willingness from landowners to work in with ICM staff in developing FWFPs.

An application has been made to the Hill Country Erosion Fund (HCEF), focused on building capacity and capability in land management to assist with FWFP and development of "erosion control plans" based on detailed land use capability (LUC) mapping.

Land Management staff have assisted compliance and enforcement staff with inspections after recent heavy rainfall events. Technical advice continues for afforestation resource consents. Assistance with forest harvesting and replanting consents has a focus on species and timing of replanting.

Whakaoratia Trust continue to install debris dams, timber flumes and bank protection works. Recent heavy rainfall events have seen some dams inundated with debris (this will gradually degrade and expose the dam). However, as one dam fills the next dam can be installed upstream. So with dams filling so quickly, we are moving up the gully faster than we would under normal rainfall conditions.

Protection Management Area (PMA) assessment completed within Ernslaw One Forests along with several smaller properties. Isolated PMAs tend to have less impacts from plant pests but increased effects from deer and goats. Biodiversity staff have drafted a PMA management plan. The Tairāwhiti internal biodiversity work plan has been completed. Applications for the 2022 Natural Heritage Fund are well advanced.

Farm Environmental Plans (FEPs)

FEPs are required under the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan (TRMP) by growers and farmers whose activities meet certain criteria. An FEP outlines the sustainable management of soil, water and nutrient resources on farms and is individually designed to identify and manage environmental risks. The FEPs are being assessed by a robust panel approach which includes staff from across Council.

FEPs were required by Council by 31 May 2021. To date, 82 FEPs have been received by Council and of these, 34 have been certified. Of the FEPs received, 33 plans were designed before the Freshwater Plan being notified therefore some do not meet the required standard (and may not trigger the need for a FEP under the TRMP), however are a great starting point for the farming business to build on.

Council staff are providing ongoing assistance to FEP applicants to progress the plans to achieve the required standards. We continue to engage with farming industry groups to ensure all those that need to submit a FEP are aware of their obligations. Council's Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement team are undertaking a risk-based approach to ensure that those who need an FEP have a certified plan.

BIOSECURITY **Animal and Plant Pests**

All work streams have been impacted by wet weather conditions. Ongoing rook monitoring at Te Puia Springs has identified five birds. Site led control of goats at Waiherere Reserve and hare control at Te Wherowhero Lagoon and adjoining land has been successfully carried out. There is ongoing work to address feral pig issues in forest and farmland.

Staff met with Upper Waimata Catchment group regarding possum control opportunities to support wider pest animal management. Looking at identifying populations, undertaking initial possum knockdown with farmers then carrying out regular possum control.

Rook numbers have increased near Te Puia Springs and ongoing monitoring continues into the nesting season. Wider awareness efforts in the Waipuu have been initiated.

Further work focuses on pest plant eradication species, including the emergence of two new infestations.

A Riverside Road corridor pest plant survey has been carried out recording target plants and their distribution and density for discussion with Council's roading team for control purposes.

8 GRANT FUNDING

COUNCIL-ADMINISTERED GRANTS

Advertising for the Creative Communities Grant funding has commenced with applications closing 30 August 2022.

Sport NZ Rural Transport fund opens for the summer sport funding round at the beginning of August and closes in November.

EXTERNAL FUNDING SECURED FOR ACTIVITIES DELIVERED DURING 2020/21

Table 1 below provides an overview of income from external funds granted for activities that are in progress or have been completed in the 2022/23 financial year.

Table 1

Activity/Project	Awarded	Funder	Total Rewarded
IN PROGRESS 2022/23			
Marae emergency resilience	February 2022	Phase 1 – Te Puni Kokiri	\$964,938
		Phase 2/3 – Toitu Tairāwhiti	\$596,058
Turanganui Estuary Restoration	February 2022	MfE Freshwater Improvement Fund	\$2,250,000
Land use characterisation for SoE soil quality monitoring and reporting	October 2021	Manaaki Whenua LandCare	\$39,760
Impact of forestry slash on Kai Moana Tolaga	August 2021	Envirolink	\$35,000
Economic utilisation of woody debris research	August 2021	Envirolink	\$35,000
Active Fault Delineation for Tairāwhiti	August 2021	CDEM Resilience Fund	\$120,000
Environmental impact of Tokomaru Bay legacy landfill	August 2021	Massey University	\$30,000
1000 Year Bridge	June 2021	Lotteries Significant Projects Fund	\$1,750,000
Waingake Transformation – Planting Year 2,3,4	May 2021	One Tree Planted	US\$740,000
Waingake Transformation – Weed/Pest control Year 2,3,4	March 2021	DOC –Kaimahi for Nature	\$2,000,000
Waingake Transformation – Planting Year 2,3,4	March 2021	MPI - One Billion Trees Fund	\$1,860,000
Tsunami Taumaruru project	March 2021	CDEM Resilience Fund	\$20,000
Wastewater Treatment Upgrade Options for water amalgamation Rural townships water supply	August 2020	3-Waters Reform Economic Stimulus	\$7,500,000
			\$250,000
			\$3,290,000
Olympic Pool Redevelopment	July 2020	COVID-19 Recovery Fund	\$40,000,000
Waipaoa River Flood Control Scheme	July 2020	COVID-19 Recovery Fund	\$7,500,000
Poverty Bay Flood Hazard Mapping	December 2019	EQC Contestable Grant	\$50,000
Waiapu Phase 2 Erosion Control -ECFP Fund Administrator***	October 2016	MPI Erosion Control Funding Programme	\$2,100,000
Enabling infrastructure for housing supply - Taruheru catchment	July 2022	Kāinga Ora - Infrastructure Acceleration Fund	\$3,950,000
Streets for People			
Round 1	May 2022	Waka Kotahi	\$67,000
COMPLETED 2022/23			
Titirangi Summit	May 2020	Provincial Growth Fund	\$1,067,000
Library – Digital services, databases, managed services	July 2020 – June 2022	New Zealand Libraries Partnership programme #	\$117,495

Activity/Project	Awarded	Funder	Total Rewarded
Library – Resource capacity to support community digital learning	May 2021	New Zealand Libraries Partnership programme	\$117,224
Library – Digital preservation projects	May-July 2021	New Zealand Libraries Partnership programme	\$16,540
Te Tairāwhiti Arts Festival	June 2021	Creative New Zealand	\$50,000
Tokomaru Bay Wharf Toilet	July 2021	MBIE Tourism Infrastructure Fund	\$203,200
Tairāwhiti 'No excuses on water' Campaign	August 2021	Maritime NZ	\$5,000
Tairāwhiti Haumarū Moana – recreational boating safety activities	August 2021	Maritime NZ - Fuel Exercise Duty fund	\$38,000
Feasibility study for Regional Resource Recovery Centre	February 2021	MFE Waste Minimisation Fund	\$90,000
Midway to Waipaoa Cycle and Walkway	October 2018	Trust Tairāwhiti	\$1,000,000

EXTERNAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The recreational activity components of the Te Araroa township upgrades valued at \$1-\$1.5m are included in the Tairāwhiti Sports and Recreation Facilities Business Case submitted to Central Government. An application to NZCT to support components of township plan upgrades had been deferred pending the decision of Council regarding the sinking lid policy, which has been confirmed. Further consultation will now continue with NZCT for a decision.

Three Waters Better Off funding

In July 2021, the government announced a package of \$2.5 billion to support the local government sector through the transition to the new water services delivery system for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater, and to position local government for the future.

Gisborne District Council has been allocated the following funding:

- Better off funding – \$29 million over two tranches to invest in the future of local government and community wellbeing in areas that are priorities for government.
- No worse off funding – \$3 million to ensure council is no worse off as a direct result of the reforms and cover the stranded costs from the remaining service delivery.
- Transition funding – \$732,000 to cover internal costs to council in the transition to the new regime.

The first tranche of Better off funding for \$7.21 million is accessible from 1 July 2022 with applications due for submission around mid-August 2022 and the remaining \$21.62 million becomes available from 1 July 2024.

The table below provides an overview of funding applications awaiting decision.

Table 2

Activity/Project	Awarded	Funder	Total Rewarded
1000-year Walkway Bridge cultural component and Te Maro platform	TBC – July	Trust Tairāwhiti	\$343,000
Township upgrades	February 2022	NZCT (advise deferral of application awaiting decision on Council's sinking lid policy - gambling)	\$361,000
Hill Country Erosion Project	September 2022	MPI Hill Country Erosion Fund (HCEF)	\$1,600,000
Streets for People Round 2	August 2022	Waka Kotahi	\$350,000
Grey Street development			\$350,000
SH35 Uawa/Tolaga Bay			

9 REGIONAL ROADING ACTIVITIES

EAST CAPE ROAD

The March and April weather events made their presence felt on the Te Araroa township, particularly East Cape Road. The rainfall intensity on this type of geology is going to be a costly and on-going problem.

Two contracts have been let to Higgins Contractors Ltd for \$1.6M and Fulton Hogan Ltd for \$814,184 for the purchase of 15,000T of rock. Rock is starting to be delivered to site and will continue over the next few months.

The physical works contract is still under tender evaluation. Two tenders were received but both companies placed specific conditions relating to Council managing diesel fluctuations. It is intended to announce a successful tenderer at the end of July.

ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS – RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

The **new roundabout at Peel Street and Palmerston Road** is complete. Traffic lights here were destroyed in a crash and a temporary roundabout was used for traffic management which gained public support for a permanent roundabout. Roundabouts are difficult for pedestrians to cross as typically they prioritise the movement of vehicles so the design incorporates Raised Safety Platforms which were consulted on for a safer solution.

Several council staff have attended recent Road Safety Audit courses subsidised by Waka Kotahi under their Road to Zero strategy with particular emphasis on the latest pedestrian safety guidance. Raised safety platforms have been promoted as this as a best practice way of slowing down traffic for pedestrians to cross safely.



The **Grey Street crossing** between the refurbished skate bowl and new pump track near the i-Site is complete. This compliments great work by the community and council in upgrading skateboarding and cycling facilities by providing safer crossing for tamariki. Encouraging more people to ride bikes has benefits for wellbeing and mode shift.



Construction work has begun on new raised safety platforms at Hall and Stafford Streets on **Stout Street**. Traffic calming here was requested with a petition from residents. The platforms align with two of the footbridges that cross the Taruheru River slowing traffic and making a safer route while linking to the riverside shared path, city and botanical gardens.



Te Kaunihera o Te Tairāwhiti
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13. Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Elected Members Reports for INFORMATION



22-198

Title: 22-198 Local Government New Zealand Conference - Te Maruata
Roopu Whakahaere

Section: District Councillor

Prepared by: Meredith Akuhata-Brown - Councillor

Meeting Date: Thursday 11 August 2022

Legal: No

Financial: No

Significance: **Low**

Report to COUNCIL for information

SUMMARY

Firstly, thank you for the opportunity to attend the conference and a special thank you to the Democracy Team for sorting the frustrating logistics.

BACKGROUND

Te Maruata is a sub-committee of the National Council of LGNZ. Its role is to promote increased representation of Māori as elected members of local government, enhance Māori participation in local government processes, provide support for councils in building strong relationships with Iwi, Hapū and Māori groups, and provide Māori input on development of future policies or legislation relating to local government.

Over the past few months Te Maruata have been meeting via Zoom to discuss and plan for the LGNZ conference and also to discuss all the reforms currently facing the sector. It has been a great opportunity to meet with Mayors, Councillors and Politicians to discuss the changing landscape of local government. I have been asked to speak to a number of the reviews that impact communities such as the sale and supply of liquor legislation, justice reform and a couple of local government reviews based on my personal experiences.

We had a face-to-face meeting in Wellington at the LGNZ building, then Minister Mahuta invited us to meet with her in Parliament to discuss the Tuakana-Teina mentoring programme Te Aahuru Moowai - a name given by Moko Tepania one of our young elected members who is now running for the Mayorality in the Far North. It has been very inspiring to see a number of Te Maruata members stand for local council including Mayorality positions.

We will be having the elections for the next Te Maruata Committee after the local body elections.

Minister Mahuta extended an invitation for Ministers Marama Davidson, Poto Williams, Kiri Allen, Meka Whaitiri to attend our hui as they hold portfolios that connect into local government issues. Not all were able to attend, however, staff from their offices were in attendance.

Our conference day has seen significant growth and we are constantly reminded how far Te Maruata has come since the early days when it was a small contingent. The conference day agenda was very full, and we were able to hear updates from RMA and Three Waters, Taumata Arowai, Local Government Commission and the Future for Local Government Panel. The Minister for Local Government also gave us a formal address.

The agenda is **attached**.

The Workshop LGNZ's Māori Strategy was a real insight into some of the ongoing issues that Māori councillors and female councillors particularly face, and it was very disheartening to see so many have decided to step down due to the ongoing racism and lack of opportunities to step up into leadership roles or be seen as intelligent. The acknowledgement that there has been a lack of support and no real agent to take issues too was a key finding and this will be one of the tasks LGNZ will be following up.

I attended a couple of workshops with a focus on youth and have been invited to share some of my experiences within this sector.

Keynote speakers Melissa Clarke Reynolds and Cameron Calkoen have become my new friends both sharing very inspiring conversations from very different experiences about the here and now and the future. They are both worth looking up and I have invited them to come to Tairāwhiti.

One of the best statements came from a young child who said we need to “make mokopuna decisions” which became a strong focus for governance discussions.

Overall, the theme of environmental, economic, social and cultural wellbeing were covered off and shared on panels of varying expertise. Strategic visioning, innovative leadership alongside inclusivity and strength-based practitioners who are attentive to the “now” will mean better outcomes for local government and the communities we serve.

Minister Mahuta shared morning tea with Te Maruata to encourage and endorse our future role as key in supporting Māori wards and the reforms. Her closing whakatauki I feel sums up the hopes for all as a nation.

***Nāu te rourou nāku te rourou ka ora ai te iwi –
With your basket and my basket, we will sustain everyone.***

Noho ora mai.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

- 1. Notes the contents of this report.**

Authorised by:

Meredith Akuhata-Brown – District Councillor

Keywords: LGNZ conference, te maruata roopu whakahaere, Māori wards

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - Local Government NZ Annual Conference [**22-198.1** - 10 pages]
2. Attachment 2 - Te Maruata Hui [**22-198.2** - 2 pages]



As at 18 July 2022

Conference 2022 programme outline

“TE WĀ HEKE MAI. THE FUTURE.”

Conference 2022 is all about the future. It’s about the right of communities to choose how they live and to have their voices heard. We believe that active, inclusive communities are what builds national success, confidence and character for generations to come. We need to think about innovation and inclusion, localised solutions, adapting to change, trying new things and not being afraid to fail on our road to the future. The conference will focus on the future for local government, the opportunities this state of change presents, and how together we can create the most active and inclusive local democracy in the world.

Monday & Tuesday

- *Regional Sector Tour*
- **Te Maruata Hui**, 9am Tuesday 19 July
- **Young Elected Members pre-conference hui**, 10am to 2pm Wednesday 20 July

Day 1	Wenerei 20 o Hūrae 2022 Wednesday 20 July 2022	Venue
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Ngā hui a ngā Mema Member meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayors Taskforce for Jobs AGM 	J.A. Russell Lounge
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Ngā haerenga nā te Mana i whakarite (me mātua hoko tīkiti) Council hosted tours (ticketed event) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wildbase & Esplanade Tour</i> • <i>Manawatu Gorge Highway & CNZ Freight Hub Tour</i> • <i>Food HQ, Food Pilot & Fonterra Tour</i> • <i>Herb Farm</i> • <i>Defence Tour</i> 	Off-site venues
3:00 pm – 3:35 pm	Pōwhiri Opening ceremony	Central Energy Trust Arena



3:35 pm – 3:50 pm	<i>He kaputī, he paramanawa Kapu ti and biscuits</i>	Central Energy Trust Arena
3:50 pm – 4:00 pm	Te Kaiwhakataki Kōrero Master of ceremonies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MC <p style="text-align: center;">Mihingarangi</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Forbes</p>	Central Energy Trust Arena
4:00 pm – 4:15 pm	He Kōrero nā te Tumuaki o Ngā Kaunihera Paetata o Aotearoa (LGNZ) LGNZ President’s address	Central Energy Trust Arena
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	He kōrero nā Te Maruata Te Maruata address	Central Energy Trust Arena
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Tā te Kāwanatanga korero Government’s address (CONFIRMED)	Central Energy Trust Arena
4:45 pm – 5:25 pm	Kaikauwhau mātāmua whakatuwhera Opening keynote speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa Clark-Reynolds 	Central Energy Trust Arena
5:25 pm – 5:30 pm	Hui Whakatau nā Simpson Grierson Simpson Grierson Welcome	Central Energy Trust Arena
5.30 pm – 7.00 pm	He Mihi Whakatau nā Simpson Grierson Simpson Grierson Welcome Reception	Central Energy Trust Arena
Day 2	Thursday 21 July 2022 Tāite 21 o Hūrae 2022	Venue
7:00 am – 8:30 am	Wāhanga parakuihi mā Fonterra me tō rātou kaikōrero (me mātua hoko tīkiti) Fonterra breakfast session with speaker (ticketed event) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cameron Calkoen 	J.A. Russell Lounge



8:30 am 8:45 am	–	<p>Te Kaiwhakataki Kōrero Master of ceremonies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening and closing by a Kaumatua for the morning and afternoon of each day 	Central Energy Trust Arena
8:45 am 9:00 am	–	<p>He kōrero nā te Kaiārahi o te Āpitihana Leader of the Opposition’s address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon Watts MP, Local Government Spokesperson, National Party 	Central Energy Trust Arena
9:00 am 9:15 am	–	<p>Kauwhau mā tētahi Mema Taiohi i āta Pōtitia Young Elected Members address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lan Pham and Moko Tepania, Co-Chairs, Young Elected Members Erana Riddell, Te Rūnanga o Wairewa, Ruth Heta, Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa 	Central Energy Trust Arena
9:15 am 10:15 am	–	<p>Huihuinga Tōpū: Te Tārei hou i ngā kaunihera ā-rohe Plenary Session: Reimagining local government</p> <p>“Imagining what’s possible for local democracy in Aotearoa New Zealand”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The traditional roles, functions and structures of local government are up in the air, as a suite of reforms reshapes our system of local democracy. How do we ‘reimagine the role and function of local government’ and build a sustainable system that delivers enhanced wellbeing outcomes for our communities? This session will discuss how our system of local democracy and governance needs to evolve over the next 30 years, to improve the wellbeing of New Zealand’s communities and the environment, and actively embody the Treaty partnership, looking to international exemplars for inspiration. Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam Lent, CE New Local (UK - via Zoom) Gael Surgenor, member of the FFLG Review Panel and a former senior manager at Auckland Council from May 2012 to October 2021 Te Ariki Te Puni, Board Member, Multi-Ethnic Young Leaders NZ and Rangitāne 	Central Energy Trust Arena



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deputy Mayor <u>Melanie Tavendale</u>, Waitaki District Council 	
10:15 am – 11:00 am	<p><i>Paramanawa Morning tea</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He whakaahua a ngā Mea katoa rātou ko ngā Tiamana Photo of all Mayors and Chairs 	<i>Amongst the exhibition</i>
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<p>Huihuinga Tōpū: Te whakaruruhau ngātahi Plenary Session: Co-governance</p> <p>“Putting Te Tiriti into action”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Tiriti is about relationships. Early and meaningful engagement from local authorities with iwi, hapū and Māori can help build stronger relationships and result in better informed decision-making, more streamlined processes and better quality outcomes to support community well-being. Some local authorities have moved to put in place new governance arrangements independently of Treaty settlement outcomes, working together on strategy, policy and governance. This session will explore the arrangements in place across Aotearoa and will give councils examples as they continue to work with iwi and hapū to consider what will work best for their own circumstances. • Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Moko Tepania</u>, Co-Chair of Young Elected Members, Far North District councillor and teacher at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Kaikohe (holds the council’s Te Ao Māori portfolio and embodies the Treaty “crossing over”) ○ <u>Andrew Judd</u>, former mayor of New Plymouth and activist (his perspective on advocating the Māori wards process) ○ <u>Antoine Coffin</u>, member of the FFLG Review Panel and director/consultant at Te Onewa Consultants (background in local government, Resource Management Act (RMA) decision-making, infrastructure and building relationships with tangata whenua, Māori resource management, cultural heritage planning, community engagement and facilitation). ○ <u>Jade Wikaira</u>, Strategic Policy Leader, Wikaira Consulting Limited (great on Treaty partnerships and RM Reform) 	Central Energy Trust Arena



12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<p>Huihuinga Tōpū: Te oranga ā-taiao Plenary Session: Environmental well-being</p> <p>“Adapting to change: increasing communities’ resilience and adapting our management of the environment in response to pressures caused by climate change.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable management of the natural environment is essential and urgent. The challenge before us is to learn to live within environmental limits and reverse decades of degradation, while acknowledging the reality that we are (and will remain) a resource-dependent society. This session will discuss the critical role that local communities and councils can play in the urgent process of shifting from consumable to sustainable, and building resilience to climate change – now and in the future. • Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment ○ Sophie Handford, Councillor, Kāpiti Coast District Council (portfolios include Climate and Youth) ○ Rachel Keedwell, Chair, Horizons Regional Council (regional sector perspective, biodiversity) ○ Neeraj Lala, Chief Executive, Toyota NZ (transport initiatives, leading hydrogen and electric, opportunities of climate change) <p><i>Sponsored by: Air BnB</i></p>	Central Energy Trust Arena
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	<i>Te Kai o Te Rānui Lunch</i>	<i>Amongst the exhibition</i>
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm	<p>Huihuinga Tōpū: Te oranga ōhanga Plenary Session: Economic well-being</p> <p>“Encouraging the creation and growth of local economic wealth”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local government plays a vital role as an economic enabler, both through the planning and regulatory work done by councils to the investments they make in local communities. Although local government is an important contributor to local economic success, the right incentives and resources must be in place to enable councils to drive growth. The sustainability of local government funding has become a major question, as Aotearoa New Zealand faces rapid demographic and economic change. This session will explore how councils can overcome the demographic, economic and infrastructure challenges in front of them to enable and stimulate sustainable economic growth. • Speakers 	Central Energy Trust Arena



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hon Stuart Nash, Minister for Economic and Regional Development/MBIE to speak on the regulatory framework and recovery plan for regional tourism NZ. Hold up the mirror to local government and discuss how councils can work together in an integrated way ○ Kiri Goulter, Director - Destination Management, Regional Tourism New Zealand (RTNZ) ○ Warner Cowin, founder Height Project Management, Māori entrepreneur, social procurement expert ○ Max Rashbrooke, journalist and Senior Associate at Institute for Governance and Policy Studies <p><i>Sponsored by: GHD</i></p>	
2:45 pm – 3:10 pm	<p>Te Retireti i te ngaru - te takatū mō te whakahoutanga, te noho mārama ki ngā take tino nui Riding the wave – preparing for reform, and understanding the big ticket issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Wakefield and Pdraig McNamara, Partners, Simpson Grierson 	Central Energy Trust Arena
3:10 pm – 3:40 pm	<p>Te Arotake i te Anamata mō Ngā Kaunihera Review into the Future for Local Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Review Panel is considering how New Zealand’s system of local democracy and governance will need to evolve over the next 30 years, in order to improve the wellbeing of New Zealanders, and actively embody the Treaty partnership. Panel members Jim Palmer and Penny Hulse will share the current thinking of the Panel and the direction for the next phase of the Review. 	Central Energy Trust Arena
3:40 pm – 5:30 pm	<p>Te Arotake i te Anamata mō Ngā Kaunihera Review into the Future for Local Government - Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This workshop is an opportunity to hear about the direction of the draft report, which is due for release in mid-October. The Panel of the Review will expand on the kōrero from their plenary session. There will also be a chance for you to ask questions and share feedback. <p>Ngā tawhio hīkoi pāhekoheko Interactive walkshop tours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Te toiora ā-ahurea Cultural Well-Being</i> 	Central Energy Trust Arena Off-site venues



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Te toiora ā-ōhanga Economic Well-Being</i> • <i>Te toiora ā-taiao Environmental Well-Being</i> • <i>Te toiora ā-pāpori Social Well-Being</i> 	
5:00 pm	<i>Te mutunga o te rā o te hui End of conference day</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A free night for delegates to network as they wish to 	
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Tā te Tumuaki tino kai o te pō mā ngā Kaitautoko President’s VIP Dinner for Sponsors	Nero Restaurant

Day 3	Paraire 22 o Hūrae 2022 Friday 22 July 2022	Venue
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Te Kaiwhakataki Kōrero Master of ceremonies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening and closing by a Kaumatua for the morning and afternoon of each day 	Central Energy Trust Arena
8:45 am – 9:00 am	He kōrero nā te Kaiwhakahaere Chief Executive’s address	Central Energy Trust Arena
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Huihuinga Tōpū: Ko Te Papaioea - ko ngā tāpaetanga rawa ā-taiao (natural capital) hei hua o ngā toiora e whā Plenary Plenary Session: Palmerston North – natural capital offerings as a product of the four well-beings “Palmy’s world-class DNA” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This session is focused on the natural capital offerings the host City or region has that are national or world-class. 	Central Energy Trust Arena



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grant Smith, Mayor, Palmerston North ○ PNCC Chief Planning Officer David Murphy ○ NZ Rugby Museum Director Stephen Berg ○ Fonterra Manager Local Government & Stakeholder Affairs Philippa Fourie 	
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<p>He kōrero nā te Minita o te Kāwanatanga Paetata Minister of Local Government address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon Nanaia Mahuta, Minister of Local Government 	Central Energy Trust Arena
10:30 am – 11:15 am	<p><i>Paramanawa</i> / <i>Morning</i> <i>tea</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Te paramanawa a Te Maruata me te Minita o te Kāwanatanga Paetata Te Maruata morning tea with the Minister of Local Government</i> 	<p><i>Amongst the exhibition</i></p> <p><i>Corporate Lounge 4</i></p>
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	<p>Huihuinga Tōpū: Te oranga pāpori Plenary Session: Social well-being</p> <p>“Social cohesion in a post pandemic New Zealand.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The past two years have tested our democracy and our councils. Both central and local government have battled tirelessly to contain and manage the worst global pandemic in living memory, which has at times tested the fabric of our society. We’ve seen increasing misinformation, decreasing trust in the institutions of government and an increasing number of conspiracy theories. What has held us together is the sense of community and the importance of belonging to something bigger than ourselves. Councils have played, and can continue to play, a pivotal role in keeping that notion front and centre. • Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Max Baxter, Mayor of Otorohanga and chair of MTFJ ○ Te Aorangi Dillon, Tumu Whakarae (CEO) for Ngāruahine iwi's post-settlement governance entity Te Korowai o Ngāruahine 	Central Energy Trust Arena



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Julie Chapman, CEO and Founder, KidsCan 	
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<p>Huihuinga Tōpū: Te oranga ā-ahurea Plenary Session: Cultural well-being</p> <p>“Engaging diverse communities to embrace our multicultural Aotearoa.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The face of Aotearoa is changing rapidly and everyone should feel that they belong here. All people need to have a sense of belonging, feel connected, secure, safe, accepted, able to freely express their views and valued. As the country becomes more diverse the way councils engage with their communities needs to evolve to remain effective. This session will discuss the practical ways that councils and other community stakeholders are authentically engaging with a wide variety of diverse communities in an inclusive way. • Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mervin Singham, Chief Executive, Ministry for Ethnic Communities (Former Head of Royal Commission into historic abuse in care and Malaysian born artist who came to NZ) ○ Stephanie Velvin, <u>Welcoming Communities Coordinator</u>, Palmerston North City Council ○ Seiuli Terri-Leo Mauu, Director, <u>ASB Polyfest</u> (Auckland) ○ Professor Meihana Durie, Deputy Vice Chancellor Māori, Massey University <p><i>Sponsored by: Creative NZ</i></p>	Central Energy Trust Arena
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<p><i>He kai i waenga i te whakaaturanga Lunch amongst the exhibition</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whakataetae 'Ahunga ā-Rohe' 'Zone of Origin' competition 	<i>Amongst the exhibition</i>
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	<p>Whakakapinga a ngā kōrero matua Closing keynote session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Dr Lucy Hone</u> 	Central Energy Trust Arena
2:45 pm – 2:50 pm	He Whakawhiwhinga mō Te Tāone Paihikara Tukituki o te Tau Breakthrough Bike City of Year Award	Central Energy Trust Arena
2:50 pm – 3:00 pm	Kauwhau whakamutunga Closing address	Central Energy Trust Arena



3:00pm – 3:30 pm	Te whakakapinga Closing ceremony	Central Energy Trust Arena
3:30 pm	<i>Te mutunga o te hui End of conference</i>	Central Energy Trust Arena
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Ngā hui a ngā Mema Member meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Sector meeting 	Off-site venues
6:30 pm	Tā Fulton Hogan Kai a te pō mō te huihuinga, me ngā Tohu KAIRANGI A LGNZ Fulton Hogan Conference dinner and LGNZ EXCELLENCE Awards	Central Energy Trust Arena

Saturday

- *Delegates depart for home, or stay on to enjoy the region.*

Programme

Three days to re-imagine local democracy.

LGNZ's 2022 Conference Te Wā Heke Mai. The Future, offers three days to discover what the future for local government might look like and how we get there. Speakers include elected members, strategists, innovators, and iwi to inform and inspire on a broad range of topics spanning economic, environmental, social and cultural wellbeing.

Media are welcome to attend the Conference from Wednesday to Friday. Please [click here](#) to register. Entry will be for registered attendees only.

The conference programme is current as at 12 July. Details will be updated as they are confirmed.

Te Maruata Hui — Tuesday 19 July

Time	rātū 19 o Hūrae 2022 Tuesday 19 July 2022
	Te Maruata Hui Palmerston North Conference and Function Centre 354 Main Street
9:00am	Pōwhiri and kapu tī

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10.00am	Opening address - Bonita Bigham, Te Maruata Chairperson
10.15am	RMA and Three Waters update – Local Government New Zealand
10.55am	Taumata Arowai update
11.25am	Workshop - LGNZ's Māori strategy with Te Maruata Whānui and National Council
12.30pm	Kai o te poutū Lunch time
1.30pm	Local Government Commission update
2.00pm	Address from Minister for Local Government, Hon. Nanaia Mahuta
2.45pm	Workshop - Future for Local Government panel
4.00pm	Kapu tī
4.10pm	Creative NZ update
4.40pm	Upcoming elections - Bonita Bigham - Te Maruata Chairperson, te katoa
5.00pm	Poroporoaki



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14. Public Excluded Business

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Section 48, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION and MEETINGS ACT 1987

That:

1. The public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Confirmation of Confidential Minutes

Item 4.1 Confirmation of Confidential Extraordinary Council Minutes 23 June 2022

Item 4.2 Confirmation of Confidential Extraordinary Council Minutes 30 June 2022

Item 4.3 Confirmation of Confidential Extraordinary Council Minutes 27 July 2022

2. This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item 4.1	72(j)	Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.
	7(2)(a)	Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.
Item 4.2	7(2)(f)	Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such members, officers, employees and persons from improper pressure or harassment.
	7(2)(i)	Enable any Council holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).
Item 4.3	7(2)(a)	Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.