



Extraordinary Meeting of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council

LATE ITEMS

Date: Wednesday 1 April 2020
Time: 10.00am
Venue: Council Chamber
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
159 Dalton Street
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Agenda

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| 6. | 1 April 2020 Update on Significant Strategic Planning Group Activities | 3 |
| Information or Performance Monitoring | | |
| 7. | CE's Verbal Report on the HBRC Operational Response to COVID-19 | |
| 8. | Verbal Update on the HB Drought Response from Iain Maxwell and Councillor Will Foley | |
| 9. | Verbal Update on HB Tourism from Councillors Craig Foss and Hinewai Ormsby | |
| 10. | Verbal Update on HB District Health Board from Councillor Charles Lambert | |
| 11. | Verbal Update on the Local Civil Defence Covid-19 Response from Councillor Rick Barker | |
| 12. | Verbal Update on the Horticulture Sector from Councillor Jerf van Beek | |

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SUBJECT: 1 APRIL 2020 UPDATE ON SIGNIFICANT STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP ACTIVITIES

Item 6

Reason for Report

1. The commentary attached is for Councillors' information, to highlight significant areas of the Strategic Planning Group's activity and provide an update on the status of related initiatives and work programmes through the lens of staff working from home during the current Covid-19 national emergency declaration.

Executive Summary

2. Currently, the most significant impacts on the organisation are related to the national response to Covid-19.

Decision Making Process

3. Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision making provisions do not apply.

Recommendation

That the Hawke's Bay Regional Council receives and notes the ***1 April 2020 Update on Significant Strategic Planning Group Activities***.

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Attachment/s

[1](#) Strategic Planning Significant Activities Update

Organisational Activities – Strategic Planning

| Group /Team | Southern Catchments | Central Catchments | Northern Catchments |
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| Strategic Planning Policy & Planning | <p>1. Tukituki Plan Change – Policy and Planning staff have been deployed into Civil Defence roles and have not been able to progress the preliminary consultation as approved at the Extraordinary RPC meeting 18 March. However, Regulatory staff continue to work on the development of the table.</p> <p>2. Regardless of staffing, it is not considered appropriate to progress the preliminary consultation with the community, stakeholders and interest groups due to the impact of Covid-19 and the additional pressures arising from drought and TB on the farming community.</p> <p>3. Discussions are being held with MfE regarding the necessity to provide an extension to those required to apply for resource consents given these exceptional circumstances.</p> | <p>4. TANK Plan Change – Council agreed (25 March) to delay notification to 2 May. Virtual Council meetings to be held weekly, any amendment to this will be agreed and confirmed closer to the time. Staff have been re-deployed to Civil Defence roles.</p> <p>5. Heretaunga Plains Urban Development Strategy & NPS for Urban Development Capacity – HPUDS Implementation Working Group meeting postponed until further notice. Staff diverted to Civil Defence functions.</p> <p>6. Ngaruroro River & Clive River Water Conservation Order (WCO) application – the first evidence exchange was supposed to occur on 30 March. Forest & Bird and Whitewater NZ sought an adjournment of proceedings, Winegrowers also sought that the evidence exchange timetable be amended. The Court agreed under the circumstances to adjourn proceedings. This is to be reviewed in 5-6 weeks' time. Staff have been re-deployed to Civil Defence roles.</p> | <p>7. Mohaka Plan Change – currently on hold as staff diverted to Civil Defence functions. Hui also postponed until further notice.</p> |
| Strategic Planning Policy & Planning Region-wide | <p>8. Outstanding water bodies plan change. A paper has been drafted for RPC summarising submissions and seeking recommendations for the appointment of hearings commissioners – the RPC meeting has been postponed until further notice. This paper will be presented at the next scheduled RPC meeting. Staff have been re-deployed to Civil Defence response.</p> <p>9. Climate Change Working Group this work has been paused as a consequence of the Covid-19 lock-down. Staff are currently diverted to Civil Defence response.</p> | | |
| Strategic Planning Statutory Advocacy | <p>10. Extensions have been provided for submissions to the NES-Tyres to the 8 April.</p> <p>11. Resource Management Amendment Bill report-back timeframe has also been extended. The Environment Select Committee were set to report-back on the Resource Management Amendment Bill 26 March. The report-back has now been extended to 1 May 2020 due to the COVID-19 response. However, the Environment Select Committee may report-back earlier than this date. The Ministry for the Environment will provide a more comprehensive update directly to local government and other stakeholders once report-back occurs. Due to the current context, timeframes for the next stages of the Parliamentary process for the Bill are not confirmed at this stage.</p> <p>12. The 24 April 2020 deadline for submissions on proposed amendments to the Air Quality NES has now been extended to 31 July 2020.</p> | | |

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| Strategic Planning Strategy & Projects | 13. Consultation on the Remission on Rates Penalty due to change in rating date going ahead as planned 14 – 28 April. Preparations continue. 14. Work continuing on improvements to the Org Performance Report – interim report being developed to give councillors a clearer understanding of workstreams impacted by the lockdown 15. Long Term Plan – on hold as staff deployed to Civil Defence 16. Strategic Plan refresh completed and draft amendments were about to be reported back to Council. 17. Project Management Office evolution on hold as staff deployed to Civil Defence 18. Project Sponsor programme on hold as staff deployed to Civil Defence | | |
| Strategic Planning Transport | 19. Tender evaluations for the Programme Business Case section of the HB Transport Study took place on 30 March by video conference. 20. Discussions about the increase in bus driver hours required to comply with the Employment Relations Amendment Act 2018 are now on hold due to the pandemic. 21. Extensive liaison with NZTA and Ministry of Transport over changes to bus and Total Mobility services as a result of Covid-19. 22. The Road Safety Expo for all high schools in the region (usually held in the first week of May) has been cancelled. Staff are working on planning for other events and have also been deployed to CDEM. | | |

| Corporate Services Group Manager's Update |
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| 23. Within the strategic planning group excluding those required for the delivery of essential services in Public Transport and Total Mobility, practically the entire group is deployed into managing or supporting roles within GECC. As the Covid-19 situation develops there is a high probability that this will continue. The displacement effect on key work streams is self-explanatory, and we are continually having to re-visit consultation scenarios and strategies for both notified plans and future plan change processes. |