

Extra-ordinary Whangarei District Council

Notice of Meeting

A extra-ordinary meeting of the Whangarei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Forum North, Whangarei on:

**Wednesday
13 February 2013
11.00am**

Committee

His Worship the Mayor (Chairperson)
Cr C B Christie
Cr S J Deeming
Cr A J Edwards
Cr S M Glen
Cr P R Halse
Cr J S Jongejans
Cr G M Martin
Cr B L McLachlan
Cr S L Morgan
Cr K J Sutherland
Cr W L Syers
Cr M R Williams
Cr J D T Williamson

1. Hearing of submissions on proposed Whangarei Class 4 Gambling Policy and Proposed Whangarei District Board Venue Policy.

Reporting officer Grant Couchman (Regulatory Services Manager)

Date of meeting 13 February 2013

Vision, mission and values

This item is in accord with Council's vision, mission and values statement as it relates to the adoption of policy as required by the Gambling Act 2003 and Racing Act 2003 which endeavours to balance both the positive and negative affects of gambling across the wider community.

Background

At the council meeting on the 24 October 2012 council adopted a statement of proposal for the review of the Whangarei District Class 4 Gambling Policy under the Gambling Act 2003 and adopted a further separate Statement of Proposal for the review of the Whangarei Board Venue Policy under the Racing Act 2003. Class 4 gambling relates to non casino pokie machines. Board venues provide specifically for sport and race betting in premises owned or leased by the New Zealand Racing Board.

Review of these policies is required every 3 years and must follow the special consultative process provisions of section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002. This process includes the holding of a public hearing to hear from any person who wishes to speak to council in support of their submission.

In respect of requirements of the Gambling Act 2003 as it relates to Class 4 Gambling (pokie machines) council also resolved to give notice to each society that holds a Class 4 Licence for a venue in the District and to organisations representing Maori in the district, and to gambling focus group members by sending to each a copy of the summary of Information contained in the Statement of Proposal.

Separately in respect of requirements of the Racing Act 2003 as it relates to Board Venues council resolved to give notice of the Statement of Proposal to the New Zealand Racing Board, organisations representing Maori in the district and to each gambling focus group member as above. Notice has been given to these groups and organisations as required by resolution.

Currently these two policies are amalgamated into one but under review the policies have been separated as each covers two different types of gambling under two different statutes. Public consultation, while simultaneous, was in respect of two different policies with different submission forms to be completed.

The period of public notification for both ran for a 5 week period ending Friday 7 December 2013. The following number of submissions were received:

Whangarei District Class 4 Gambling Policy

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| Total submissions received - | 263 |
| Submitters wishing to be heard - | 37 |

Whangarei District Board Venue Policy

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| Total submissions received - | 3 |
| Submitters wishing to be heard - | 3. |

A copy of each submission has been circulated under separate cover. In terms of submissions to be heard 3 submitters made representation on both the Board Venue Policy and the Class 4 Venue Policy and have been allocated a separate but consecutive time to speak to each policy. These are the New Zealand Racing Board, Pub Charity and Mental Health Foundation New Zealand. There are other submitters who as individuals represent different organisations who made representation on the class 4 Gambling Policy and additional time is also allocated to these people.

Recommendation

1. That council receive this report.
2. That the submissions be received and heard.

Attachment (under separate cover – to view contact Senior Meeting Co-ordinator +64 9 4304 200)

Copies of all submissions