

Infrastructure and Services Committee

Notice of Meeting

A meeting of the Infrastructure and Services Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Forum North, Whangarei on:

**Wednesday
14 August 2013
9.00 am**

Committee

Cr G M Martin (Chairperson)
His Worship the Mayor
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 B L McLachlan
Cr S L Morgan
Cr K J Sutherland
Cr W L Syers
Cr M R Williams
Cr J D T Williamson

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Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2012 – Decision Making

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2012 in relation to decision making and in particular the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure, local public services and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost effective for households and businesses. Consideration has also been given to social, economic and cultural interests and the need to maintain and enhance the quality of the environment in taking a sustainable development approach.

**Recommendations contained in this agenda are NOT final decisions.
Please refer to the minutes for resolutions.**

4. Old Town Hall Car Park - Parking Charges

Reporting officer Greg Monteith (Senior Roading Engineer)

Date of meeting 14 August 2013

Vision, mission and values

This item is in accord with the Council's Mission, Vision, and Values statement as it supports sustainable land use management and transportation, providing a quality environment and protecting those assets that contribute to community health and well being.

Introduction

In September 2011 Council adopted the Parking Management Strategy. The strategy set out that Council would seek to manage the parking and occupancy rates through fees. If the occupancy rates of a parking area were greater than 90% Council would increase the fees to reduce the occupancy rates to achieve between 70 and 80% occupancy, ensuring a car park would be available when required by the customers.

We have recently received a number of complaints (medical centre staff and customers, citizen advise bureau and some general public users) regarding the occupancy rates of the old town hall car park.

Environmental Northland (ENL) have undertaken a survey and confirmed the occupancy rates of this car park in the morning period are 100% and over 90% in the afternoon period.

Discussion

Discussions with some of the surrounding businesses resulted in requests for time restrictions as apposed to increasing in fees only. In line with Council's Parking policy it is believed the increase in parking fee alone should be sufficient to bring down the occupancy rate.

To achieve the 70 to 80% occupancy rate it is proposed to increase the parking fees from 60 cents per hour to \$1.00 per hour. Bringing the old Town Hall car park in line with charges at Forum North / Water Street and Laurie Hall carparks.

Recommendation

That Council increase the parking fee of the old Town Hall car park from 60 cents per hour to \$1.00 per hour.