

1. Minutes: Finance Committee Wednesday 28 October 2015

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance Committee held in the Council Chamber Forum North on Wednesday 28 October 2015 at 9.00am

Present:

Cr S J Deeming (Chairperson)

Her Worship the Mayor S L Mai, Crs S J Bell, S J Bretherton, C B Christie, P A Cutforth, S M Glen, G C Innes, C M Hermon, P R Halse, G M Martin, B L McLachlan, S L Morgan and J D T Williamson

Also present:

Northland Events Centre Trust (W Syers and D Harding)

In Attendance:

Chief Executive (R Forlong), Group Manager Support Services (A Adcock), Group Manager Positive Growth (J Thompson), Financial Controller (R Kerr), District Promotions and Tourism Manager (P Davis), Property Manager (M Hibbert), Venues and Events Manager (J Lynch), Assistant Accountant (N Wright), Communications Adviser (R Pascoe), Media Relations Adviser (A Midson), Executive Assistants (J Crocombe and D Taylor) and Senior Meeting Co ordinator (C Brindle)

1. Confirmation of Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 23 September 2015

Moved Cr Martin
Seconded Cr Morgan

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 23 September 2015, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.”

CARRIED

2. Financial Report for the Three Months Ending 30 September 2015

Moved Her Worship the Mayor
Seconded Cr Innes

“That the information be received.”

CARRIED

3. Rating Review Scoping Paper

Moved Cr Deeming
Seconded Cr Halse

“1. That the information be received.”

2. That a Targeted Review of current rating issues be completed in conjunction with the 2016/2017 Annual Plan.
3. That included in the review are the issues raised at post Long Term Plan meetings with Commercial ratepayers that relate to:
 - Separately Used or Inhabited Parts (SUIP's)
 - Remission and Postponement Policies
 - Eligibility for Rates Rebate Scheme
 - Wider use of Targeted Rates eg for higher levels of service upon ratepayer request."

CARRIED

Cr Hermon requested her vote against be recorded.

Cr Williamson left the meeting at 9.21am during discussions on Item 3.

4. Council Controlled Organisations – Financial Statements for 2014-2015

Moved Cr McLachlan
Seconded Cr Morgan

"That the Financial Statements for the following Council Controlled Organisations for the year ended 30 June 2015 be received:

- Whangarei District Airport
- Northland Events Centre Trust
- Whangarei Art Museum Trust."

CARRIED

5. Delegated Authority

Moved Her Worship the Mayor
Seconded Cr Innes

"That the changes to the delegated financial authorisations as listed below be approved and added to the operative list of delegated financial authorities and the delegations manual as from 28 October 2015 until further notice.

Laboratory Coordinator	
Currently Category H \$2,000.00	Change to Category G \$5,000.00."

CARRIED

6. Local Government Funding Agency – Annual Report

Moved Cr Innes
Seconded Cr Cutforth

“That the information be received.”

CARRIED

6. Local Government Funding Agency – AGM Matters

Moved Cr Deeming
Seconded Her Worship the Mayor

“1. That the information be received.

2. That the Finance Committee authorise Alan Adcock to attend the AGM as shareholder representative and for Whangarei District Council to vote by way of proxy to:

- Approve the re-election of John Avery and election of Linda Roberston and Mike Trimmer as directors;
- Approve the re-election of Tasman District Council and election of Auckland Council as ‘Nominating Local Authorities.
- Approve the proposed increase to directors’ remuneration.”

CARRIED

Positive Growth Group

8. Positive Growth Group – Report on Recent Activity

Moved Cr Glen
Seconded Cr Cutforth

“That the information be received.”

CARRIED

9. Post Event FIFA Report

Moved Cr Halse
Seconded Cr Deeming

“That that the information be received.”

CARRIED

10. Fair Trade

Moved: Cr Cutforth

Seconded: Cr Hermon

- “1. That Council apply to become a Fair Trade Workplace on the basis it has met the expected requirements.
2. That Council agree to have a representative on Whangarei’s Fair Trade Steering Committee.
3. That staff report back within six months on Fair Trade in the Workplace within Council.
4. That the Chief Executive be authorised to finalise the Fair Trade Workplace application as required to meet the certification.”

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 10.13am

Confirmed this 25th day of November 2015

S J Deeming (Chairperson)