

1. Report: Whangarei District Council Briefing Monday 23 November 2015

Summary of a Briefing of the Whangarei District Council held in the Council Chamber, Forum North on Monday 23 November 2015 at 10.00am

Present:

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

Apologies/Absent:

Crs C B Christie and C M Hermon

In Attendance:

Chief Executive (R Forlong), Group Manager Support Services (A Adcock), Group Manager Positive Growth (J Thompson), Group Manager Infrastructure (S Weston), Governance Manager (J Marris), Financial Controller (R Kerr), Maori Relationship Manager (S Tipene), Strategic Planning Co ordinator (S Gavin), Senior Communications Adviser (R Pascoe), Media Relations Adviser (A Midson), Assistant Accountants (N Butturini and N Wright), Cadet (A Te Raki) and Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (C Brindle)

2016-17 Annual Plan Process – Briefing

Facilitators: Cr Deeming
A Adcock

Presentation: 15/113841

This report should be read in conjunction with the agenda report and power point presentation.

Cr Deeming introduced the Briefing.

A Adcock covered the content of the Briefing as outlined in the presentation and the agenda report including:

- the purpose of the briefing
- Amendments to the LGA
- definition of 'significant' and 'material'
- consultation – in the usual way? Or?
- The Consultation Document
- The starting point – LTP Year Two
- Known Variations
- Any other variations sought?
- Other considerations?

Councillors provided feedback on the process, consultation options, LTP Year Two – staying within current parameters (or variations) and proposed further variations including:

- Marina assets
- Footpaths (potentially targeted rate?)

- Seal extension originally in Year 2 were brought forward to Year 1 of the LTP as a result of consultation. Will we bring forward again?
- Cost of Shared Services to be included in the budget
- Honour agreements with community eg don't defer or drop off projects have been agreed through the LTP process
- Seek out new initiatives to reduce the revenue required.
- Work on a collaborative link between economic development and community services to target employment creation
- Economic development plans to collaborate with Auckland
- Development Contributions – further discussion required. Focus on building wealth rather than growing the number of people in the District
- Reserves eg Blue Goose.

Conclusion

General consensus to stay within the current financial parameters as proposed in LTP Year Two. Further Workshops/Briefings to be scheduled in December and early February with a view to setting the financial envelope earlier in the programme.

The Briefing closed at 11.17am

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information, statements recorded, the status of this document is an unofficial record of the Briefing