

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:

**Tuesday
17 May 2016
9.00am**

Committee

Her Worship the Mayor (Chairperson)
Cr S J Bell
Cr S J Bretherton
Cr C B Christie
Cr P A Cutforth
Cr S J Deeming
Cr S M Glen
Cr P R Halse
Cr C M Hermon
Cr G C Innes
Cr G M Martin
Cr B L McLachlan
Cr S L Morgan
Cr J D T Williamson

1 2016-2017 Draft Annual Plan and Proposed Fees and Charges

Reporting officer: Alan Adcock (Group Manager Support Services)
Date of meeting: 17 May 2016

1. Purpose

To hear feedback on the 2016-2017 Draft Annual Plan and Proposed Fees and Charges.

2. Recommendation

That Council:

- a) accepts and considers any feedback received after the close of the feedback period (prior to the closure of this meeting);
- b) notes and hears feedback relating to 2016-2017 Draft Annual Plan including Rates Remission and Postponement Policies, the Proposed Fees and Charges and the Whangarei Heads Sewer Extension – McLeod Bay.

3. Background

The Consultation Document for the 2016-2017 Annual Plan and supporting documentation have been available to the community from 21 March 2016. Consultation closed on 29 April as scheduled. At the same time, Council has consulted on other topics including minor changes to the Rates Remissions and Postponement Policies, Fees and Charges, and the Whangarei Heads Sewer Extension for part of McLeod Bay.

To inform the community about the 2016-17 Draft Annual Plan (the Plan), staff attended 16 community meetings prior to and during the consultation period. Council also operated a Have Your Say Event (HYSE) on 7 April 2016, which attracted 70 attendees. Feedback from the HYSE will be reported back to council as part of the deliberation report.

Council decided to continue with the traditional hearings approach this year, and these are being held on 17, 18 and 19 May.

4. Submissions

Written feedback was received from 268 members of the public, organisations, groups or businesses through the various channels.

Bulk Submissions

Included in the 268 submissions received, 118 of these were form submissions on a Proposed New Community Facility for Northland Rugby Union and Old Boys Marist, and 19 form submissions were from residents opposing the capital projects timing and seeking priority to seal extensions. These are summarised below:

Topic	No. of signatures	Submitter No:
Proposed New Community Facility for Northland Rugby Union and Old Boys Marist	118	AP2016/120 to AP2016/237.
Oppose to timing of capital projects and new footpaths. Request priority for seal extensions programme	19	AP2016/36 to AP2016/52. AP2016/69 and AP2016/82.

Petitions

Four petitions were received. These are single submissions with multiple supporting signatures. A petition is counted as one submission. These are:

Submitter	Topic	No. of signatures	Submitter No:
Nook Road and Tahunatapu Road Residents	Request for roading infrastructure	26	AP2016/34
Doug Gow	Road safety at Kauika Road and Third Avenue	72	AP2016/53
Whangarei Heads Citizens Association	New footpaths at Reotahi Road	212	AP2016/103
Citizens of Parua Bay	Footpaths at Kiteone Road	139	AP2016/118

87 of the 268 people who provided feedback have requested to be heard in the traditional hearings.

Copies of the feedback received are attached at Volume 1 and 2.

Other Consultation

We have also consulted on minor changes to the Rates Remissions and Postponement Policies, Fees and Charges, and the Whangarei Heads Sewer Extension for part of McLeod Bay. A summary of the feedback received is included below:

Consultation	Feedback received
Proposed 2016-2017 Fees and Charges	3 submissions
Rates Remissions and Postponement Policies	14 submissions
Whangarei Heads Sewer Extension, McLeod Bay	8 submissions

5. Significance and Engagement

5.1 Significance

Having considered the Significance and Engagement Policy, hearing feedback on the Plan is considered a step in the process that could result in potentially significant decisions. These decisions will not become evident until Council deliberates on the matters raised throughout the hearings process.

5.2 Engagement

Council needs to use the Special Consultative Process (SCP) when adopting a Draft Annual Plan and has chosen to consult with the community on this year's plan.

This year, we have broadened the communities' channels to provide feedback on the Plan. We have accepted feedback from social media, operated a HYSE and continue to operate traditional hearings. These approaches are appropriate methods for consulting with our community and fit within the new provisions of the Local Government Act.

Attachments

(under separate cover – available on request contact Senior Meeting Co-ordinator)

1. 2016-2017 Proposed Fees and Charges – Submissions (Volume 1)
2. 2016-2017 Draft Annual Plan – Submissions (Volume 1 and Volume 2)
3. Whangarei Heads Sewer Extension, McLeod Bay (Volume 2)

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

That the public be excluded from the following parts of proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

1.	The making available of information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of persons who are the subject of the information. {Section 7(2)(c)}
2.	To enable the council (the committee) to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial negotiations. {(Section 7(2)(i)}.
3.	To protect the privacy of natural persons. {Section 7(2)(a)}.
4.	Publicity prior to successful prosecution of the individuals named would be contrary to the laws of natural justice and may constitute contempt of court. {Section 48(1)(b)}.
5.	To protect information which is the subject to an obligation of confidence, the publication of such information would be likely to prejudice the supply of information from the same source and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied. {Section7(2)(c)(i)}.
6.	In order to maintain legal professional privilege. {Section 2(g)}.
7.	To enable the council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations {Section 7(2)(i)}.

Resolution to allow members of the public to remain

If the council/committee wishes members of the public to remain during discussion of confidential items the following additional recommendation will need to be passed:

Move/Second

"That _____ be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of his/her/their knowledge of Item _____.

This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because _____.

Note:

Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public.