

1. Report: Whangarei District Council Briefing Thursday 18 August 2016

Report of a Briefing of the Whangarei District Council held in the Council Chamber, Forum North on Thursday 18 August 2016 at 1.35pm

Present:

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

Apologies/Absent:

In Attendance:

Chief Executive (R Forlong), Group Manager Infrastructure & Services (S Weston), Group Manager Support Services (A Adcock), Group Manager District Living (P Dell), Property Manager (M Hibbert), Roading Manager (J Devine), Policy Planner (R Burgoyne), Strategic Planner (H Shannon) and Senior Meeting Co ordinator (C Brindle)

1. Parking Strategy

Facilitators: G M Martin
S Weston

Presentation: 16/92607

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

Her Worship convened the Workshop, the purpose of which is to provide further information on current car park availability within the Whangarei Centre.

Mr Devine covered the content of the meeting as outlined in the agenda and power point presentation including:

- Development of a Parking and Traffic flow model for the CBD
- Parking Occupancy
- Additional Parking options
- Improved public perceptions
- Free parking options
- Other issues
- Summary.

Next steps

Over the next few months council will develop the TRACKS CALM parking and traffic flow model for the central city to enable options to be considered in detail and impacts properly assessed.

Council will use this model to investigate options to create more on-street parking by installing angled parks on central city roads subject to a review of the impacts of one way roads on central city traffic flows.

In addition, options for relocating the Rose St Bus Hub to Vine St and enlarging the Vine St Carpark will be investigated.

- The impact on parking resources within the central city will continue to be monitored and the availability of parking managed using the tools available for pricing and time restrictions. A number of other issues are also being considered.
- The impacts of all day free parking (worker parking) on the overall parking asset, will continue to be monitored.
- Requests for new mobility parking, loading zones and taxi ranks; will be considered in consultation with stakeholders and rationalising facilities across the central city.
- Continue to monitor the impact on parking resources from future projects including the proposed Hundertwasser Centre and manage the availability of parking in the Town Basin area using the tools available for parking charges, time restrictions, and enforcement.
- Investigating the provision of free parking for electric vehicles (Ecars) within the Whangarei District.
- Investigate the removal of minimum parking requirements in the Transport Plan Change.

The Workshop closed at 3.08pm