

# 1. Report: Whangarei District Council Briefing Wednesday 12 April 2017

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*Report of a Briefing to the Whangarei District Council held in the Council Chamber, Forum North on Wednesday 12 April 2017 at 11.00am*

**Present:**

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai, Councillors Stu Bell, Vince Cocurullo, Tricia Cutforth, Shelley Deeming, Sue Glen, Jayne Golightly, Cherry Hermon, Greg Martin and Anna Murphy

**Apologies/Absent:**

Councillors Sharon Morgan, Phil Halse, Greg Innes, Chrichton Christie and Principal Rural Fire Officer, Kevin Ihaka.

**In Attendance:**

Chief Executive (Rob Forlong), Senior Strategic Planner Policy and Monitoring (Tony Horton), General Manager Community (Sandra Boardman), General Manager Infrastructure (Simon Weston), Infrastructure Project and Support Manager (Dominic Kula), Community Service Manager (Owen Thomas), Civil Defence Emergency Management Officer Whangarei (Victoria Randall) and Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (Jennie Thomas)

## 1 New Zealand Fire Emergency Briefing

Facilitators: Her Worship the Mayor  
Brad Mosby NZFS Area Commander

This report should be read in conjunction with the agenda report.

Her Worship the Mayor convened the meeting and welcomed Brad Mosby NZFS and Linda Jarrett Deputy Chief for Portland Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Brad Mosby Area Commander Whangarei – Kaipara Fire Area, covered the content of the briefing as outlined in the agenda report.

The council was briefed on changes to the new organisation - Fire and Emergency New Zealand, including legislative changes that integrate both urban and rural entities.

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017, New Zealand's urban, rural paid and volunteer fire services will be combined into a single organisation, Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ). This is the biggest reform to the service in 70 years. The Service is in a transition phase till July 2017– It will take another 3 years, through to July 2020, to fully integrate rural and urban services. Overall the fire services will be better supported and resourced under the new organisation

The presentation ended at 11.35 am.

## **2 Village Plan Programme Update**

Facilitators: Cr Shelley Deeming/Rob Forlong  
Senior Strategic Planner Tony Horton

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

The Village Plan Programme is working to foster better working relations between Council and communities. The programme is empowering communities to create and implement a vision for their local area and providing meaningful physical improvement to a locality.

Tony Horton covered the content of the briefing as outlined in the agenda report and attached presentation including:

- What is the Village Plan Programme trying to achieve?
- How does the programme work?
- Otangarei Village Plan Update
- Kamo Village Plan Update
- Hikurangi Village Plan Update
- Parua Bay Village Plan Update
- Where to next?

**The meeting closed at 12.50**