

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Gore District Council, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, on Tuesday 27 March 2018, at 5.08pm.

Present His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks JP), Crs Beale, Bolger, Davis, Dickson, Gardyne, D Grant, Phillips, Reid and Sharp.

In Attendance The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), Communications/Marketing Manager (Sonia Gerken) and HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones).

Apologies Cr P Grant and the Chief Financial Officer apologised for absence.

1. ADOPTION OF THE 10 YEAR PLAN CONSULTATION DOCUMENT AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION (SC1581)

A memo had been received from the Chief Financial Officer advising that the Council needed to adopt its Consultation Document and the associated supporting information for its 2018-2028 10 year plan. Once adopted, the information would be open for community consultation. During the ten months the Council staff had been working on the project, there had been 11 workshops held on various aspects of the plan.

The staff had critically examined forecasting assumptions, updated asset management plans, the 30 year infrastructure strategy and financial strategy, reviewed key policies and factored in developments that had occurred since the last ten year plan had been prepared in 2015.

The Consultation Document and supporting information would be promoted on and available for download on the Council’s website from 28 March. The Consultation Document would also be distributed to every letterbox in the District. The submission period would be open until 5.00pm on Friday 4 May.

Copies of the documents that also needed to be adopted as supporting information, namely the financial strategy, infrastructure strategy, Revenue and Financing Policy, prospective financial statements and funding impact statements for each group of activities, Liability Management, Investment, Remission of Rates and Significance and Engagement Policies and significant forecasting assumptions, had been circulated with the agenda.

The Consultation Document had undergone a rigorous four week audit by Deloitte, followed by a hot review by the Office of the Auditor General.

In addition to informing the public about significant projects the Council was planning, the Consultation Document highlighted the following three issues that the Council wanted feedback on:

- Changes to the urban rating boundaries, which would be effective from 1 July 2020;
- The provision of dog parks in the District; and
- Replacement options for the Pyramid Bridge.

The rates increase for the 2018/19 year was projected to be 5.93% compared to the 6.5% forecast that had been in the 2015-2025 ten year plan.

Cr Bolger moved THAT pursuant to section 93G of the Local Government Act 2002, the Council adopt the supporting information that is relied on for the Consultation Document and which will form the basis of the preparation of the 2018-2028 10-Year Plan, with this information comprised of:

- **Financial Strategy**
- **Infrastructure Strategy**
- **Prospective Financial Statements**
- **Prospective Funding Impact Statements**
- **Significant Forecasting Assumptions**
- **Revenue and Financing Policy**
- **Liability Management Policy**
- **Investment Policy**
- **Remission of Rates Policy**
- **Significance and Engagement Policy**

THAT pursuant to section 93A of the Local Government Act 2002, the Council adopt the Consultation Document that will form the basis of the preparation of the 2018-2028 10-Year Plan,

AND THAT the Council publicly notify and invite submissions on the Consultation Document “Are We Ready” and supporting information, in accordance with the special consultative procedure set out in sections 83 and 93(2) of the Local Government Act 2002.

The motion was seconded by Cr Dickson.

Cr Sharp referred to rating comparisons and said they did not look right to him. The percentage increases were quite different.

Cr Highsted recalled the same issue had arisen at the last annual plan.

His Worship said it had been considered in the past.

The Chief Executive said Gore and Mataura were not really a true rating area and there would always be rating difference between the two.

The motion was put and it was carried.

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The meeting concluded at 5.24pm