

Report of a meeting of the Regulatory and Planning Committee, held in the Mataura Community Centre, McQueen Avenue, Mataura, on Tuesday 20 November 2018, at 4.23pm.

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

**In Attendance** The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), General Manager Infrastructure (Mr Ramesh Sharma), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Transport Manager (Mr Peter Standring), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), Corporate Support Officer (Suzanne Lucas), Project Manager Infrastructure (Mr Hashem Ramezan-zadeh), Communications/Marketing Manager (Sonia Gerken), Principal Planner/Consultant (Mr Keith Hovell), Senior Regulatory Officer (Frances Shepherd), Animal Control Officer (Mr David McKewen), and four members of the public in the gallery.

**Apology** Cr Highsted apologised for absence.

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**1. ANIMAL CONTROL ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2018**

The Committee perused a report from the Animal Control Officer.

Cr P Grant commented on the number of unregistered dogs noted in the report and asked if they were being pursued.

The Officer confirmed this issue was being dealt with and the necessary steps had been taken to reduce the number of unregistered dogs.

Cr Phillips asked if that number was on par with last year.

The Officer said it was an improvement on the previous year.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Cr P Grant, seconded by Cr Davis, **THAT** the report be received.

## 2. DRAFT COMBINED LOCAL ALCOHOL POLICY (SC2087)

A report from the Senior Regulatory Officer had been received. The purpose of the report was to seek the Council's endorsement to establish a joint committee to manage the review and adoption of a Combined Local Authority Policy (LAP) with the Invercargill City Council and the Southland District Council.

The Chief Executive commented staff were torn on the issue. A previous joint committee arrangement had brought with it a number of issues and an arduous process. He raised the question that given Gore did not face the challenges and issues of other Southland towns, was a combined policy necessary? He noted however feedback from the police was in favour of the current model being retained and so on that basis the recommendation was being submitted under an obligation to the police. He did suggest two councillors on the committee would be sufficient rather than the proposed four.

The Senior Regulatory Officer agreed two Council representatives would be adequate. She reminded the Council the period for review was now five years and with all work being completed in-house, the transition would be considerably smoother this time.

Cr D Grant said from his past experience the process had been drawn out and was onerous. He suggested applying the LAP within the Gore District only and rely on support from the MLT. He vehemently opposed the option of a combined LAP Committee.

Cr Dickson questioned the extra costs, particularly legal, that would be borne with a combined LAP Committee. She stated she would prefer the policy to be kept within the District.

Cr P Grant disagreed and said his preference was for one policy combined throughout Southland.

The Chief Executive said option two, reviewing the LAP and applying it only in the Gore District, heavily aligned to the regional plan and the route to get there would be quicker and without exposure to any legal challenges other Councils would encounter.

Cr Beale commented keeping the policy local would prevent time being wasted with submissions from out of the District.

Cr Davis asked if the two Councillors on the committee needed to be the same representatives involved throughout the process.

The Officer said it was possible to nominate four representatives but alternate the two who were on the committee.

Cr Bolger asked if the establishment of the policy was local government or police led.

The Chief Executive said local government had encouraged the need to have a policy, however it was not mandatory but highly recommended.

Cr Davis asked if option two been floated with other Councils.

The Officer confirmed that it has been but was unaware of their preferences.

The Chief Executive said full Council support for the policy direction was needed with more detail around the appointment of Councillors and other issues clarified before ratifying the decision at Council.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr D Grant, seconded by Cr Dickson, THAT the report be received,**

**AND THAT the Council provide a further report in support of reviewing the LAP and applying it only in the Gore District.**

### 3. REPORT FROM BUILDING CONTROL MANAGER - OCTOBER 2018

The Committee perused a report from the Building Control Manager for October together with building consent statistics for that month.

Cr Beale referred to earthquake prone buildings (EFBs) which had been removed from the national register of EFBs and asked how this had come about.

The Manager explained the first report indicated the building was earthquake prone, and the owner had completed additional work to remove a chimney and stabilise parapets. A subsequent report was undertaken by a different engineer who reassessed the building. He assessed it to a higher level soil classification so with the improvements made, the report resulted in a higher NBS % rating which confirmed the building was no longer considered earthquake prone. The building had now been removed from the national data base that MBIE administered.

His Worship left the meeting at 4.47pm.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Davis, seconded by Cr Reid, THAT the report be received.**

### 4. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT

A planning report had been provided by the Planning Consultant and Junior Planner and was perused by the Committee.

The Planning Consultant said the appointment of seven persons to act as Commissioners for the Council added a wide range of skills and where conflict was present or a proposal contentious the commissioners were able to assist in the process.

The Consultant said recent training undertaken by himself and the Junior Planner had been valuable and a report would be forthcoming in relation to the review of the District Plan and role the Councillors wish to take.

The Planner informed the Committee the government had released changes to the RMA and a report will be forthcoming.

Cr Bolger asked if changes to the RMA would result in uniform template across the country.

The Consultant said there would be a format to follow and it would allow electronic storage of plans for access anywhere in the country.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr D Grant, seconded by Cr P Grant, THAT the report be received.**

#### **5. REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT**

A regulatory services report had been provided by the senior Regulatory Officer and was perused by the Committee.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the report be received.**

The meeting concluded at 4.57pm