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COUNCIL - EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Meeting Date: **Thursday, 26 March 2015**

Time: **2.30pm**

Venue: **Council Chamber
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

Council Members	Chair: Mayor Yule Councillors Bowers (Deputy Mayor), Bradshaw, Dixon, Hazlehurst, Heaps, Kerr, Lester, Lyons, Nixon, O'Keefe, Pierce, Poulain, Roil and Watkins
Officer Responsible	Acting Chief Executive – Mr J O'Shaughnessy
Council Secretary	Democratic Support Manager – Mr R Palmer (Extn 5018)

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1. Apologies & Leave of Absence

Apologies from Councillor Bowers, Councillor Heaps and Councillor Kerr have been received.

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

2. Conflict of Interest

Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to scan the agenda and assess their own private interests and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be perceptions of conflict of interest.

If a Member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the relevant item of business and withdraw from participating in the meeting. If a Member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the Chief Executive or Group Manager Corporate & Customer Services (preferably before the meeting).

It is noted that while Members can seek advice and discuss these matters, the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the

3. Adoption of Draft Long Term Plan 2015/25

REPORT TO: COUNCIL – EXTRAORDINARY

MEETING DATE: THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2015

**FROM: STRATEGY MANAGER
LEX VERHOEVEN**

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2015/25

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to obtain a decision from the Council to adopt the Draft Long Term Plan 2015/25 for community consultation.

1.2 This issue arises from the legislative requirement to have in place a Long Term Plan to take effect from 1 July 2015.

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as prescribed by Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses. Good quality means infrastructure, services and performance that are efficient and effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances.

1.3 The objective of this decision relevant to the purpose of Local Government is to meet the section (93) legislative requirement within the Local Government Act 2002 in respect of long term planning.

1.4 This is an administrative matter and legal requirement. The report concludes by recommending that the Draft Long Term Plan (DLTP) is adopted for community consultation.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Since June 2014 the Council has worked through the process of considering the key matters that impact on the long term plan and putting together a budget that fits within the financial parameters of the Financial Strategy.

2.2 At its workshop of 19 February the Council gave guidance on the last few remaining matters in respect of walking and cycling and neighbourhood support initiatives, and in regard to the funding review work undertaken by the Rating Review Working Party. The outcomes from that workshop are incorporated in the DLTP for adoption.

2.3 The last few weeks has been focused on the audit process which is required to be undertaken by law on all DLTP's. That process also includes a "Hot Review" by the auditor general office to ensure consistency across the country.

3.0 CURRENT SITUATION

3.1 The DLTP has met the necessary statutory requirements, and at the time of preparing this report we are awaiting final audit clearance to release the DLTP

for community consultation. A copy of the audit clearance will be available at the Council meeting.

3.2 The DLTP consists of 3 documents as follows:

(1) **Consultation Document** (*legal requirement*) – covers the key matters and is targeted at, and distributed to all ratepayers.

(2) **Long Term Plan Overview** – this is not a legal requirement. It contains more detail on Councils plans for residents seeking more information but is written with the objective of ease of understanding and is available on request in hard copy and available on the website.

(3) **Long Term Plan Supporting Information** (*legal requirement*) - contains the underlying information upon which the consultation document and Long Term Plan Overview is based. This information is generally of less interest to most ratepayers. The Council has discretion as to how to make this information available. For ease of access the approach taken has been to package all relevant material in one volume which is available in hard copy and via the Council's website.

3.3 A remaining item for Council consideration is the desired public engagement process which is discussed in the next section.

4.0 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

4.1 A key change from the last round of amendments to the Local Government Act 2002, was the requirement to produce a consultation document (CD). The broad purpose of the CD being to highlight the key matters in the DLTP, to outline choices and options on significant issues and to provide a basis for public participation in the process.

4.2 As outlined in the CD there are no new “burning issues” facing the district that have not already been highlighted to the community in previous Council communications. This has influenced the recommended engagement approach below. This report however seeks Council guidance on its desired approach to community engagement.

4.3 The future response to the Opera House Complex and potential impact on other projects in the plan is of course the headline issue. However a separate engagement process is intended to be taken (likely in early 2016) once Council has full information and been able to develop a set of coherent options for community consideration.

4.4 DLTP Community Engagement Approach

- It is proposed that the Consultation Document (*and LTP Overview document available on request*) be the primary basis for community information and engagement.
- On the basis that rates forecasts and debt levels are consistent with previous Council communications and that no new policy changes or significant projects are signalled, and that attendance at public meetings is likely to be light, no public meetings have been scheduled at this time. Further to this a key engagement process with the community will be required in the coming months on some of the more

significant options and choices, and it is considered that this is the appropriate time to seek community effort and involvement.

- It is an opportune time to undertake a specific engagement in the Havelock North community, as the Council have already resolved to consult on the Havelock North Community Plan, and the Havelock North Domain Reserve Management Plan. Both these matters have good linkage with the financial provisions in the Long Term Plan and would be able to be packaged together in one coherent presentation, rather than overly imposing on resident's time.
- The Council's Citizen Panel is intended to be used to gauge general reaction to the proposals in the plan, to supplement the formal Long Term Plan submission process.
- The formal submission process is scheduled to take place from 4 April 2015 to 8 May 2015 with hearings set down for 2 – 4 June 2015.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASONS

- A) That the report of the Strategy Manager titled "Adoption of Draft Long Term Plan 2015/25" dated 26/03/2015 be received.

That Council resolve to:

- B) Delegate to the Chief Executive any inconsequential updates recommended from the audit process.
- C) Adopt the Draft Revenue and Financing Policy in accordance with section 102(1) of the Local Government Act 2002.
- D) Adopt the Supporting Information (Volume Two) to the Draft Long Term Plan 2015-2025 and Consultation Document in accordance with section 93G of the Local Government Act 2002.
- E) Adopt the Draft Development Contributions Policy in accordance with section 102(1) of the Local Government Act 2002.
- F) Adopt the Draft Long Term Plan 2015-2025 Overview Document for community consultation.
- G) Adopt the Consultation Document in accordance with section 93A of the Local Government Act 2002.

With the reasons for this decision being that in accordance with the principles set out in sections 76-77 of the Local Government Act 2002 it is now appropriate to seek community views in relation to these decisions.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.