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<i>Te Rā Hui:</i> Meeting date:	Thursday, 12 May 2022
<i>Te Wā:</i> Time:	1.00pm
<i>Te Wāhi:</i> Venue:	Council Chamber Ground Floor Civic Administration Building Lyndon Road East Hastings
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<i>Mematanga:</i> Membership:	<i>Tiamana</i> Chair: Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst <i>Ngā KaiKaunihera</i> Councillors: Bayden Barber, Alwyn Corban, Malcolm Dixon, Damon Harvey, Tania Kerr (Deputy Chair), Eileen Lawson, Simon Nixon, Henare O'Keefe, Peleti Oli, Ann Redstone, Wendy Schollum, Sophie Siers,
	Geraldine Travers and Kevin Watkins
<i>Tokamatua:</i> Quorum:	8 members
Apiha Matua Officer Responsible:	Chief Executive – Nigel Bickle
<i>Te Rōpū Manapori me te Kāwanatanga</i> Democracy and Governance Services:	Louise Stettner (Extn 5018)



Te Rārangi Take Order of Business

1.0 Opening Prayer – Karakia Whakatūwheratanga

2.0 Apologies & Leave of Absence – Ngā Whakapāhatanga me te Wehenga ā-Hui At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

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

3.0 Conflict of Interest – He Ngākau Konatunatu

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 <u>do</u> 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 <u>may</u> have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the General Counsel or the Manager: Democracy and Governance (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 member.

4.0 Confirmation of Minutes – Te Whakamana i Ngā Miniti

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Te Rārangi Take **Report to Council**

Nā: From: Sandra Hazlehurst, Mayor

Te Take: Subject: Mayor's Report

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Her Worship the Mayor of Hastings District, Mayor Hazlehurst, will provide an update to Council on significant Community and Council matters since the last Council meeting, as well as provide some context on today's public agenda.
- 1.2 Our role as Local Government is to make collective decisions about the nature of our Hastings/Heretaunga community. Our ongoing challenge and opportunity is to deliver public services in a way that ensures our people receive the best level of service to meet with their needs and preferences. This is best achieved when our communities who are affected by our decisions and services, have a say in their nature and level.
- 1.3 As elected community leaders, we are privileged to represent our community and we remain acutely aware of and empathetic to the pressures our community continues to endure, including but not restricted to;
 - COVID 19 Pandemic,
 - Historically high levels of inflation,
 - Extraordinary weather events and sea tides which seem symptomatic of Climate Change,
 - Heartache from and collateral consequences of the war in Europe,
 - Shortages of accommodation, business supplies & services, and labour.
- 1.4 In good humour, today we are applying ourselves diligently to understanding and respectfully debating the key Agenda issues and making decisions in the interests of all our community.

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

That the Council Meeting receive the report titled Mayor's Report dated 12 May 2022.

3.0 Mayoral Update

3.1 COVID 19



3.2 ANZAC Day

A big thank you to everyone in our community, from medical staff to our fantastic supermarket staff keeping the shelves stocked.

The Omicron variant with its ease of and high rate of transmission is placing considerable stress on our community and sectors of our economy.

As Council we are now future focussed and planning to capitalise on the opportunities that will arise as the Omicron variant begins what current modelling suggests will be a rapid rate of reduction from our recent peak infections.





One of the very special times of this month, as it is every April, is ANZAC Day. I attended the Dawn Service in Hastings and a mid-morning service in Havelock North, and the wairua was, as always, very special.

At these services, we reflect on the dreadful hardships our soldiers went through and the awful losses suffered by so many families. This year we also acknowledged the suffering of the people of Ukraine in the war in Europe.

At the dawn service, it was a particular honour for me to be with one of our very special veterans, 100-year-old Geoff Bibby, and to be accompanied by the chair of Hastings Youth Council Lena Ormsby - a truly moving intergenerational commemoration.

Thank you to all the Councillors who helped ensure Council was well represented at services across the district. There were nine in all, which is quite incredible.

I do want to mention the Poppy Wall that was projected onto the outside wall of the Hastings and District War Memorial Library in the week leading up to ANZAC Day. It was very moving to stand on the library plaza and see the names of our fallen scroll through – a very fitting way to keep these people, who gave up everything for us, in our minds. 'We Will Remember Them'.

Housing has again been a focus this month. It was fantastic to see so many of our Flaxmere

construction tradespeople and business owners attend a hui on Saturday 3rd April to discuss opportunities for our Flaxmere businesses to be part of the \$120m development of new homes, a new supermarket and new stores in Flaxmere. Exciting times are ahead and we met some wonderful skilled, capable people who are really keen to be involved. It's certainly Fabulous Flaxmere's time!

Then I attended a special ceremony to bless the new papakāinga development at Colin White Road, in Te Haukē. I congratulated Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea's Zack Makaore, who started this with a vision to build houses for his whānau on the land of his Tīpuna. These are beautiful, warm, dry, and healthy homes for whānau. Good quality housing is one of our district's greatest needs and one of our major focus areas so seeing all the work that is being directed towards addressing the issue - by Council, central government, iwi and businesses – gives me confidence that together we will succeed in providing homes for our people.

We have welcomed whānau into the brand new social housing in Korowai Street in Flaxmere. Hearing the stories of these families, some who have spent years in emergency or transitional housing, was incredibly special. I look forward to seeing them settle in and the community wrap around them to provide the support they need after such harrowing times.

This is just the start – there will be many more openings to come!

3.4 Flaxmere Skate Plaza









3.5 Municipal Building



It has been a big month for the Municipal Buildings. We are very close to finishing, and this month we have had the pleasure of releasing the exciting news about the soon-toreopen Municipal Building on Heretaunga Street!

Alongside the new, revamped Hastings NZ i-SITE and Visitor Information Centre, we will be welcoming;

- Craft and Social, eatery and bar,
- Cellar 495, boutique wine cellar and bar,
- Long Island Delicatessen, deli and takeaway foods,
- Ākina, contemporary dealer gallery, all adding to the vibrancy of our city.

Many of you Councillors joined me on a tour of the building last week, and it is fair to say it is looking magnificent. Especially impressive is the historic ballroom – a place with many happy memories growing up, including my own.

3.6 Community Celebrations

Hop into Hastings

Although I was away for the 'Hop into Hastings' Easter Saturday celebrations, More FM Hawke's Bay's Matt Hobbs and I were able to hand out Easter eggs together in downtown Hastings the day before. I could tell by all of the happy faces on our HDC Facebook page that the Easter Saturday kids' fun day went well.



Family fun day



We also held a family fun day on Flaxmere Park, which was an incredible day. The park was packed with whānau, enjoying kai, music, games and the wonderful vibe. This was a partnership event, with health organisations, community groups and Council coming together to provide a magical event for our community.

Well done to Council staff and all involved for a very successful day. It was so nice for our community to be able to come together, and gave us a taster for things to come, given the change to COVID alert level orange the following day. I'm really looking forward to lots of awesome community events.

3.7 United States of America – Ambassador to New Zealand.

I had the pleasure this month of meeting the new Ambassador, Mr Tom Udall. I'm really pleased to advise that he is a foodie and a lover of art deco architecture, so we can expect to see a lot more of him in our district. Among visits to a range of companies, he completed a tour of the Wattie's factory – getting a tutorial in ketchup versus tomato sauce while he was there.



A key item in this year's Annual Plan that we have been seeking public feedback on is the potential purchase of the Tōmoana Showgrounds from the Hawke's Bay A&P Society.

We have been negotiating a conditional agreement for Council to purchase the site for \$7.5 million. Council's final decision will be made following comprehensive public consultation to gauge support for the purchase.

Should the purchase of the 43ha property go ahead, Council would have it declared a reserve under the Reserves Act, which would protect it from urban development.

The beautiful Tomoana Showgrounds is the entranceway to our city, it is a special place that holds significant heritage, cultural and community value.

If Council purchases the land it will be protected as a park for all time - these Showgrounds are cherished by our residents, which means we are giving the proposal serious consideration.

3.9 Councillor Bayden Barber elected as Chair of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc.

Congratulations to Bayden on his election as the Chair of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc. We have worked alongside each other for many years now Bayden, and I have no doubt that you will bring the many excellent qualities you have developed on your life journey so far to the table for your people.

3.10 I take this opportunity to also recognise the indomitable outgoing Chair, Ngahiwi Tomoana. It has been my pleasure to work closely with Ngahiwi over my time on Council, first as a councillor and, since 2017, as Mayor. His 26 years as Chair has provided a splendid base on which the new Chair and his board will build. Kei a kōrua te mana.

4.0 Agenda

4.1 COVID 19 Action Plan

Today we are considering a suite of activities and events from both Council and our community partners to uplift the spirits of our community and increase vibrancy and activity in our city as several months of restrictions are eased. Our Chief Executive and staff team are busy applying innovative thinking to new ways of funding and delivery of this busy and exciting schedule.

4.2 Flaxmere Representation

We resolved at our October Council Meeting for our Council Representation Review, for officers to investigate the establishment of a Flaxmere Committee or Subcommittee, and to consider other opportunities to strengthen the representation and voice of our Flaxmere Community.

The Local Government Commission, in their decision on our Final Representation Proposal, encouraged Council to continue our work to examine ways of strengthening Flaxmere Representation.

Officers are updating Council on progress of this important work.

5.0 Conclusion

- 5.1 I highlighted in my introduction our collegial awareness and empathy with the stresses our community is under.
- 5.2 I am also incredibly heartened and optimistic about our future, as I have reflected on the ANZAC ceremonies, opening up of quality new homes for our community and as I have prepared for today's busy and complex Agenda.
- 5.3 I acknowledge and very much appreciate the ongoing commitment and efforts of our staff, governance, partners and stakeholders to ensure our business continuity and delivery of Local Government services whilst we work strategically to enhance our community well-being over the medium to longer term.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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Te Rārangi Take Report to Council

Nā: From: Louise Stettner, Manager, Democracy & Governance Services

Te Take: Subject: Petition Seeking Free Parking in the Hastings CBD for One Month

1.0 Summary – Whakarāpopototanga

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Council about a petition received from lead petitioner Janette Caplan. The petition will be tabled at the meeting.
- 1.2 The petitioners' prayer reads as follows:

"Support local businesses in the Hastings CBD by offering FREE PARKING for One Month to draw customers back into the CBD"

- 1.3 There are 445 signatories to the petition.
- 1.4 The lead petitioner has been invited to present the petition to the 12 May Council Meeting.
- 1.5 The matter raised in the petition is discussed in the agenda report titled "Action Plan for COVID-19 Recovery".
- 1.6 The report concludes by recommending that the Council receive the petition.

2.0 Recommendation – Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That the report of the Manager, Democracy & Governance Services titled "Petition Seeking Free Parking in the Hastings CBD for One Month" be received.
- B) That the tabled "Petition Seeking Free Parking in the Hastings CBD for One Month" be received.
- C) That it be noted that the decision will be made by Council under the agenda item titled "Action Plan for COVID-19 Recovery".

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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Te Rārangi Take Report to Council

Nā:Naomi Fergusson, Group Manager: Marketing & CommunicationsFrom:Bruce Allan, Group Manager: Corporate

Te Take:Subject:Action Plan for COVID-19 Recovery

1.0 Executive Summary – *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for expenditure to be allocated to an action plan to address the impact of COVID-19 on specific sectors of our economy and the impact on social wellbeing created by the isolating nature of COVID-19 and the vaccination/vaccine pass debate.
- 1.2 The action plan specifically seeks to focus on stimulating a return of foot traffic and activity in our city centre, while also reconnecting our community and uplifting the social wellbeing of the community after what has been a difficult period with the implications of the COVID restrictions felt particularly hard over the past few months.
- 1.3 This request was due to data showing a significant decrease in weekly spending (Marketview credit card data), an obvious decline in foot traffic (also indicated by decreased parking revenue) and the closure of some small businesses unable to withstand these impacts.
- 1.4 At a Council workshop on 17 February, Council acknowledged that not all aspects of the Hastings and Hawke's Bay economy was struggling, although many of them have their own unique challenges which have been exacerbated through staff shortages, supply chain issues and inflationary pressures. It was noted that some activities have been more significantly affected and, the impact of an increased number of office workers working from home, a general hesitancy of going out during this Omicron outbreak and the red traffic light setting has been very evident in the Hastings CBD.
- 1.5 Council through a workshop titled the "Think Tank" has challenged officers to pull together a package of proposals that can help stimulate the CBD and in particular the retail and hospitality sectors along with the event management and arts and culture sectors. That workshop session provided Councillors with the opportunity to make suggestions for further investigation.
- 1.6 This report is the outcome of those investigations and a package of activities and investments have been identified for further development and implementation. There are five key categories that this report explores for investment:
 - 1. Added Stimulus to existing Hastings events

- 2. Creation of new Hastings events
- 3. Business Engagement
- 4. Capital investments to support Hastings events
- 5. Free Parking
- 1.7 The funding for these activities and investments has been sourced from a combination of reallocated budget provisions, Contingency Reserves, investigation of external funding opportunities, unbudgeted funding in 2021/22, and Annual Plan funding for 2022/23.
- 1.8 Given the 2022/23 budget has yet to be approved and is still out for community consultation, it is inappropriate to request unbudgeted expenditure for the shortfall of funding in 2022/23 to meet the requirements of the activities recommended in this report. The recommended option incurs \$241,500 of currently unbudgeted expenditure in 2022/23 and given the current impacts of high inflation it is not recommended that this expenditure be incurred as unbudgeted expenditure in that year.
- 1.9 The report, therefore, recommends that if an operational rating surplus is achieved in 2021/22, then funds are allocated from that surplus to fund these activities. If there is an insufficient surplus in 2021/22 then it is recommended that the Contingency Reserve be utilised to fund these initiatives. The past two financial years have been challenging for Council which has highlighted the need to increase funding set aside in the General Purpose Reserve to fund potential rating deficits in the future. Any allocation of funding from a potential 2021/22 rating surplus will reduce the ability of Council to build those reserves.

	2021/22	2022/23	TOTAL
NEW ACTIVITY SPEND	\$ 310,000	\$ 301,500	\$ 611,500
BUDGET SACRIFICES/REALLOCATIONS	(\$ 111,000)	(\$ 60,000)	(\$ 171,000)
CONTINGENCY FUND	(\$ 100,000)		(\$ 100,000)
EXTERNAL FUNDING	ТВС	ТВС	ТВС
BUDGET SHORTFALL	\$ 99,000	\$ 241,500	\$ 340,500

1.10 The following is a summary of the funding sources:

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That the Council Meeting receive the report titled Action Plan for COVID-19 Recovery dated 12 May 2022
- B) That the Council approve the expenditure of up to \$99,000 in the 2021/22 financial year to deliver the activities listed as Option One (under para 5.1) in this report.
- C) That Council acknowledge that \$100,000 has been allocated from the Contingency Reserve to fund the Matariki Celebrations.
- D) That the Council approve the expenditure of up to \$241,500 in the 2022/23 financial year to deliver the activities listed as Option One in this report.
- E) That the Chief Executive is charged with exploring all funding options including reallocation of existing budgets, external funds or grants, and sponsorship opportunities to fund the activities listed in Option One.
- F) That funds be set aside from any potential 2021/22 Rating Area 1 Surplus or utilised from the Contingency Reserve to fund any required contributions by Council.
- G) That Council decline the opportunity to provide free car parking in the Hastings CBD as petitioned <u>OR</u> includes one month's free parking as part of the COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan.

3.0 Background – Te Horopaki

- 3.1 COVID-19 has surged in Hawke's Bay over the first quarter of 2022 with the outbreak of the Omicron variant and the subsequent impacts have been felt following the government moving to the traffic light system.
- 3.2 This system has fewer restrictions than the previous Alert Level lockdown approach, enabling most businesses to continue to operate with some minor restrictions/requirements such as vaccine passes and mask-wearing. Because businesses can operate, the previous financial support packages are reduced.
- 3.3 The impact of community illness, actual or perceived risk of contracting COVID, vaccine pass restrictions/gathering limits and 'work from home' (WFH) models has resulted in greatly reduced foot traffic in the city centre.
- 3.4 Retail and hospitality businesses in our city centre that would normally benefit from both foot traffic from locals/inner city workers and visitors have been significantly impacted. This is indicated/validated by data showing a significant decrease in weekly spending (Marketview credit card data), an obvious decline in foot traffic (also indicated by decreased parking revenue) and the closure of some small businesses unable to withstand these impacts.
- 3.5 There is an inability for some sectors to operate under COVID mandates that limit gatherings, which has had a direct impact on arts & culture, events, and functions. This impacts the economy in many ways including lost revenue to venues, performers, and support services such as equipment hire, and catering services.
- 3.6 Council acknowledges that little can be done during the surge of COVID-19 while public health is the key focus with supporting mandates in place. While this is a fluid situation, it appears at the time of writing this report that Hawkes Bay and most parts of New Zealand are now past the peak COVID levels from this current Omicron variant and that the implementation of any initiatives as outlined in this report are safe to do so.
- 3.7 Council requested a working group prepare a range of activities to help reactivate the city centre once the peak of COVID-19 has passed (Think Tank).
- 3.8 The options have been developed with the input of Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst, Cr Damon Harvey, Cr Malcolm Dixon, the Chief Executive and officers.

4.0 Discussion – Te Matapakitanga

- 4.1 Following previous 'lockdowns', the city centre and tourism operators experienced a lag period between the lifting of restrictions and the community and visitors feeling confident to return to shops, public venues and buying tickets to events (due to risk of cancellation as well as concerns over health).
- 4.2 While overall Hastings is performing well in the latest Infometrics economic quarterly report, some sectors are being hit harder than others; hospitality, arts & culture, retail, tourism and events.
- 4.3 Event promoters and performers may be wary of the risk during this lag period and will also need certainty and time to schedule events for delivery. However, the events sector has a backlog of events ready to roll out once the risk of cancellation is minimised. This will likely cause overlaps with multiple events occurring over the same weekend during peak event season (Oct-Mar).
- 4.4 The re-opening of borders will see an increase in tourism from October. Hawke's Bay Tourism will be focused on marketing Hawke's Bay to capture a share of the tourism market.
- 4.5 The community has been required to physically isolate through COVID, and greater friction has been created by the vaccine mandates and generally higher stress levels. There are more examples of verbal abuse of staff (Council and retail) highlighting this strain on our social wellbeing.

- 4.6 Council has asked officers to consider how we can re-connect our community, lift the general sense of social wellbeing, and stimulate economic activity to support our businesses to recover from COVID impacts.
- 4.7 The impact of the COVID restrictions has meant the cancellation and postponement of many events, much of which would be held in the CBD or would have follow on effects to the CBD. That has resulted in a busy and clustered events scheduled from July to December 2022 with xx events planned over this time.
- 4.8 The impact of COVID has been significant with many businesses directly feeling the effects of the disruptions and the way that the outbreak has impacted how we lead our lives. Another flow-on impact of all this uncertainty and disruption is that there is inflation at levels not seen for over 30 years which is also impacting on our community with discretionary spend reduced for many households. It should therefore be noted then that while Council may look to play a role in bringing more people back into the CBD, this erosion of discretionary spend will be having a bigger impact and while people may be coming into the CBD for these events and activities, there limited discretionary spend will mean there will be reduced benefit for the retailers and hospitality businesses as a flow-on from any Council investment.
- 4.9 The way in which Council can influence are:
 - CBD Development
 - Hastings Alive Strategy
 - Hastings Vibrancy Fund
 - Council facilities
 - Events sponsorship/funding/facilitation
 - Stakeholder relationships
 - Hastings marketing & activations/i-SITE
 - Regulatory costs
- 4.10 Considerations in development of a recovery plan includes:
 - Timing of re-opening (orange) spring
 - Investments required vs the challenge of holding budget at 6.4 per cent
 - Officer workloads (short-term while impacted by COVID and later, at a time when a return to 'Business As Usual' puts officers back at full capacity).
- 4.11 The recovery plan does not include the formal opening of the Municipal Building in August, which celebrates the completion of the \$40m strengthening and enhancement of the Toitoi Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre that has been seven years in the making.
- 4.12 In considering these options the working group identified that spring would see many initiatives delivering outcomes for the social and economic wellbeing of the district, but the opportunity was to lift the community experience opportunities to ensure people felt drawn to participate and return to the city centre as well as expanding the offering to encompass more communities.
- 4.13 The detail for the COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan has been provided in workshops. Due to external proposals containing commercially sensitive position and to protect Councils' position to negotiated outcomes the attachments are attached under Public Excluded.
- 4.14 The activity investment can be split across four categories:

Added Stimulus to existing Hastings events

4.15 A number of key iconic Hastings events have been identified for additional support based on their ability to facilitate social wellbeing through bringing the community together to celebrate key

aspects of Hastings, and economic stimulus through local and visitor spend in city centre retail and hospitality, plus visitor nights and associated tourism spend.

- 4.16 **Matariki Festival** First national public holiday to be celebrated in June 2022 an opportunity to celebrate this key aspect of Māori culture, while also providing educational and experiential elements that build a sense of connection for all residents.
- 4.17 **Blossom Festival** Developing from the sole focus of a parade to a weekend of activations for local community enjoyment and visitor attraction driving social wellbeing and economic stimulus. A proposal has been received from a private event organiser that would deliver an exceptional wraparound festival experience in addition to the existing Blossom Parade.
- 4.18 **Art Deco** Hastings has identified an opportunity to better leverage this major regional event through activations in the city centre. The proposal identifies investments to attract the younger patrons focused on the 'Deco experience' while also showcasing Hastings' impressive Art Deco architecture.
- 4.19 Laugh Your Mask Off An extension of an 'in-house' event at Toitoi to encompass activations within the city centre to act as both a stimulus for the hospitality sector while also promoting Toitoi and its ticketed events offerings.
- 4.20 **Taste Hastings** This event was done as a 'one-off' celebration in 2020 of the completion of the Heretaunga Street East upgrades and Hastings winning of the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Supreme Award. This event was very well received by businesses and the community and scheduled into the annual events plan with \$10,000 of funding from HDC and another \$10,000 from the Waka Kotahi Innovating Streets Fund. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 Level 4 restrictions in 2021 the event had to be cancelled and the Waka Kotahi funds are no longer available. The COVID-19 Recovery Fund seeks to meet the \$10,000 funding gap to include this event.
- 4.21 **Christmas in the City Centre** Further enhancements of the existing activations programme would include building a 'Santa's Workshop' façade in Albert Square that would be further enhanced with digital projection art depicting elves making gifts, packing the slay, and tracking Santa's journey to Hastings. The aim is to create festive cheer and attract families to enjoy an evening in the city centre enjoying the animation, in addition to existing Christmas lighting and installations.

New Hastings Activations & Events

- 4.22 **Easter Activation** Hastings Hoppiness (completed). This small event was aimed at bringing enjoyment to families (social wellbeing) while also attracting people into the city centre on the Saturday Easter weekend.
- 4.23 **The Apple Project** A proposal has been received for an art installation project that would see a total of 20 apple sculptures around one metre tall painted by 20 local artists. The apples would be displayed in public spaces around Hastings District for public viewing. After three months these apples will be relocated to Toitoi for an auction night as part of the Arts Festival with proceeds going back to the artists and the project.
- 4.24 Bombing Competition Council is keenly aware of the desire from a segment of the community that they want to do bombs in our pools. This was identified as an activity to uplift spirits through a bombing competition (as evidenced by the success of similar events in locations around NZ including Taupo) which will also help launch our summer pool season and the programmes available through our pools. HN Village Pool
- 4.25 Consideration was given to bringing forward the development of new events that are currently only in the concept stage and to be developed once budget is available. These include:
 - *Harvest Festival* A bookend to the Blossom Festival, timed for late March to celebrate the completion of the harvest; its produce (wine, food, exports) and the people who support the industry (particularly RSE and local hort and ag sector workers).

- The Big Bike Festival this is a new event and would replace the Big Easy and act as a celebration of 'all things cycling' including trails, MTB, road cycling, BMX and cycling tours.
- 4.26 Both are included in this report for completeness, however, given their autumn timing, they sit outside of the window of time that is being considered in this report to stimulate the city centre. The Events team will however continue to investigate options for an event organiser to develop one or more of the concepts, at which point Council will consider the type and level of support for the events(s).

Business Engagement

- 4.27 Council is keenly aware that city-centre businesses have struggled through the significant decrease in spending during the peak of the local COVID-19 outbreak. Some have closed, and others are considering the viability of remaining open. A key cause of the decline in foot traffic has been city-based staff working from home (or unable to work due to COVID).
- 4.28 Council aims to support business confidence by:
 - Hosting an information evening for business owners detailing upcoming activities in the city centre to help with their future planning (with Hastings City Business Assoc).
 - Encouraging professional services firms/large employers to consider how they can support local hospitality by considering options such as staff returning to working some or all of their hours the office rather than home, using hospitality venues for internal and external meetings, and supporting local contractors for catering, equipment etc.
 - Resuming the Focus on Business series in June, looking at the latest impacts of COVID on the economy in our region.
 - Business engagement will be through email communications and a meeting with HCBA meeting and also shared via Council's wider business contacts database.

Capital Investments to Support Hastings Events

- 4.29 Two significant investments have been identified that can significantly enhance and support activities in the CBD:
- 4.30 **Projection-Mapping Technology** Projection mapping, similar to video mapping and spatial augmented reality, is a projection technology used to turn objects, often irregularly shaped, into display surfaces for video projection. The objects may be complex industrial landscapes, such as buildings, small indoor objects, or theatrical stages. The current ANZAC display on the Hastings War Memorial Library is an example of this technology. The benefits of this technology are that it is moveable, scalable, high impact and also has the potential for generating a return through hire to external organisations.
- 4.31 Large Screen TV A large screen TV could be permanently located in Albert Square and would have a multitude of uses from outdoor movie nights to Civil Defence advice in some emergencies (including pandemics). While it can be activated simply and frequently, it is in a fixed location and cannot be moved. This option has not been included in the suite of activities in this funding request at this point in time as although an asset of this nature will offer a significant benefit, the projection mapping technology offered greater impact and a better business case in this context. The large screen TV will be considered for future external funding opportunities or submitted to the annual plan with a business case.

Free Parking

4.32 A petition has been received from some Hastings CBD businesses requesting that Council consider a period of free parking over the winter months to support businesses through this difficult time as efforts are made to encourage residents and visitors back into the CBD.

- 4.33 Council has previously trialled free parking in the CBD with mixed results. Evidence collected through a trial in 2017 did not provide a direct correlation to improved activity in the CBD and the trial was subsequently disestablished.
- 4.34 Staffing costs remain despite parking being free with enforcement still required to ensure time limits are adhered to. The cost of free parking is therefore purely a loss of revenue cost and with the reduced activity in the CBD following the impacts of the COVID outbreak in the community the lost revenue is expected to be in the vicinity of between \$50,000 and \$60,000 per month.
- 4.35 While parking becomes free for those that utilise it, the impact for Council of losing revenue through free parking will be felt in the Hastings Parking Reserve where surpluses are used to support new parking investments in the CBD. The most recent investment approved by Council was the laneway off Heretaunga Street East and any free parking initiative will extend the time required to repay debt incurred for this investment, delaying any future investments which would have ordinarily been funded from the parking activity.
- 4.36 The impact of the move to a red traffic light setting in January has been significant with the Parking activity forecasting a \$623,000 reduction in parking revenue during 2021/22. The Hastings City Parking Reserve is forecast to be in deficit by approximately \$1m at year-end as a combination of reduced revenues due to COVID and the approved investment in the laneway development.
- 4.37 The counter to the loss of revenue concern could be that any initiative that brings more people back into the CBD and re-establishes that activity as normal, the quicker parking revenues will revert to previous levels.

Financial Considerations

4.38 The opportunities presented above all have financial implications, some of which can be funded utilising existing budgets, although this will have an opportunity cost on activities not delivered. It will require prioritisation. This available funding is detailed below and will apply to both the current financial year and 2022/23.

Financial Year	Budget Area	Value	Impact
2021/22	Marketing budget	\$ 30,000	No impact
	City Centre Activations	\$ 26,000	No winter activations to take place
	Events	\$ 55,000	No impact – Big Easy budget transferred and unspent HOY budget
	Chief Executive Contingency	\$100,000	Funding allocated to Matariki, reducing contingency available for other opportunities or responses.
2022/23	Marketing budget	\$ 10,000	Limited impact
	City Centre Activations	\$ 50 <i>,</i> 000	No activations during 2022/23
	Events	\$ 5,000	No impact – Big Easy budget transferred
	TOTAL	\$276,000	

- 4.39 The reallocation of these budgets including the allocation of contingency funding does impact on the responsiveness of Council to other opportunities that may arise, for example a large-scale music event.
- 4.40 The Chief Executive has made an operational decision to proceed with the investment required to support the Matariki celebration of up to \$100,000 to be funded from the Chief Executive's contingency reserve if required through the year-end financial wash-up. Note that this funding provision is "up to" \$100,000 and opportunities for alternative external funding sources are being explored.

- 4.41 Other than the funding identified above and the Matariki funding allocated from the contingency reserve, there are no other funding sources available to cover the costs identified with the options presented. Any expenditure approved and subsequently spent will be incurred across two financial years and will be unbudgeted expenditure and will therefore impact negatively on the year-end rating result.
- 4.42 While a number of opportunities have been presented to Council in this report that will contribute to stimulating the CBD and encouraging the community and visitors into the district and the CBD, this report provides Council with the opportunity to determine the level of spend that is appropriate and not all projects or opportunities are necessarily required. The level of impact required will help determine how much funding Council can allocate to support these projects.
- 4.43 The following table is a summary of the expenses identified to support the projects listed above:

Activity 🔹	Description	Events	- Asset 🕒	Activation 💌	Marketing 💌	Operatic	TOTAL 📼
Easter Activation	April: Hop into Hastings / Hoppiness Zone				5,000		\$ 5,000
HCBA Evening	May: Business Confidence workstream				5,000		\$ 5,000
Business Engagement	May: Encourage return to office, local business focus						\$-
Projection Mapping System	May: Laser projector for 3D projecting of stories/artistic video on buildings.		130,000				\$130,000
Free Parking	May/Jun: 4 wks Free parking in city centre					-	\$-
Matariki	June: Building towards a festival celebration of national holiday	20,00	0	70,000	10,000		\$100,000
Laugh Your Mask Off	July: Toitoi/city centre comedy event					10,000	\$ 10,000
Blossom Parade to Festival	Sept: 2 day/2 night festival including street art, installation art, lighting, music	190,50	0		10,000		\$200,500
The Apple Project	Aug - Oct: Giant apples created by artists across Hastings District, auction			60,000	10,000		\$ 70,000
Taste Hastings	Nov: City centre food & wine event (timed with FAWC)	10,00	0				\$ 10,000
Bombing competition	Nov: HNth Village Pool - Da Bomb competition, launching summer season at the	epi 3,00	0	2,500	2,500	3,000	\$ 11,000
Projection Mapping Conten	t Dec: Santas Workshop Projection Mapping			40,000			\$ 40,000
Art Deco Hastings	Feb: Event development and leveraging	30,00	0				\$ 30,000
		\$253,50	0 \$130,000	\$ 172,500	\$ 42,500	\$ 13,000	\$611,500

- 4.44 A critical eye has been put across all the investment opportunities identified in this report. The table above summarises those investments where it is expected that Council could get the best outcomes from their investments. There is however an opportunity for Council to create a "Pick n' Mix" for the activities and capital investments listed above to deliver the best outcomes for the Hastings CBD and the wider community to reduce the financial requirement on Council.
- 4.45 An example of this would be to remove the investment in the Project Mapping System valued at \$130,000. The effect of this would be either the removal of the projection mapping events (Christmas, Blossom, Matariki) or reduce how much is done and hire the equipment as required. As seen with the recent ANZAC tribute, the projection mapping installations are stunning and can be a real feature of any activation and event.
- 4.46 As identified above, there is currently \$271,000 of existing Council budget across 2021/22 and 2022/23 that can be utilised to support these initiatives which would bring the requested unbudgeted funding down to \$340,500 split across the two financial years:

2021/22	\$ 99,000
2022/23	<u>\$241,500</u>
Total Unbudgeted	\$340,500

- 4.47 The programme of events and activities identified in this report does lend itself to being attractive for corporate sponsorship opportunities. While this opportunity is in its formative stages, Craig Ireson of IresonCo has been engaged to support Council to maximise these opportunities. All costs outlined in this report are gross of any sponsorship received and as such the level of Council support to deliver on the identified initiatives may reduce if sponsorship opportunities are realised.
- 4.48 Note: the investments outlined above with the associated and available funding does not include any provision for free parking in the CBD over the winter months.
- 4.49 The 2022/23 Annual Plan is yet to be approved by Council and does not include this additional funding

Hastings City Business Association

4.50 The Hastings City Business Association (HCBA) has endorsed the plan put forward to stimulate activity in the Hastings CBD. While acknowledging that the petition received by Council for free

parking in the Hastings CBD is not an HCBA initiative, they are supportive of it on behalf of their members.

<u>Risks</u>

- 4.51 Undertaking a series of investments of this nature does come with risk and the following risks have been identified and included in the body of the report for completeness.
 - There is a genuine shortage of event professionals and the restrictions of the past two years has exacerbated that. The impact of the Level 3 and 4 lockdowns last year and the red traffic light settings this year has meant a large number of events have been postponed and will be undertaken in the second half of 2022, creating a congested events season and potentially overstimulating the market with a dilution of participation as a direct result. Consideration has been given to timing to spring shoulder season to limit this impact).
 - Lack of external funding availability government fund timing may not fit the timing of these events. Commercial sponsorships may be limited due to economic factors reducing the budget
 - Raising expectations of the level of event experience (e.g. Blossom boosted this year, but back to parade only in 2023 may drive negative feedback).

5.0 Options – Ngā Kōwhiringa

Option One - Recommended Option - Te Kōwhiringa Tuatahi – Te Kōwhiringa Tūtohunga

5.1 A complete investment of \$611,500 requires approval to commit to \$340,500 of expenditure across the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years as detailed in the table below:

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Projection Mapping Conten	t Dec: Santas Workshop Projection Mapping			40,000			\$ 40,000
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		\$253.500	\$130.000	\$ 172.500	\$ 42.500	\$ 13.000	\$611.500

Advantages

- Provides a mix of events to appeal to a wide cross-section of the community
- Provides an asset that will reduce event costs long term and potentially provide revenue stream for further activations.
- City centric, and timed for during the events off and shoulder seasons.
- Focused on community experience but also development of beneficial product for HBT to market for tourism.
- Appealing package for external funding and sponsorship.
- Utilises local businesses and contractors to deliver (economic stimulus) while also drawing people into the city centre for wider economic benefit.

Disadvantages

• Has risks as outlined in the Risk section of this report, the most significant relating to the balance of funds not being able to be secured from external sources.

<u> Option Two – Status Quo - Te Kōwhiringa Tuarua – Te Āhuatanga o nāianei</u>

- 5.2 No initial investment over that already budgeted
 - This option acknowledges that there is already budget available to support events in the CBD.

Option Three – Revised Plan and Budget

5.3 Option Three is an option that provides Council to "Pick n' Mix" from the initiative identified above, providing the opportunity to reduce the level of unbudgeted investment required.

As an example:

Activity	Description	🛛 Events 💽 As	set 💽 Activati 🔹	Marketi 🔹	Operatio 🔹	ΤΟΤΑ	L ·
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HCBA Evening	May: Business Confidence workstream			5,000		\$ 5	5,000
Business Engagement	May: Encourage return to office, local business focus					\$	-
Matariki	June: Building towards a festival celebration of national holiday	20,000	70,000	10,000		\$100	0,000
Laugh Your Mask Off	July: Toitoi/city centre comedy event				10,000	\$ 10	0,000
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The Apple Project	Aug - Oct: Giant apples created by artists across Hastings District, auction		60,000	10,000		\$ 70	0,000
Taste Hastings	Nov: City centre food & wine event (timed with FAWC)	10,000				\$ 10	0,000
Bombing competition	Nov: HNth Village Pool - Da Bomb competition, launching summer season at the pools	3,000	2,500	2,500	3,000	\$ 11	1,000
Projection Mapping Content	Dec: Santas Workshop Projection Mapping		40,000			\$ 40	0,000
Art Deco Hastings	Feb: Event development and leveraging	30,000				\$ 30	0,000
						\$391	1.000

Advantages

- Still achieves a majority of advantages in Option 1
- Lower cost by removing asset purchase and scaling down Blossom Festival (in this example)

Disadvantages

- Will require additional staff resources to coordinate Blossom Festival (which has a cost)
- Loses some of the 'wow' factor that will help encourage people to venture out and explore Hastings city centre.

6.0 Next steps – Te Anga Whakamua

6.1 Based on Council's adoption of the recommendations, the Chief Executive will undertake to confirm funding. Contractors and Council officers will commence with planning and execution of the activities and events listed in the approved plan.

Attachments:

1 COVID-19 Recovery Activity Plan Attachments Confidential in accordance with Section 7 (2) (b) (ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 cg-16-2-01064

Under Separate Cover

Summary of Considerations - He Whakarāpopoto Whakaarohanga

Fit with purpose of Local Government - E noho hāngai pū ai ki te Rangatōpū-ā-Rohe

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Link to the Council's Community Outcomes – Ngā Hononga ki Ngā Putanga ā-Hapori

This proposal promotes the social, cultural and economic wellbeings of communities in the present and for the future.

Māori Impact Statement - Te Tauākī Kaupapa Māori

Matariki is an important annual event and the level of investment identified in this report to support it and the acknowledgement of it now being recognised as a public holiday for the first time is appropriate.

Sustainability - Te Toitūtanga

The purpose of this initiative is partly to address economic sustainability and aims to limit the number of business closures due to economic downturn caused by COVID-19. Sustainability relating to funding is addressed under financial considerations and risks.

Financial considerations - Ngā Whakaarohanga Ahumoni

The financial considerations have been canvassed in the report under the Financial Considerations heading.

Significance and Engagement - Te Hiranga me te Tūhonotanga

This decision/report has been assessed under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as being of moderate significance.

While this has been assessed as of moderate significance due to the unbudgeted nature of some of this expenditure, suitable funding sources have been identified to mitigate the financial impacts during the two financial years that these activities will be undertaken.

Consultation – internal and/or external - *Whakawhiti Whakaaro-ā-roto / ā-waho*

Consultation has taken place with the Hastings City Business Association, the internal Events Team (understanding of 'current state') and HB Tourism.

Risks

The risk considerations have been canvassed in the report under the Risk heading.

Rural Community Board – Te Poari Tuawhenua-ā-Hapori

Not Applicable.



Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga Hastings District Council: Council Meeting

Te Rārangi Take Report to Council

Nā: From: John Payne, Regulatory Solutions Manager

Te Take: Subject: Hastings City Centre Parking Time Zones

1.0 Executive Summary – *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for Council to make a decision on the parking time limits in the Hastings city centre.
- 1.2 The proposal arises from a number of requests for time limits to be increased and after completing a survey of businesses, city centre workers and the public.
- 1.3 The general consensus from the survey was for at least some of the parking time limits in the Hastings city centre to be increased from one hour to two hours. The average of responses from shoppers, business owners and workers shows a higher level of support for option 1 at 60.3% versus an average of 43.6% for option 2. Shoppers have a higher preference for option 2 and business owners and workers have a higher preference for option 1.

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That the Council Meeting receive the report titled Hastings City Centre Parking Time Zones dated 12 May 2022
- B) That Council resolve pursuant to Clause 5.3.1(a)(i) of Chapter 5 (Parking and Traffic) of the Hastings District Council Consolidated Bylaw 2021 that Heretaunga Street remains one hour time limit and all other streets two hour time limit as identified in the table as Option One.



3.0 Background – Te Horopaki

- 3.1 Council may by public notified resolution limit, restriction or prohibition parking of vehicles.
- 3.2 A survey was carried out with businesses, city centre workers and the public between 26 October and 26 November 2021.
- 3.4 Three options were given:
 - Option 1. Heretaunga Street remains one hour and all other streets two hours
 - Option 2. All Streets change to two hours
 - Option 3. Time limits remain as they currently are

Table One



4.0 Discussion – Te Matapakitanga

- 4.1 Most of the Hastings central business district streets where there are parking meters are one hour time limits except for:
 - The Southern end of Russell Street
 - Queen Street between Warren Street and Karamū Road
 - Queen Street between Market Street and King Street
 - Karamū Road between Avenue Road and St Aubyn Street
- 4.2 The survey involved:
 - A4 signage at the parking meters
 - Radio advertisements
 - A5 flyers placed on vehicles
 - Facebook

- Business Association newsletter
- Myvoice Mychoice survey
- Message on Council's website
- My Hastings
- Press release
- 4.3 There were 207 submissions 75% of these were from shoppers. 77 of submitters chose Option One, 95 Option Two and the remaining 35 Option Three or suggested an alternative option.
 - Shoppers supported option one at 37 percent and option two at 57 percent
 - > Business owners supported option one at 67 percent and option two at 33 percent
 - > Workers supported option one at 49 percent and option two at 41 percent

Respondents	Option One	Option Two	Option Three/ Other	Total
All	77	95	35	207
Shoppers	37%	57%	6%	100%
Business Owners	67%	33%		100%
Workers	49%	41%	10%	100%
Average	60.3%	43.6%		

- 4.4 Under option one, 137 metered spaces along Heretaunga Street would remain one hour, the remaining 231 metered spaces would change to two hours.
- 4.5 Under option two 368 metered spaces would change from one hour to two hours.

5.0 Options – *Ngā Kōwhiringa*

Feedback from survey responses:

Submitters felt that two hours was more appropriate for the following reasons:

- Appointments often take longer than one hour
- Allows more time to shop, meetings in Cafes etc
- Hair dressers or beauty therapy, especially cut and dye appointments.
- Taking the kids to the movies
- One hour does not entice people back to the CBD
- Client meetings often run over 60 minutes
- Not enough time to enjoy the restaurants
- Going to the gym
- Prevents me from having to frequently move my car

Submitters generally supported Heretaunga Street remaining one hour:

- Keep the flow of customers and carparks available
- Parking for quick drop off shoppers
- One hour creates a good turn over
- Keep the spaces available in the main street

Option One - Te Kowhiringa Tuatahi

- 5.1 To change the parking time limits as per Option 1.Option Two Te Kōwhiringa Tuarua
- 5.2 To change the parking time limits as per Option 2Option Three
- 5.3 Status Quo as per Option 3.

6.0 Next steps – Te Anga Whakamua

6.1 Any changes will need to be supported by new signage:

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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Fit with purpose of Local Government - *E noho hāngai pū ai ki te Rangatōpū-ā-Rohe*

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Link to the Council's Community Outcomes – Ngā Hononga ki Ngā Putanga ā-Hapori

This proposal promotes the economic wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future examining opportunities to improve parking services in Hastings city aiming to improve city vibrancy and economic outcomes.

Māori Impact Statement - Te Tauākī Kaupapa Māori N/A:

Sustainability - Te Toitūtanga N/A:

Financial considerations - Ngā Whakaarohanga Ahumoni N/A

Significance and Engagement - Te Hiranga me te Tūhonotanga

This decision has been assessed and does not trigger the threshold of the Significance and Engagement Policy.

Consultation – internal and/or external - *Whakawhiti Whakaaro-ā-roto / ā-waho*

Consultation has been undertaken by way of a survey 26 October to 26 November 2021.

Risks

Nil

Rural Community Board – *Te Poari Tuawhenua-ā-Hapori* N/A:



Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga Hastings District Council: Council Meeting

Te Rārangi Take Report to Council

Nā:From:Louise Stettner, Manager, Democracy & Governance Services

Te Take: Subject: Flaxmere Representation

1.0 Executive Summary – Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga

- 1.1 As part of Council's Representation Review decision-making undertaken in 2021 the Council passed a resolution at its meeting of 14 October directing officers 'to investigate the establishment of a Flaxmere Standing Committee or Subcommittee and recommendations come back to Council in February 2022, and include additional opportunities for strengthening representation and voice for the Flaxmere community.' Officers have undertaken work regarding this resolution including stakeholder engagement with the Flaxmere Planning Committee (FPC).
- 1.2 As the Council's Final Proposal for its representation arrangements for 2022 contained proposals which were outside the stipulated range of +/- 10% electoral population for each ward, Council was required to refer its Final Proposal to the Local Government Commission (LGC) for their determination. While the LGC upheld the Council's decision on proposed representation arrangements it expressed an expectation that the Flaxmere representation work should be reported to the incoming Council with clear recommendations around initiatives to bolster Flaxmere representation for the next triennium.
- 1.3 To adhere to the LGC's determination, the Flaxmere representation work will form part of the wider Council Governance Structures review that is currently being undertaken. Elected members and key staff will have the opportunity to contribute to this review the outcome of which will be provided for information purposes to the incoming Council.

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

That the Council Meeting receive the report titled Flaxmere Representation dated 12 May 2022.

3.0 Background – Te Horopaki

Hastings District Council Representation Review 2021

- 3.1 On 14 October 2021, after hearing and consideration of submissions, the Council resolved to confirm its Initial Proposal as its Final Proposal for its representation arrangements for the 2022 Local Government election as detailed below.
 - 15 Members elected from 6 wards, and the Mayor
 - 5 General Wards
 - Flaxmere (1 Councillor)
 - Hastings-Havelock North (7 Councillors)
 - Heretaunga (2 Councillors)
 - o Kahurānaki (1 Councillor)
 - Mōhaka (1 Councillor)
 - 1 Māori Ward
 - Takitimu, comprising the area of the whole of the Hastings District (3 Councillors)
 - Hastings District Rural Community Board covering the general and Māori electoral populations of the Mōhaka and Kahurānaki Wards. Membership of the Board to comprise the 4 Community Board Members and 3 Council appointees (2 rural ward councillors and 1 Māori ward councillor)
 - 4 Community Board members to be elected from the 4 subdivisions of the Monaka and Kahuranaki Wards:
 - o Tūtira Subdivision (Mohaka Ward)
 - o Kaweka Subdivision (Mohaka Ward)
 - Maraekākaho Subdivision (Kahurānaki Ward)
 - Poukawa Subdivision (Kahurānaki Ward)
- 3.2 Also at the Council meeting on the 14th of October 2021 Council passed the following resolution:

That officers investigate the establishment of a Flaxmere Standing Committee or Subcommittee and recommendations come back to Council in February 2022, and include additional opportunities for strengthening representation and voice for the Flaxmere community.

3.3 Because the Final Proposal contained proposals for representation which are outside the stipulated range of +/-10%, Council was required to refer the proposal to the LGC. Following the close of the appeal period, Council forwarded appeals received and other relevant information to the LGC for determination. A Hearing of the LCG took place on the 28 February 2022.

LGC Determination

3.4 On 6 April 2022, the LGC released its Determination of Representation Arrangements for 2022 for Hastings District Council. The LGC upheld the Council's decision on proposed representation arrangements. Representation for Flaxmere was an area of significant focus through council's decision-making, community submissions and appeals and the LGC's determination process. The LGC commented on initiatives council is investigating to strengthen Flaxmere's voice to council. The LGC noted that they "would like to see that work progressed with clear recommendations for the incoming council and will be interested to observe how it is implemented", and further that "we commend the council's intentions and encourage it to continue actively working to implement them."
Flaxmere Planning Committee

3.5 The FPC is a registered charity, which was first established in 2003 prompted by the development of the suburb's first community plan. The FPC is independent of council although its membership includes the Flaxmere ward councillors and council staff. Membership also includes representatives from central government agencies, community organisations and other members of the community that wish to be involved. The overall purpose of the FPC is to oversee the implementation of the Flaxmere Community Plan. The FPC regularly submit to Council's Long Term Plan and Annual Plan processes and officers regularly engage with the FPC on a range of matters that relate to Flaxmere; recent examples include housing development; parks and recreation.

4.0 Discussion – Te Matapakitanga

- 4.1 Currently there are two Flaxmere general ward councillors. However, in accordance with Council's representation arrangements for the 2022 election there will be one Flaxmere ward councillor. This change is mainly due to the large number of Flaxmere residents who are enrolled on the Māori electoral roll (43.84%).
- 4.2 While Council's view is that all wards and communities of interest will continue to have a dedicated voice and effective representation around the council table an additional resolution was agreed which asked officers to investigate a Flaxmere Standing Committee or Subcommittee and to also include additional opportunities for strengthening representation and voice for the Flaxmere community. Officers have undertaken work regarding this resolution. To date, this work has included: an assessment of governance structures and mechanisms in a local government context; research into governance models used by other councils in New Zealand; a staff workshop; and stakeholder engagement.
- 4.3 Officers are currently undertaking a review of Council's governance structures. The review will be provided for information purposes to the incoming council. The LGC's expectation is that the Flaxmere representation work should also be reported to the incoming council with clear recommendations around initiatives to bolster Flaxmere representation moving forward. To adhere to this, investigations into initiatives to increase Flaxmere voice to Council will form part of the wider governance review currently being undertaken.

Stakeholders Engagement - Flaxmere representation

- 4.4 As part of officer investigations, officers have met with the FPC and individual members of the Flaxmere community including Bert Lincoln (Flaxmere Licensing Trust / Flaxmere Community Patrol) as well as Crystal Edwards and Sandra Tuilaepa who presented at the LGC hearing.
- 4.5 Officers met with the FPC at their monthly meetings in February, March and April this year. At these meetings the FPC emphasised that they wish to maintain their independence from Council and that they appreciated the flexibility this provided in terms of supporting the Flaxmere community. The FPC noted there was no formalised relationship with the Council and they saw merit in "Flaxmere" being a standing item on a council subcommittee; where local issues could be tabled and addressed whilst still maintaining existing forms of engagement.
- 4.6 Crystal Edwards and Sandra Tuilaepa agreed that their strong preference is that Flaxmere should continue to have two ward councillors. Notwithstanding this, if Flaxmere was to have 1 councillor Ms Edwards considered that Council should invest in the FPC as a way of strengthening Flaxmere's voice. Emphasising the need for more leaders "on the ground". Ms Edwards considers that the need is at the grassroots; that the community needs to be more engaged but was not sure that the creation of a committee would achieve that. Ms Tuilaepa preferred the creation of a Flaxmere standing committee as this would mean that there would be a close and direct link to Council with respect to Flaxmere matters and this would ensure that a "multicultural lens could be applied".

4.7 Mr Lincoln considered that a Flaxmere standing committee would not be an effective meeting and could create an additional level of bureaucracy. He thought that the FPC was an effective meeting that represents the community and being able to feed into an established sub-committee would be a good option. He considered that the FPC should maintain a level of independence but would still give Council oversight of committee activities.

5.0 Next steps – *Te Anga Whakamua*

5.1 Officers will continue to progress the Council Governance Structures review that will include the Flaxmere representation piece of work. Elected members and key staff will have an opportunity to contribute to this work. The completed review will be provided for information purposes to the incoming council, following the 2022 local elections and will include recommended mechanisms for bolstering Flaxmere's voice to council. The LGC will be kept appraised of the outcome of this work.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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Link to the Council's Community Outcomes – Ngā Hononga ki Ngā Putanga ā-Hapori

This proposal promotes the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

Māori Impact Statement - Te Tauākī Kaupapa Māori

As there is no decision being sought there are no additional impacts on Māori.

Sustainability - Te Toitūtanga N/A

Financial considerations - Ngā Whakaarohanga Ahumoni

There are no financial implications with respect to this report. Financial implications may arise from future mechanisms that may be agreed to by the incoming Council.

Significance and Engagement - Te Hiranga me te Tūhonotanga

This decision/report has been assessed under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as being of low significance as no decision is being sought.

Consultation – internal and/or external - Whakawhiti Whakaaro-ā-roto / ā-waho

Internal and stakeholder engagement was undertaken as noted in the body of this report.

Rural Community Board – *Te Poari Tuawhenua-ā-Hapori* N/A



Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga Hastings District Council: Council Meeting

Te Rārangi Take Report to Council

^{Nā:} From:	Louise Stettner, Manager, Democracy & Governance Services
<i>Te Take:</i>	2022 Local Government New Zealand Conference, AGM and Remit
Subject:	Process

1.0 Purpose and summary - Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to: nominate councillors for attendance at the 2022 Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Conference to be held in Palmerston North from 20 – 22 July 2022 and the LGNZ Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held via zoom on 28 July 2022. This report also advises on the process for submitting proposed remits for consideration at the LGNZ AGM.
- 1.2 The report concludes by recommending Council nominate 4 councillors to attend the conference and consider whether it wishes to prepare a remit(s) to submit to the AGM.

Conference

- 1.3 The conference will be held in Palmerston North from Thursday 20 July until Saturday 22 July and the AGM will be held via zoom on Thursday 28 July 2022.
- 1.4 LGNZ's 2022 conference 'Heke Mai' the Future, focusses on what the future for local government might look like and how we get there. Speakers will include elected members, strategists, innovators and iwi to inform and inspire on a broad range of topics spanning economics, environmental, social and cultural wellbeing. Topics are varied and include: social cohesion in a post pandemic New Zealand; engaging diverse communities to embrace multiculturalism; co-governance; adapting to climate change and encouraging the creation and growth of local economic wealth. Interactive 'walk shop' tours are again an aspect of the conference.
- 1.5 Networking opportunities will once again be a key feature of the conference. The conference dinner will host the LGNZ Excellence Awards where the success of finalists and winners who have demonstrated excellent performance by councils in promoting and growing the wellbeing of their communities will be celebrated. A copy of the full programme can be found on the LGNZ website <u>https://www.lgnz2022.co.nz/programme</u>

- 1.6 The Council has no set rule as to how many councillors will accompany the Mayor and Chief Executive to the LGNZ Conference. As will be seen from the last few years Council has generally sent three or four councillors to the conference.
 - 2018 Christchurch Councillors Kerr, Schollum and Travers
 - 2019 Wellington Councillors Barber, Harvey and Lawson
 - 2020 Conference cancelled
 - 2021 Blenheim Councillors Corban, Kerr, Nixon and Siers
- 1.7 The Mayor canvassed all councillors about attendance at the conference this year and the following indicated they would like to attend:
 - Councillor Tania Kerr
 - Councillor Alwyn Corban
 - Councillor Ann Redstone
 - Councillor Sophie Siers

Remits

1.8 The remit process is set out in the attached memo from LGNZ (Attachment 1). Proposed remits for consideration at the AGM must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Friday 20 May 2022. Research and preparation of remits can take a significant amount of time by officers or elected members, as does lobbying other councils for support. Almost all remits submitted last year were accepted by the conference. Proposed remits, other than those relating to the internal governance and constitution of Local Government New Zealand, should address only major strategic "issues of the moment". They should have a national focus articulating a major interest or concern at the national political level. The National Council's Remits Screening Policy is as follows:

Criteria

- Remits must be relevant to local government as a whole rather than exclusively relevant to a single zone or sector group or an individual council;
- Remits should be of a major policy nature (constitutional and substantive policy) rather than matters that can be dealt with by administrative action;
- Remits should not involve matters that can be actioned by equally valid means other than the AGM; and
- Remits should not deal with issues or matters that are 'in hand" and currently being actioned by LGNZ, unless the issue is approached from a different point of view.

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That the Council Meeting receive the report titled 2022 Local Government New Zealand Conference, AGM and Remit Process dated 12 May 2022.
- B) That the following Councillors accompany the Mayor (Presiding Delegate) and attend the LGNZ conference to be held in Palmerston North on 20 22 July 2022 and Annual General Meeting to be held via zoom on 28 July 2022: Councillor Tania Kerr (Alternate) Councillor Alwyn Corban Councillor Ann Redstone Councillor Sophie Siers Chief Executive (Second Alternate)

C) That the following remits be prepared for submission to the LGNZ AGM:

Attachments:

1. 2022 LGNZ AGM and Remit Process

CG-16-68

MEMORANDUM



Date:	16 March 2022
То:	Mayors, Chairs, Chief Executives, Zone Secretaries and Sector Chairs
From:	Susan Freeman-Greene, Chief Executive
Subject:	2022 Annual General Meeting and Remit Process

35th Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand

Date: 28 July 2022, 9:00am to 11:00am

Venue: Zoom meeting (online)

AGM Representation

Members of Local Government New Zealand are entitled to representation at the 2022 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting (AGM). In mid-April we will invite fully financial members to register their delegates to attend the AGM.

Please note that the AGM will be held on **28 July 2022**, online via Zoom, commencing 9:00am. Details of the procedures will be provided closer to the time and on confirmation of your delegation.

Remit Process 2022

We invite member authorities wishing to submit proposed remits for consideration at AGM to do so no later than **5.00pm**, Friday 20 May 2022. We are providing notice now to allow members of zones and sectors to gain the required support for their remit (see requirement one below).

Proposed remits should be sent with the attached form. The full remit policy can be found on the <u>LGNZ website</u>.

Remit policy

Proposed remits, other than those relating to the internal governance and constitution of Local Government New Zealand, should address only major strategic "issues of the moment". They should have a national focus articulating a major interest or concern at the national political level. The National Council's Remits Screening Policy is as follows:

Criteria

- 1. Remits must be relevant to local government as a whole rather than exclusively relevant to a single zone or sector group or an individual council;
- 2. Remits should be of a major policy nature (constitutional and substantive policy) rather than matters that can be dealt with by administrative action;
- 3. Remits should not involve matters that can be actioned by equally valid means other than the AGM; and
- 4. Remits should not deal with issues or matters that are "in-hand" and currently being actioned by LGNZ (including through work programmes addressing the critical issues set out in LGNZ's strategy, being three waters reform, resource management reform, the

Future for Local Government Review, transport, climate change and housing), unless the issue is not currently being addressed.

Requirements

- 1. Councils must have formal support from at least one zone or sector group meeting, or five councils, prior to their remit being submitted, in order for the proposer to assess support and achieve clarity about the ambit of the proposal. Councils supporting remits do not have to come from the proposing council's zone or sector;
- 2. Remits defeated at the AGM in two successive years will not be permitted to go forward;
- 3. Remits must be accompanied by background information and research to show that the matter warrants consideration by delegates. Such background should demonstrate the:
 - Nature of the issue;
 - Background to it being raised;
 - Issue's relationship, if any, to the current LGNZ strategy, including work programmes addressing the critical issues identified above;
 - Level of work, if any, already undertaken on the issue by the proposer (and/or others), and outcomes to date;
 - Resolution, outcome and comments of any zone or sector meetings which have discussed the issue; and
 - Suggested actions that could be taken by LGNZ should the remit be adopted.

Remit process

LGNZ will take the following steps to finalise remits for the 2022 AGM:

- All proposed remits and accompanying information must be forwarded to LGNZ no later than 5.00pm, Friday 20 May 2022, to allow time for the remits committee to properly assess remits;
- A remit screening committee (comprising the President, Vice President, Chief Executive and lead of policy team) will review and assess proposed remits against the criteria described in the above policy;
- Prior to their assessment meeting, the remit screening committee will receive analysis from LGNZ staff on each remit assessing each remit against the criteria outlined in the above policy;
- Proposed remits that fail to meet specified criteria will be informed as soon as practicable of the committee's decision, alternative actions available, and the reasons behind the decision;
- Proposers whose remits meet the criteria will be contacted as soon as practicable to arrange the logistics of presenting the remit to the AGM; and
- All accepted remits will be posted to the LGNZ website, and members informed, at least one month prior to the AGM in order to allow members sufficient time to discuss the remits prior to the AGM.

To ensure quality preparation for members' consideration at the AGM, the committee will not consider or take forward proposed remits that do not meet this policy, or are received after **5.00pm**, **Friday 20 May 2022**.



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Te Rārangi Take Report to Council

^{Nā:} From:	Louise Stettner, Manager, Democracy & Governance Services
Te Take:	Requests Received under the Local Government Official

Subject: Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) Update

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1.0 Purpose and summary - Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the number of requests under the Local Government Official Information Act (LGOIMA) 1987 received in January and February 2022 and the status of those requests as at the end of February 2022.
- **1.2** This issue arises from the provision of accurate reporting information to enable effective governance.
- 1.3 This is an administrative report to ensure that Council is aware of the number and types of information requests received and to provide assurance the Council is meeting its legislative obligations in relation to the LGOIMA.
- 1.4 While there were 4 outstanding LGOIMA responses as at the end of April 2022, they were responded to within the required legislative timeframe.
- 1.5 This report concludes by recommending that the LGOIMA requests (as in Attachment 1) be noted.

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That the Council Meeting receive the report titled Requests Received under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) Update dated 12 May 2022.
- B) That the LGOIMA requests received in March and April 2022, as set out in Attachment 1, CG-16-2-01057 of the report be noted.

Attachments:

1. Official Information Request Report - March and April 2022

CG-16-2-01057

Attachment 1

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

LGOIMA – Report to Council – March - April 2022

	Reque Receiv	-	Responses with information fully released	Responses with information partially withheld	Responses with information fully withheld or declined	Average number of working days to respond	Requests resulting in a complaint to Ombudsman
March April	- 16	12	11	0	1	12	0

Requests received since last reported to Council

Completed					
Outstanding					
Month	From	m	Subject		
March	S Ha	ayes	Drinking water test results for Hastings		
	Hon Part	i Eugenie Sage – Green Ty	Proposed pyrolysis and waste to energy plant Manawatū		
	Brid	lge It NZ	Hawke's Bay Region Bridge information		
	G H	aden	Constitution and minutes of the Farndon Park Committee		
	Roy Prot Inc	al Forest & Bird tection Society of NZ	Ngaruroro River Water Conservation Order (WCO) – costs and contractors		
	S W	att	Justifying of vaccine passes for Council buildings		
	RNZ	-	Reports and payments to Crime Scene Cleaners		
	Univ	versity of Otago	Fluoride testing data		
	Frie	nds of Eskdale Park	All communication/correspondence between Pan Pac Forest Ltd and Council		
	E Vi	sser	Notification of 2 Degrees cell phone tower in Te Awanga		
	D Re	enouf	Discharge of stormwater and road runoff Hazelwood Street from catchment of Lake Lowe		
April	S Ed	lgecombe	Copy of transcript of a meeting		
	First	tbuild	Building consent information		
	MB	yrne	Fluoridation status of Council's water supplies		
	Fore	est & Bird	Climate change and biodiversity loss		
	N Fu	ulton	Solar farm resource consent applications		



Thursday, 12 May 2022

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Te Rārangi Take Report to Council

^{Nā:} From:	Louise Stettner, Manager, Democracy & Governance Services
<i>Te Take:</i> Subject:	Proposed Amendments to Schedule of Meetings

1.0 Purpose and summary - Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider amendments to the schedule of Council and Committee Meetings for the 2022 Meetings Calendar which was originally adopted by Council on 28 October 2021.

This report recommends that the 2022 Meeting Schedule as amended below be adopted.

The Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7, Clause 19 states:

"A local authority must hold meetings at the times and places that it appoints".

If a local authority adopts a schedule of meetings-

- a) The schedule-
- i) may cover any future period that the local authority considers appropriate, and
- *ii) may be amended.*

Although a local authority must hold the ordinary meetings appointed, it is competent for the authority at a meeting to amend the schedule of dates, times and number of meetings to enable the business of the Council to be managed in an effective way.

- 1.2 It is proposed that the meeting schedule be amended as outlined in the recommendations of this report.
- 1.3 There is the need for an additional Council Meeting 10.00am on Tuesday 12 July 2022, to make a decision on whether or not to purchase the A&P Showgrounds.

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That the Council Meeting receive the report titled Proposed Amendments to Schedule of Meetings dated 12 May 2022.
- B) That the Council adopt changes to the schedule of meetings for 2022 as follows:

Operations and Monitoring Committee	Rescheduled	From Thursday 19 May 2022, 1pm to Tuesday 17 May 2022, 1pm
Council	New Meeting	Tuesday 12 July 2022, 10:00am

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 12 MAY 2022

RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

SECTION 48, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

THAT the public now be excluded from the following part of the meeting, namely:

- 16 Heretaunga House Update
- 17 Appointment of the Independent Chair of the Risk and Assurance Committee
- 18 Strategic Land Purchase
- 19 Flaxmere Development Sites Request For Detailed Proposal
- 20 Strategic Land Matters

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this Resolution in relation to the matter and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this Resolution is as follows:

GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER, AND PARTICULAR INTERESTS PROTECTED	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF EACH RESOLUTION	
16 Heretaunga House Update	Section 7 (2) (i) The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). To enable the Council to undertake negotiations.	Section 48(1)(a)(i) Where the Local Authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act under Section 6 or 7 (except Section 7(2)(f)(i)) of this Act.	
17 Appointment of the Independent Chair of the Risk and Assurance Committee	Section 7 (2) (a) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person. To protect the privacy of the appointee.	Section 48(1)(a)(i) Where the Local Authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act under Section 6 or 7 (except Section 7(2)(f)(i)) of this Act.	

18 Strategic Land Purchase

19 Flaxmere Development Sites -Request For Detailed Proposal

20 Strategic Land Matters

Section 7 (2) (i)

The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). To protect Council's position in commercial negotiations.

Section 7 (2) (b) (i)

The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would disclose a trade secret.

Section 7 (2) (b) (ii)

The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Section 7 (2) (i)

The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). To ensure probity and fairness is maintained throughout the land divestment process, and submitters' commercial and IP interests are protected.

Section 7 (2) (i)

The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). To protect ongoing land owner negotiations.

Section 48(1)(a)(i)

Where the Local Authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act under Section 6 or 7 (except Section 7(2)(f)(i)) of this Act.

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