

# **Minutes of the Regional Council Meeting held in Mauao Rooms, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Building, 87 First Avenue, Tauranga on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 commencing at 9.30 a.m.**

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## **Present:**

**Chairman:** D Leeder

**Deputy Chairman:** J Nees

**Councillors:** A Black, J Cronin, C Holmes, T Marr, N Oppatt, P Sherry, A Tahana, P Thompson, L Thurston

**In Attendance:** K Belshaw (Strategic Engagement Manager), N Brewer (Planner), L Butt (Manager Governance), D Cochrane (Advisor, Chief Executive's Office), R Cox (Personal Assistant – GM Corporate), A Dixon (Strategic Accountant), R Donald (Science Manager), A Fort (Senior Planner), J Graham (General Manager Corporate), K Gosling (Community Engagement Team Leader), E Grogan (General Manager Regulatory & Customer Service/Deputy Chief Executive), S Hey (Manager Chief Executive's Office), A Huang (Senior Management Accountant), M Le Comte (Organisational Planning Manager), M Macleod (Chief Executive), F McTavish (General Manager Strategy), I Morton (Programme Manager – Water), W Murray (General Manager Environmental Delivery), N Poutasi (Acting Natural Resources Policy Manager), K Tarboton (General Manager Technical Services), M Taylor (General Manager Finance), L Thompson (Senior Communications Advisor), S Todd (Financial Controller), T Wilson (Financial Accountant)

Attendance in part – B Crabbe (Rivers and Drainage Manager) and M Townsend (Senior Environmental Engineer)

**Apologies:** Councillors Bruning, Love, Owens and Councillor Tahana for lateness

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## **1 Declarations of conflicts of interest**

Councillor Thompson declared an interest in submissions related to SmartGrowth, Envirohub and ARRC Wildlife Trust and SPCA. Councillor Thompson requested leave of Council to speak to the Envirohub and ARRC Wildlife SPCA items.

Councillor Nees declared an interest in submissions related to SmartGrowth and Grow Rotorua. She noted she has not taken part in any discussions related to the SmartGrowth submission.

## 2 **Chairman's announcement**

The Chairman made introductory remarks noting the process and key discussions Council had undertaken to develop its draft Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

The Chairman outlined the process for deliberations, noting Council will be asked to make "in principle" decisions first on individual matters topic by topic. Staff will be keeping a running tally of any financial changes proposed during deliberations. Finally Council will then be asked to come back and confirm or amend its "in principle" decisions once it has considered the overall implications.

## 3 **Previous minutes**

### 3.1 **Minutes Regional Council meeting to hear submissions to the Draft Long Term Plan 2015-2025 and Other Statements of Proposal held 15, 16, 17 and 20 April 2015**

*Refer tabled document number 1.*

#### **Resolved**

**That the Regional Council under its delegated authority:**

- 1 **Confirms the minutes from the Regional Council Meeting to hear submissions to the Draft Long Term Plan 2015-2025 and Other Statements of Proposal held 15, 16, 17 and 20 April 2015 as a true and correct record.**

Thompson/Cronin  
**CARRIED**

## 4 **Deliberations Position Papers**

### 4.1 **Deliberations Position Paper - Overview of Deliberations on the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 and other Statements of Proposal**

The Chief Executive gave an overview of the key factors that have influenced the development of the Long Term Plan 2015-2025. She paid tribute to Fiona McTavish (General Manager Strategy) and Mat Taylor (General Manager Finance) for their contribution and effort to deliver the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 to this final stage. Ms Macleod commented there had been few submissions on the proposed rates rise (8.5% general rates rise in 2015/16 and the total rates rise of 6%), and the key theme from submissions supported Council increase its resources to empower communities.

Members sought and received clarification on a number of matters outlined in the report.

#### **Resolved**

**That the Regional Council:**

- 1 **Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Overview of Deliberations on the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 and other Statements of Proposal*.**

Thompson/Cronin  
CARRIED

#### 4.2 **Deliberations Position Paper – Financial Issues and Implications (Long Term Plan 2015-2025)**

*Refer tabled document number 2.*

The Chief Executive and Mat Taylor (General Manager Finance) presented the report that aggregated all the financial issues and implications of the proposed deliberation decisions as set out in the agenda reports, and summarised how these may affect operating costs/revenue, capital expenditure and reserves.

#### **Attendance**

Councillor Tahana attended the meeting at 10.08 am.

Members sought and received clarification on a number of matters outlined in the report. It was agreed that full river scheme rates (not an average rate) will be articulated in future LTP 2015-2025 documentation. Members discussed the sources of funding for both operating and capital, and agreed a robust and thorough review of Council's rating and funding policies be undertaken in the coming year.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.30 am and reconvened at 10.51 am.

Council agreed to hold its decisions on financial issues and implications until later in the meeting.

#### 4.3 **Deliberations Position Paper - Community and Volunteer Engagement Funding Requests (Long Term Plan 2015-25)**

Council accepted Councillor Thompson's request to speak to the submissions from Envirohub, ARRC Wildlife Trust and SPCA.

Members debated the various requests to provide funding to community and volunteer groups submitted through the LTP. The general consensus of Council agreed it was important to enhance the capability of the community and volunteer sector in the Bay of Plenty and recommended the full funding request from Envirohub be granted, and that Council continue to work with ARRC Wildlife Trust and SPCA to develop the "community cat project" in conjunction with the Regional Pest Management Strategy review.

Council agreed in principle the following:

- 1 Receive the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Community and Volunteer Engagement Funding Requests (Long Term Plan 2015-25)*.
- 2 Notes the staff assessment is in accordance with the prioritisation framework (Appendix 2).
- 3 Notes that across all Activities Council undertakes a significant amount of work supporting community initiatives and volunteer engagement.

- 4 Notes that the amount of "Community Fund" will be the total funding agreed by Council in regards to recommendations in this paper as well as the funding agreed in the Integrated Catchment Management deliberations papers.
- 5 Agrees in principle to allocate funding of \$310,000 per annum to the Environmental Enhancement Fund for allocations throughout 2015/16.
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Leeder/Nees  
CARRIED

- 9 Agrees in principle to grant funding of \$55,000 per annum for 2 years (2015/16 and 2016/17) to ARRC Wildlife Trust and SPCA and that Council continue work to develop this matter in conjunction with the review of the Regional Pest Management Strategy.

Thompson/Thurston  
CARRIED

- 10 Agrees in principle to grant funding of \$10,000 to House of Science in 2015/16.

Leeder/Black  
CARRIED

- 11 Agrees in principle to grant funding of \$10,000 per year for 2 years (2015/16 and 2016/17) to the Tertiary Intentions Strategy.

Cronin/Sherry  
CARRIED

- 12 Agrees in principle to grant funding of \$100,000 per annum for 3 years (2015/16 to 2017/18) to Envirohub.

Thompson/Thurston  
CARRIED

- 13 Agrees in principle to grant funding of \$12,000 per annum for 3 years (2015/16 to 2017/18) to Surf Lifesaving New Zealand.

Thompson/Cronin  
CARRIED

- 14 Agrees in principle to decline all other grant requests.

Leeder/Tahana  
CARRIED

#### 4.4 Deliberations – Water Outcome

Council supported the recommendation to increase the operational budget for the Water Programme and agreed in principle as follows:

- 1 Receives the report, *Deliberations – Water Outcome*.
- 2 Agrees in principle to increase the operational budget of the Water Programme by \$207,763 per annum to provide for additional community engagement support and additional science knowledge to enable community decision making for Water quality / Quantity limit setting.

Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED

#### 4.5 Deliberations Position Paper - Integrated Catchment Management Matters (Biodiversity; Opureora Dredging; Wairoa Land; Lake Weed Control)

The Chief Executive and Warwick Murray (General Manager Environmental Delivery) presented the report that dealt with four specific deliberation matters related to submissions received on biodiversity, Opureora dredging, Wairoa land and lake weed control.

Council debated the requests and sought consideration be given to develop lake weed management plans and biodiversity restoration plans for the Rotorua lakes.

Council agreed in principle as follows:

- 1 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Integrated Catchment Management Matters (Biodiversity; Opureora Dredging; Wairoa Land; Lake Weed Control)*.
- 2 Makes no change to the allocation for biodiversity work within Integrated Catchment Management Activities, but reviews that decision following a review of Council's biodiversity policy in preparation for the Annual Plan 2016/17.
- 3 Notes that Opureora channel dredging project has not been able to proceed in 2014/15 due to conditions put on the use of Opureora Spit for spoil disposal by the landowner, Tauranga Moana Maori Trust Board.
- 4 Agrees to defer \$335,000 of spending on the Opureora channel dredging project from 2014/15 to 2015/16, funded from reserves.
- 5 Agrees to include an additional \$195,000 reserve funded budget for the Opureora project in 2015/16.
- 6 Agrees not to fund the construction of a seawall at Opureora Marae on the basis that construction of hard protection works is not a regional council responsibility.
- 7 Notes that Pirirakau and WBOPDC have requested Regional Council make a financial contribution to the acquisition and restoration of the Wairoa River land (Tahataharoa).
- 8 Notes that staff are working with Pirirakau and WBOPDC on the project, but are not recommending additional budget at this time.

- 9 Notes that there is a \$128,000 (annually) increase in funding for lake weed control for amenity purposes in the current Long Term Plan.
- 10 Confirms that the existing provisions of the Long Term Plan in relation to amenity weed control are retained but the lake specific provisions for amenity control are authorised to be used across all of the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes and Lake Aniwhenua, as required to provide the best amenity outcome.

Leeder/Nees  
CARRIED

#### 4.6 **Deliberations Position Paper - Ohau diversion wall corrosion repair**

Council supported the recommendation to repair the Ohau diversion wall noting further information is being sought to better understand future options, and additional funding may be required. Council agreed in principle as follows:

- 1 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Ohau diversion wall corrosion repair*.
- 2 Notes that additional spending may be required to repair the Ohau diversion wall but there is currently insufficient information available on what will be involved in the repair and its cost to recommend making financial provisions in the LTP.
- 3 Note that staff will report further to council on the causes, options for repair and costs once the information is available and that funding options can be addressed in subsequent Annual Plans or the next Long Term Plan review.
- 4 Note that the reduced service life of the wall has meant that the annual depreciation costs have increased.

Leeder/Thompson  
CARRIED

#### 4.7 **Deliberations Position Paper - Biosecurity**

Warwick Murray (General Manager Environmental Delivery) presented the report that requested additional funding for the Biosecurity activity. Council debated the requests and whether or not to provide funding towards the TB Free New Zealand programme. The general consensus supported the recommended increase to the operational budget of the biosecurity activity, and agreed in principle to provide \$60,000 for the TB Free New Zealand programme in 2015/16 as well as the need to consider long term TB management as part of the Regional Pest Management Strategy review. Council agreed in principle as follows:

- 1 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Biosecurity*.
- 2 Agrees in principle to increase the operational budget of the Biosecurity Activity by \$170,500 in Year 1 and \$220,500 in Years 2 – 10 of the Long Term Plan for funding 'Containment Pests' operations.
- 3 Agrees in principle to defer further proactive compliance work on woolly nightshade and wild ginger until the Regional Pest Management Plan review has been completed.

- 4 Agrees in principle to provide \$60,000 in year 2015/2016 for the TB Free New Zealand programme in the Long Term Plan.
- 5 Requests staff report to Regional Direction and Delivery Committee with an adjusted implementation plan for the Regional Pest Management Strategy.
- 6 Note that a specific recommendation on the request for funding support for stray cat control is made in the Community and Volunteer Engagement Funding Requests paper.

Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED

#### 4.8 **Deliberations Position Paper - Geothermal Programme**

Council supported the recommendations to increase the operational budget for the geothermal programme, and agreed in principle as follows:

- 1 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Geothermal Programme*.
- 2 Confirms that changes are required to address the gap in geothermal science funding required to progress the approved work programme outlined in the 1 April 2015 paper to the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee, and to address Mighty River Power submission point 101-2.
- 3 Agrees to increase the operational budget of the Science Activity budget by \$60,000 to provide additional science investigation, and \$21,000 to the Geothermal Activity budget to assist in the development of the Kawerau System Management Plan.

Thompson/Leeder  
CARRIED

#### 4.9 **Deliberations Position Paper - Rangitaiki Floodway and Spillway Project Acceleration**

Ken Tarboton (General Manager Technical Services), Bruce Crabbe (Rivers and Drainage Manager) and Mark Townsend (Senior Environmental Engineer) were in attendance to present the report that responded to the submission from the Rangitāiki-Tarawera Rivers Scheme Liaison Group to accelerate the project from 5 years to 3 years. It was noted that up to a year is needed to gain landowner agreements to progress the resource consent variation before any acceleration of the works could take place.

Concern was expressed about changes to the project that have resulted in further delays, and recommended a 3 year completion option be considered. Council debated the options outlined in the report and the associated risks and impact on rates.

Council agreed to defer any in principle decision on this item until staff came back to Council to explain the impact on rates for the 5 year option and the 4 year option.

#### 4.10 **Deliberations Paper - Emergency Management**

Council supported the recommendations to increase the operational budget for the emergency management programme, and agreed in principle as follows:

- 1 Receives the report, *Deliberations Paper - Emergency Management*.

- 2 Agrees to increase the operational budget of the Emergency Management activity by \$121,000 to provide for the cost of the revised operational delivery model of Civil Defence Emergency Management.

Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED

#### 4.11 **Deliberations Position Paper - Maori Capacity**

Council supported the recommendations to increase the operational Māori Policy budget, and agreed in principle as follows:

- 1 Receives the report, *Deliberations – Maori Capacity*.
- 2 Agrees to increase the operational Maori Policy budget as follows:
  - a) \$70,000 to appoint a new full time equivalent (FTE) as a resource consent specialist (cultural/technical) to provide advice and support for resource consent matters for years 1-10 of the LTP.
  - b) \$80,000 for the development and implementation of a matauranga Maori guiding document for years 1-2 of the LTP (\$160,000 total).
- 3 Agrees that the Maori Capacity conference remains a biennial event and the budget reduced to \$20,000 per event.

Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED

#### 4.12 **Deliberations Position Paper - SmartGrowth and Spatial Planning**

Council supported the recommendations to approve funding for SmartGrowth and spatial planning and agreed in principle as follows:

- 1 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - SmartGrowth and Spatial Planning*.
- 2 Approves an additional \$200,000 for SmartGrowth operating costs for Year 3 (2017/18) within the Regional Planning activity.
- 3 Retains committed funding of \$60,000 in Year 1 (2015/16) for completion of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan, subject to this amount being matched by the three Eastern Bay councils.
- 4 Approves an additional \$60,000 in Year 1 (2015/16) to complete the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Spatial Plan, publish Invest Bay of Plenty data and undertake a feasibility study into a marine spatial plan.
- 5 Note there is no funding currently set aside to enable Invest Bay of Plenty (the Bay of Plenty Regional Spatial Plan) to be completed and implemented. This will be revisited should the region's territorial authorities allocate funding for Invest Bay of Plenty in their Long Term Plans.
- 6 Notes staff time is budgeted within the Regional Planning activity to complete and implement the Eastern Bay spatial plan, and to continue participating in the



Upper North Island Strategic Alliance (UNISA) and SmartGrowth forums and projects.

Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED

## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.39 pm and reconvened at 1.17 pm.

### 4.13 **Continued/Deliberations Position Paper - Rangitaiki Floodway and Spillway Project Acceleration**

Mr Tarboton (General Manager Technical Services) presented a rates impact scenario for a 5 year and 4 year option spread across years 1 to 5 of the LTP 2015-2025. The Chief Executive recommended option 3 (5 years) noting that if the consents were in place a 4 year option could be considered.

Council agreed in principle as follows:

- 1 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Rangitaiki Floodway and Spillway Project Acceleration*.
- 2 Adopts Option 3: Preferred Project Programme that reduces the capital work in year 1 of the LTP and spreads the remainder of work over the following four years.

Leeder/Thurston  
CARRIED

### 4.14 **Deliberations Position Paper - Infrastructure Funding**

The Chief Executive and Mark Le Comte (Organisational Planning Manager) presented the report that discussed all submissions related to infrastructure funding including; the proposed five-year hold on funding new infrastructure projects and recommended policy and prioritisation work, timing of current projects, requests to fund small scale sewerage schemes and transport projects and other funding requests.

Members debated the various funding requests and recommended authority be given to the Chief Executive to negotiate an additional \$2m funding for the Ōpōtiki Harbour project noting central government funding would not be decided until about August 2015. Council also recommended the funding request for road stock effluent disposal, and SH2 security works at Wainui Road Matekerepu is referred to the NZTA. Council further recommended it contribute unspent SH security works funding of \$300k towards the Wainui Road Matekerepu project.

Council agreed in principle as follows:

- 1 Receives the report, *Direct Funding Infrastructure Requests and rebuilding the Regional Fund*.
- 2 Agrees in principle to review infrastructure funding principles and policy in 2015/16 through the Regional Development and Delivery committee.
- 3 Pending the results of the principle and policy review, engage with TLAs and other stakeholders for input as determined by the Regional Development and Delivery committee.

- 4 Note that based on this approach Bay of Plenty Regional Council could be in a position to consider requests for new infrastructure funding in 2017/18 as part of Long Term Plan 2018-2028 for works to commence in later years.
- 5 Agrees in principle to budget \$3.708 million in 2017/18 for Rotoma Sewerage.
- 6 Agrees in principle to budget \$4.851 million in 2018/19 for Rotoiti Sewerage.
- 7 Agrees in principle that funding allocations for Rotoma and Rotoiti sewerage are subject to:
  - a) Allocated amounts are the maximum contribution that Bay of Plenty Regional Council will make,
  - b) All consents are to be approved before drawdown of funding,
  - c) Bay of Plenty Council funds will only be paid for construction costs of new assets on the provision of adequate certification of costs, and
  - d) Any variations to the timing or preferred option will require written approval from Bay of Plenty Regional Council.
- 8 Notes that the Environment Court has overturned the resource consent for Matata sewerage. Analysis of this decision and options to either defer or remove funding will be presented at the Deliberations meeting.
- 9 Defers the Matata sewerage scheme funding from the Regional Infrastructure Fund and notes the financial impact of deferring funding is extra interest received of approximately \$100,000 per annum.
- 10 Agree to defer funding for SCION Innovation Centre resulting in a total budget of \$2.5 million in 2016/17.
- 11 Agree to defer funding for the Tauranga Marine Precinct resulting in a total budget of \$5 million in 2015/16.
- 12 Agree to defer funding for the Tauranga CBD Tertiary Campus to total \$5 million in 2017/18, \$8 million in 2018/19 and \$2 million in 2019/20.
- 13 Delegates authority to the Chief Executive to negotiate with Ōpōtiki District Council an additional \$2 million CAPEX funding for the Opotiki Harbour Transformation project.
- 14 Agree to budget \$1.045 million in 2016/17 for Te Puna West sewerage.
- 15 Agree to budget \$618,000 in 2017/18 for Ongare Point sewerage.
- 16 Agree that funding allocations for Te Puna West and Ongare Point sewerage are subject to:
  - a) Bay of Plenty Regional Council approval of a full business case for Te Puna West sewerage by 30 March 2016 and for Ongare Point sewerage by 30 March 2017,
  - b) Allocated amounts are the maximum contribution that Bay of Plenty Regional Council will make,
  - c) All consents are to be approved before drawdown of funding,

- d) Bay of Plenty Council funds will only be paid for construction costs of new asset on the provision of adequate certification of costs, and
  - e) Any variations to the timing or preferred option will require written approval from Bay of Plenty Regional Council.
- 17 Refers the Road Stock Effluent Disposal funding request to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) to consider.
- 18 Refers the request for State Highway 2 - Wainui Road Intersection to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), with Bay of Plenty Regional Council providing an estimated \$300,000 towards this project from the funding allocated from the Eastern Bay of Plenty Route Security Project.
- 19 Agree to decline all other infrastructure funding requests.

Thompson/Leeder  
CARRIED

#### 4.15 **Deliberations Position Paper Bay of Connections reinstatement of funding and additional funding for Regional Growth Study.**

Council supported the recommendations to reinstate the operational budget for the Regional Economic Development programme, and agreed in principle as follows:

- 1 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper Bay of Connections reinstatement of funding and additional funding for Regional Growth Study*.
- 2 Agrees to reinstate the \$100,000 that was removed from the operational budget for the Regional Economic Development programme, and increase the operational budget by an extra \$50,000 in 2015/16 to cover help cover Regional Growth Study costs.
- 3 Confirms its decision on the recommendations outlined in this report, *Deliberations Position Paper – Bay of Connections reinstatement of funding and additional funding for Regional Growth Study*.

Leeder/Thompson  
CARRIED

#### 4.16 **Deliberations Position Paper - Accommodation and other Land and Buildings**

The Chief Executive and Mat Taylor (General Manager Finance) presented the anticipated timing and costs associated with the councils land and buildings in relation to the Long Term Plan 2015-2025. Council supported the recommendations, and agreed in principle as follows:

- 1 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Accommodation and other Land and Buildings*.
- 2 Approves in principle the re-phasing of \$2.9 million from Year 1 of the Long Term Plan to Year 2, relating to part of the capital costs associated with a potential GECC.
- 3 Approves in principle the continuation of the Regional House upgrade financial estimates, re-phased as set out in this report.

Thompson/Nees  
CARRIED

**4.17 Deliberations Position Paper - Resource Management Act and Building Act Charges Policy 2015/16 and Navigation Safety Bylaw Charges 2015/16**

Council supported the recommendations, and agreed in principle as follows:

- 1 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Resource Management Act and Building Act Charges Policy 2015/16 and Navigation Safety Bylaw Charges 2015/2016*.
- 2 Prepares the Resource Management Act & Building Act Charges Policies 2015/16 for adoption as attached, with minor amendment to ensure that the majority of high risk and/or large consented activities are included in Schedule 2A – Consents subject to Actual and Reasonable charges.
- 3 Note staff have waived charges for low-risk OSET consents. The \$97 base charge, the \$67 compliance monitoring annual charge and the \$36 2B regional impact monitoring charge (<2 m3/day) will not be imposed for 2015/16.
- 4 Confirms the changes to Schedule 7 of the Navigation Safety Bylaw for 2015/16.

Thompson/Cronin  
CARRIED

**4.18 Deliberations Position Paper - Staff Recommendations on LTP 2015-2025 Submission Points**

The Chief Executive presented the report that provided recommended responses to submission points for Council approval.

A member requested Council further consider additional public transport services in response to submissions related to the Te Puke/Maketū, Waihi Beach/Katikati and Ruatāhuna/Murupara bus services (refer pages 187-190 of the summary of submissions document).

A request was also made for additional funding for responsive planning work, and that it be led by the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee.

Council agreed in principle to additional funding of \$55,500 to trial public transport services in Year 1 of the LTP in Te Puke/Maketū, Waihi Beach/Katikati and Ruatāhuna/Murupara and suggested staff consider a joint venture with Te Uru Taumatua for the Ruatāhuna/Murupara service.

Council agreed in principle to additional funding of \$150,000 in Year 1 of the LTP for regional planning responsive work.

Council made the following in principle decisions:

- 1 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Staff Recommendations on LTP 2015-2025 Submission Points*.
- 2 Approves \$55,500 for additional public transport services in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan as a trial for services between Te Puke and Maketū, Waihi Beach and

Katikati, and Ruatāhuna and Murupara and requests staff meet with Ngāi Tūhoe to discuss a potential joint venture.

- 3 Approves \$150,000 in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan for regional planning responsive work.
- 4 Notes it has considered all 275 submissions received on the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 and three Other Statements of Proposal, including 21 late submissions.
- 5 Approves the recommendations outlined in Appendix 3 of this report, Deliberations Position Paper – Staff Recommendations on LTP 2015-2025 Submission Points.

Thurston/Nees  
CARRIED

## 5 Final Decisions

The Chief Executive presented the list of changes that Council had agreed to “in principle” during its deliberations.

It was requested that any future Envirohub funded projects are monitored to ensure appropriate links are established with tangata whenua volunteer groups, and Māori issues are appropriately considered.

Council confirmed and resolved its final decisions as follows:

### Resolved

That the Regional Council:

#### **Deliberations Position Paper – Financial Issues and Implications (Long Term Plan 2015-2025)**

- 1 **Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Financial Issues and Implications (Long Term Plan 2015-2025)*.**
- 2 **Notes that a Draft Revenue and Financing Policy was adopted on 10 February 2015 alongside the Consultation Document for the proposed Long Term Plan 2015-2025. Since the adoption of that draft policy, minor wording updates have been made to improve consistency and readability and a final Revenue and Financing Policy 2015/16 will be recommended for adoption alongside the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 at the Council meeting on 25 June 2015.**
- 3 **Approves the capital carry forwards and operational changes to financial estimates in the report Deliberations Position Paper - Financial Issues and Implications (Long Term Plan 2015-2025).**
- 4 **Notes the updated financial forecasts from Quayside Holdings Limited, which result in a higher anticipated dividend in 2015/16.**
- 5 **Agrees to provide \$100,000 for the Finance Activity in 2015/16 to complete a review of Group funding options.**

- 6 Approves the use of the Targeted Rates Reserve as set out in section 9 and Appendix 4.
- 7 Removes \$400,000 funding for erosion protection as set out in section 12 of this report.
- 8 Approves the following additional expenditure of \$307,500 in 2015/16 be funded through utilisation of the equalisation reserve with any shortfall being funded by rates in outer years as appropriate:

Summary of additional expenditure above staff recommendations			
	2015/16 \$	2016/17 \$	2017/18 \$
Envirohub	42,000	42,000	42,000
TB Free New Zealand	60,000	0	0
Responsive planning work	150,000	0	0
Additional bus services	55,500	0	0
<b>Total additional expenditure</b>	<b>307,500</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>42,000</b>

- 9 Authorises the Chief Executive to make any amendments to the financial estimates in accordance with the decisions made by Council at deliberations.
- 10 Confirms that a review of its financial rating and funding policies will commence in 2015/16.

**Deliberations Position Paper - Community and Volunteer Engagement Funding Requests (Long Term Plan 2015-25)**

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- 23 Agrees to grant funding of \$12,000 per annum for 3 years (2015/16 to 2017/18) to Surf Lifesaving New Zealand.
- 24 Agrees to decline all other grant requests lodged through submissions and feedback to the proposed long Term Plan 2015-2025.

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- 29 Notes that Opureora channel dredging project has not been able to proceed in 2014/15 due to conditions put on the use of Opureora Spit for spoil disposal by the landowner, Tauranga Moana Maori Trust Board.
- 30 Agrees to defer \$335,000 of spending on the Opureora channel dredging project from 2014/15 to 2015/16, funded from reserves.
- 31 Agrees to include an additional \$195,000 reserve funded budget for the Opureora channel dredging project in 2015/16.
- 32 Agrees not to fund the construction of a seawall at Opureora Marae on the basis that construction of hard protection works is not a regional council responsibility.
- 33 Notes that Pirirakau Incorporated Society and Western Bay of Plenty District Council have requested Regional Council make a financial contribution to the acquisition and restoration of the Wairoa River land (Tahataharoa).

- 34 Notes that staff are working with Pirirakau Incorporated Society and Western Bay of Plenty District Council on the project, but are not recommending additional budget at this time.
- 35 Notes that there is a \$128,000 (annually) increase in funding for lake weed control for amenity purposes in the current Long Term Plan.
- 36 Confirms that the proposed provisions of the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 in relation to amenity weed control are retained and authorises the use of lake specific provisions for amenity control across all of the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes and Lake Aniwhenua, as required to provide the best amenity outcome.

#### **Deliberations Position Paper - Ohau diversion wall corrosion repair**

- 37 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Ohau diversion wall corrosion repair*.
- 38 Notes that additional spending may be required to repair the Ohau diversion wall but there is currently insufficient information available on what will be involved in the repair and its cost to recommend making financial provisions in the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.
- 39 Notes that staff will report further to Council on the causes, options for repair and costs once the information is available and that funding options can be addressed in subsequent Annual Plans or the next Long Term Plan review.
- 40 Notes that the reduced service life of the wall has meant that the annual depreciation costs have increased.

#### **Deliberations Position Paper - Biosecurity**

- 41 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Biosecurity*.
- 42 Agrees to increase the operational budget of the Biosecurity Activity by \$170,500 in Year 1 and \$220,500 in Years 2 to 10 of the Long Term Plan for funding 'Containment Pests' operations.
- 43 Agrees to defer further proactive compliance work on woolly nightshade and wild ginger until the Regional Pest Management Plan review has been completed.
- 44 Agrees to provide funding of \$60,000 in 2015/2016 for the TB Free New Zealand programme in the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.
- 45 Instructs staff report to Regional Direction and Delivery Committee with an adjusted implementation plan for the Regional Pest Management Strategy.

#### **Deliberations Position Paper - Geothermal Programme**

- 46 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Geothermal Programme*.
- 47 Confirms that changes are required to address the gap in geothermal science funding required to progress the approved work programme outlined in the 1 April 2015 paper to the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee, and to address Mighty River Power submission point 101-2.



- 48 Agrees to increase the operational budget of the Science Activity budget by \$60,000 to provide additional science investigation, and \$21,000 to the Geothermal Activity budget to assist in the development of the Kawerau System Management Plan.

**Deliberations Position Paper - Rangitāiki Floodway and Spillway Project Acceleration**

- 49 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Rangitāiki Floodway and Spillway Project Acceleration*.
- 50 Adopts Option 3: Preferred Project Programme that reduces the capital work in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 and spreads the remainder of work over the following four years.

**Deliberations Position Paper - Emergency Management**

- 51 Receives the report, *Deliberations Paper - Emergency Management*.
- 52 Agrees to increase the operational budget of the Emergency Management activity by \$121,000 to provide for the cost of the revised operational delivery model of Civil Defence Emergency Management.

**Deliberations Position Paper - Māori Capacity**

- 53 Receives the report, *Deliberations – Maori Capacity*.
- 54 Agrees to increase the operational Maori Policy Activity budget as follows:
- a) \$70,000 to appoint a new full time equivalent (FTE) as a resource consent specialist (cultural/technical) to provide advice and support for resource consent matters for years 1-10 of the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.
  - b) \$80,000 for the development and implementation of a matauranga Maori guiding document for years 1-2 of the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 (\$160,000 total).
- 55 Agrees that the Maori Capacity conference remains a biennial event and the budget reduced to \$20,000 per event.

**Deliberations Position Paper - SmartGrowth and Spatial Planning**

- 56 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - SmartGrowth and Spatial Planning*.
- 57 Approves an additional \$200,000 for SmartGrowth operating costs for Year 3 (2017/18) within the Regional Planning activity.
- 58 Retains committed funding of \$60,000 in Year 1 (2015/16) for completion of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan, subject to this amount being matched by the three Eastern Bay councils.
- 59 Approves an additional \$60,000 in Year 1 (2015/16) to complete the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Spatial Plan, publish Invest Bay of Plenty data and undertake a feasibility study into a marine spatial plan.

- 60 Note there is no funding currently set aside to enable Invest Bay of Plenty (the Bay of Plenty Regional Spatial Plan) to be completed and implemented. This will be revisited should the region's territorial authorities allocate funding for Invest Bay of Plenty in their Long Term Plans.
- 61 Notes staff time is budgeted within the Regional Planning activity to complete and implement the Eastern Bay spatial plan, and to continue participating in the Upper North Island Strategic Alliance (UNISA) and SmartGrowth forums and projects.

#### **Deliberations Position Paper - Infrastructure Funding**

- 62 Receives the report, *Direct Funding Infrastructure Requests and rebuilding the Regional Fund*.
- 63 Review infrastructure funding principles and policy in 2015/16 through the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee.
- 64 Pending the results of the principle and policy review, engage with TLAs and other stakeholders for input as determined by the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee.
- 65 Note that based on this approach Bay of Plenty Regional Council could be in a position to consider requests for new infrastructure funding in 2017/18 as part of Long Term Plan 2018-2028 for works to commence in later years.
- 66 Agrees to budget \$3.708 million in 2017/18 for Rotoma Sewerage.
- 67 Agrees to budget \$4.851 million in 2018/19 for Rotoiti Sewerage.
- 68 Agrees that funding allocations for Rotoma and Rotoiti sewerage are subject to:
- a) Allocated amounts are the maximum contribution that Bay of Plenty Regional Council will make,
  - b) All consents are to be approved before drawdown of funding,
  - c) Bay of Plenty Regional Council funds will only be paid for construction costs of new assets on the provision of adequate certification of costs, and
  - d) Any variations to the timing or preferred option will require written approval from Bay of Plenty Regional Council.
- 69 Notes that the Environment Court has overturned the resource consent for Matata sewerage. Analysis of this decision and options to either defer or remove funding was presented at the Deliberations meeting.
- 70 Defers the Matata sewerage scheme funding from the Regional Infrastructure Fund and notes the financial impact of deferring funding is extra interest received of approximately \$100,000 per annum.
- 71 Agrees to defer funding for SCION Innovation Centre resulting in a total budget of \$2.5 million in 2016/17.
- 72 Agrees to defer funding for the Tauranga Marine Precinct resulting in a total budget of \$5 million in 2015/16.

- 73 Agrees to defer funding for the Tauranga CBD Tertiary Campus to total \$5 million in 2017/18, \$8 million in 2018/19 and \$2 million in 2019/20.
- 74 Delegates authority to the Chief Executive to approve the request for an additional \$2 million infrastructure grant (subject to existing Regional Infrastructure Fund conditions) following negotiations with Ōpōtiki District Council for the Opotiki Harbour Transformation project.
- 75 Agree to budget \$1.045 million in 2016/17 for Te Puna West sewerage.
- 76 Agree to budget \$618,000 in 2017/18 for Ongare Point sewerage.
- 77 Agree that funding allocations for Te Puna West and Ongare Point sewerage are subject to:
- a) Bay of Plenty Regional Council approval of a full business case for Te Puna West sewerage by 30 March 2016 and for Ongare Point sewerage by 30 March 2017,
  - b) Allocated amounts are the maximum contribution that Bay of Plenty Regional Council will make,
  - c) All consents are to be approved before drawdown of funding,
  - d) Bay of Plenty Council funds will only be paid for construction costs of new assets on the provision of adequate certification of costs, and
  - e) Any variations to the timing or preferred option will require written approval from Bay of Plenty Regional Council.
- 78 Refers the Road Stock Effluent Disposal funding request to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) to consider.
- 79 Refers the request for State Highway 2/Wainui Road Intersection (Matekerepu) to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), with Bay of Plenty Regional Council providing an estimated \$300,000 towards this project from the funding allocated from the Eastern Bay of Plenty Route Security Project.
- 80 Agrees to decline all other infrastructure funding requests.

**Deliberations Position Paper Bay of Connections reinstatement of funding and additional funding for Regional Growth Study**

- 81 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper Bay of Connections reinstatement of funding and additional funding for Regional Growth Study*.
- 82 Agrees to reinstate the \$100,000 that was removed from the operational budget for the Regional Economic Development programme, and increase the operational budget by an extra \$50,000 in 2015/16 to help cover Regional Growth Study costs.

**Deliberations Position Paper - Accommodation and other Land and Buildings**

- 83 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Accommodation and other Land and Buildings*.
- 84 Approves the deferral of \$3.35 million from Year 1 of the Long Term Plan to Year 2, relating to part of the capital costs associated with a potential Group Emergency Coordination Centre.
- 85 Approves the continuation of the Regional House upgrade financial estimates, re-phased as set out in this report.

**Deliberations Position Paper - Resource Management Act and Building Act Charges Policy 2015/16 and Navigation Safety Bylaw Charges 2015/16**

- 86 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Resource Management Act and Building Act Charges Policy 2015/16 and Navigation Safety Bylaw Charges 2015/2016*.
- 87 Prepares the Resource Management Act and Building Act Charges Policies 2015/16 for adoption as attached, with minor amendment to ensure that the majority of high risk and/or large consented activities are included in Schedule 2A – Consents subject to Actual and Reasonable charges.
- 88 Note staff have waived charges for low-risk OSET consents. The \$97 base charge, the \$67 compliance monitoring annual charge and the \$36 2B regional impact monitoring charge (<2 m3/day) will not be imposed for 2015/16.
- 89 Confirms the changes to Schedule 7 of the Navigation Safety Bylaw for 2015/16.

**Deliberations Position Paper - Staff Recommendations on LTP 2015-2025 Submission Points**

- 90 Receives the report, *Deliberations Position Paper - Staff Recommendations on LTP 2015-2025 Submission Points*.
- 91 Approves \$55,500 for additional public transport services in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 as a trial for services between Te Puke and Maketū, Waihi Beach and Katikati, and Ruatāhuna and Murupara and requests staff meet with Te Uru Taumatua to discuss a potential joint venture.
- 92 Approves an additional \$150,000 in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan for regional planning responsive work.
- 93 Notes it has considered all 275 submissions received on the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 and three Other Statements of Proposal, including 22 late submissions.
- 94 Approves the recommendations and responses outlined in Appendix 3 of this report, *Deliberations Position Paper – Staff Recommendations on LTP 2015-2025 Submission Points* as amended by feedback received during deliberations.
- 95 Confirms that the decisions have a medium level of significance as determined by the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. Council

has identified and assessed different options and considered community views as part of making the decision, in proportion to the level of significance.

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**The meeting closed at 2.45 pm.**

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Chairman Bay of Plenty Regional Council

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Date