

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON THE
22 APRIL 2009, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL,
388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 2.02 P.M.**

PRESENT:

R. Scarlett (Chairman), P. Ewen, B. Chinn, T. Archer, A. Robb, A. Birchfield, D. Davidson,

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Ingle (Chief Executive Officer), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), C. Dall (Consents and Compliance Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk), The Media.

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

2. ADOPTION OF AUDITED LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that the purpose of this meeting was to adopt the Long Term Council Community Plan Statement of Proposal.

The Chairman introduced Mr John Mackey from Audit New Zealand and asked him to answer any questions that Councillors may have. Mr Mackey commented that the document is a step up from the 2006 – 2016 LTCCP document.

R. Mallinson advised that a summary of the LTCCP would be placed in the Messenger for publication on the 13th of May.

Cr Archer asked Mr Mackey to outline why there seems to be a significant change to the LTCCP from the last LTCCP process in 2006 as Cr Archer feels the bar seems to have been lifted. Mr Mackey responded that 2006 was the first time LTCCP's were audited and that the sector was in the early stages. Mr Mackey stated that from a sector perspective the bar has been raised since the Society of Local Government Managers have been working to outline what is best practice in the sector. Mr Mackey advised that this is the basis for Audit New Zealand as agents for the Office of the Auditor General. Mr Mackey stated that the process is a progressive improvement and that this is now the third time around for Councils.

Cr Scarlett stated that his concern is that next time the audit process for the LTCCP is due how far does the bar go up again. He is concerned at the cost this could incur to Councils. Cr Archer expressed that the audit costs are going up all the time and he is concerned at where this is heading. Mr Mackey explained the audit process from Audit NZ's perspective. He stated that the audit process is then peer reviewed at the Office of the Auditor General.

Moved (Archer / Robb)

1. That Council adopt the audited Long Term Council Community Plan Statement of Proposal.

2. That Council confirm dates for public hearings and Special Meeting required in late June.

Carried

The meeting closed at 2.23 P.m.

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Chairman

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Date