

THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2018, AT THE OFFICES OF THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, 388 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, GREYMOUTH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT:

A. Robb (Chairman), T. Archer, A. Birchfield, P. Ewen, S. Challenger, N. Clementson, P. McDonnell

IN ATTENDANCE:

M. Meehan (Chief Executive), R. Mallinson (Corporate Services Manager), T. Jellyman (Minutes Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

2. LONG TERM PLAN 2018 / 28 - AMENDMENT TO REVENUE & FINANCING POLICY

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and advised that this relates to emergency management activity funding. He stated that this matter needs to be agreed to prior to the next two agenda items and this is a technical tidy up.

Moved (Archer / Ewen)

That Council's Revenue and Financing Policy be amended to provide for:

<i>Emergency Management</i>	
<i>Targeted Rate</i>	<i>55-60%</i>
<i>UAGC</i>	<i>35-40%</i>
<i>General Rate</i>	<i>0-5%</i>

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF THE AUDITED LONG TERM PLAN 2018 / 28

R. Mallinson spoke to this report and tabled three documents, the Audit Opinion from Audit NZ, Amendments Required by Audit NZ and Amendments requested by Cr Archer. R. Mallinson took Councillors through the Audit Opinion and drew attention to the Emphasis of Matter which includes the decisions to increase the uniform annual general charge and the amendment to the Revenue and Financing policy. R. Mallinson advised that he and M. Meehan have spent a considerable amount of time dealing with Audit NZ. He stated that the Emphasis of Matter draws the reader's attention to Council not confirming an audited Long Term Plan by 30 June. He stated that Council was always expecting this. Time was allowed to give Councillors the opportunity to read the tabled documents. R. Mallinson walked Councillors through the Amendments Required by Audit NZ document, and the Amendments Requested by Cr Archer document. R. Mallinson offered to answer questions. Cr Archer spoke of the letter received by Council from the Minister of Local Government expressing her concern regarding the lateness in adopting the audited Long Term Plan. The Chairman advised that the letter was addressed to him and that he would circulate this letter. Cr Archer noted concerns previously expressed by staff relating to the amount of work involved with the LTP along with the additional requirements by Audit NZ. Cr Archer stated that he agrees that more staff resources will be required as well as possibly starting the process earlier. He passed on

his accolades to staff in getting the LTP over line, in view of this Council being a very small Authority. The Chairman stated that he also passed these concerns onto Audit NZ.

Cr Ewen expressed concern with the comment in the Highlight's at a Glance section regarding the One District Plan providing cost savings to ratepayers. Cr Ewen stated that this is an assumption and yet to be seen.

Moved (Clementson / Challenger)

That Council adopts the audited Long Term Plan 2018 / 28 pursuant to Sections 93 and 94 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Carried

4. SETTING OF RATES FOR 2018 / 19

R. Mallinson spoke to this report. R. Mallinson stated that the due date for first installment has been pushed out by one week as rates would have normally been sent out by now.

Moved (Birchfield / Archer)

That Council adopt the attached proposed rates strike and penalty setting resolutions numbered

- 1. Setting of various rates as per 1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p), (q), (r), (s), (t), (u), (v), (w), (x), (y), (z), (aa), (bb), (cc), (dd), (ee), (ff), (gg) pursuant to section 23 (1) and (2) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.*
- 2. Adopting due dates for payment of 26 October 2018 and 20 April 2019 as per 2 and pursuant to section 24 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.*
- 3. Setting Penalties as per 3 pursuant to section 57 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.*

Carried

The meeting closed at 10.48 a.m.

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Chairman

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Date