

**I give notice that  
an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, 22 February 2022</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b><a href="http://www.taupo.govt.nz">www.taupo.govt.nz</a></b>

# **AGENDA**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Chairperson** Mayor David Trewavas

**Deputy Chairperson** Cr Christine Rankin

**Members**

- Cr John Boddy
- Cr Kathy Guy
- Cr Tangonui Kingi
- Cr Kylie Leonard
- Cr John Mack
- Cr Anna Park
- Cr Kevin Taylor
- Cr Kirsty Trueman
- Cr Yvonne Westerman
- Cr John Williamson

**Quorum** 6

**Gareth Green**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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**3.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 1 FEBRUARY 2022**

**Author:** Shainey James, Governance Quality Manager

**Authorised by:** Nigel McAdie, Legal, Risk and Governance Manager

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 1 February 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Council Meeting Minutes - 1 February 2022

**4.1 RECEIPT OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAKE TAUPO PROTECTION PROJECT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2021**

**Author:** Temi Allinson, Policy Advisor

**Authorised by:** Nick Carroll, Policy Manager

**PURPOSE**

To receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee meeting held on 19 November 2021.

**DISCUSSION**

The unconfirmed minutes are presented for receipt. The meeting was held in November 2021, but the meeting minutes were not made available till December 2021 and so could not be brought to Council before the end of that year.

**CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that Council receives the minutes.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That Council receives:

- The unconfirmed minutes of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee meeting held on 19 November 2021

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Lake Taupo Protection Project Joint Committee 19 November 2021 Minutes

**4.2 CHANGE TO EXISTING ROAD NAME**

**Author:** Louise Wood, Senior Resource Consents Planner

**Authorised by:** John Ridd, General Manager Policy and Strategy

**PURPOSE**

This item is being presented to Council to make a decision on whether to change an existing public road name within the Taupō Heights subdivision.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Given the recent changes to Stage 4 of the Taupō Heights subdivision, the developer has proposed a change to the existing public road name within Stage 4. The proposed replacement road name is considered appropriate as there are no duplications or similarities to other road names in the Taupō District and it continues the European theme of road names within this subdivision.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Revokes bullet point four only ('St Germain Loop') of resolution TDC201408/06.
2. Approves the change of existing road name 'St Germain Loop' to 'Sorrento Way'.

**BACKGROUND**

This item is being presented to Council to make a decision on whether to change an existing public road name within the Taupō Heights subdivision.

Taupō Heights was granted subdivision and land use consents in 2013 for a 92 lot residential development to be carried out over four Stages. Road names for the Taupō Heights development were approved in 2014 and the road name approved continued the French theme: Noumea Drive, Maison Way, Bastille Court and St Germain Loop. Stages 1 to 3 of the subdivision are completed. The public road name for the road within Stage 4 (not yet constructed) is St Germain Loop.

A recent variation granted changes to Stage 4 of the subdivision including a slightly revised layout and six additional lots. The developer would now like to change the road name for Stage 4 from St Germain Loop to Sorrento Way, which is consistent with the Italian theme and branding for Stage 4 being named 'Amano Ridge'.

**DISCUSSION**

The proposed replacement road name of Sorrento Way is considered appropriate given that there are no duplications or similarities to other road names in the Taupō District and it also meets the requirements of the ASNZS 4819 Rural and Urban Address and Road Naming Standard 2011. Therefore the preferred option is to approve the replacement road name as proposed.

Within Stage 4 of Taupō Heights the proposed replacement road name is a continuation of the theme and branding of Stage 4 which is an Italian theme with the development being named 'Amano Ridge'.

The developer has selected the preferred name and have consulted with emergency services (Police, St John Ambulance and Fire Service). No objections were raised by these parties.

Based on this information it is considered that the replacement road name presented is appropriate. Council has the following options:

1. Accept the name
2. Reject the name
3. Select an alternative name

## OPTIONS

### Analysis of Options

The developer has selected their preferred road name and the name is considered to be appropriate given that there are no duplications or similarities to other road names in the Taupō District. It is not considered effective to reject or select alternative road names given the level of acceptance by key parties.

#### Option 1. Accept the road name change

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The road name is unique</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selection of an alternative road name would require further consultation</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are no other similar road names within the District</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There has not been any negative feedback on the name</li> </ul>	

#### Option 2. Reject the road name change

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunity to select potential alternative road names that may be more suitable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selection of an alternative road name would require further consultation</li> </ul>

#### Option 3. Select an alternative road name

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunity to select potential alternative road names that may be more suitable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selection of an alternative road name would require further consultation</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The item would be required to be presented to Council again</li> </ul>

### Analysis Conclusion:

It is considered appropriate to accept the replacement road name presented by the developer.

## CONSIDERATIONS

### **Alignment with Council's Vision**

Council's vision is 'to be the most prosperous and liveable district in the North Island by 2022'. This is accompanied by a core set of values to underpin decision-making, the following of which are relevant to this particular proposal: Authentic; Charming; Vibrant; Quality.

### **Financial Considerations**

There are no financial impacts associated with the replacement road name.

### **Legal Considerations**

#### Local Government Act 2002

The matter comes within scope of the Council's lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of [Section 10](#) of the Local Government Act 2002. The matter will enable the Council to meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality performance of Council's regulatory functions (i.e. efficient, effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances).

The matter assists Council in the performance of Council's regulatory function.

The proposed replacement road name has been evaluated with regards to the relevant road naming regulations and is consistent with these requirements.

**Policy Implications**

There are no known policy implications.

**Māori Engagement**

Council is bound by various Acts to consult and/or engage with Māori, including a duty to act reasonably and in good faith as a Te Tiriti o Waitangi partner. Equally, Council has a responsibility to develop and proactively foster positive relationships with Māori as key stakeholders in our district, and to give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi including (but not limited to) the protection of Māori rights and their rangatiratanga over tāonga. While we recognise Māori in general, we also need to work side by side with the three ahi kaa / resident iwi of our district.

In 2014, iwi consultation was carried out on the four road names within Taupō Heights subdivision including the name St Germain Loop. The names were accepted on the basis of iwi being involved in naming of the reserve spaces within the subdivision and the four road names were approved. The proposal is to replace the existing approved French theme road name of St Germain Loop with an Italian theme road name being Sorrento Way. As such, it is not considered that further consultation with iwi / hapū is required in this instance.

**Risks**

There are no known risks with the selection of the replacement road name.

**SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL**

Council's Significance and Engagement policy identifies the following matters that are to be taken into account when assessing the degree of significance of proposals and decisions:

- a. The level of financial consequences of the proposal or decision;
- b. Whether the proposal or decision will affect a large portion of the community or community of interest;
- c. The likely impact on present and future interests of the community, recognising Maori cultural values and their relationship to land and water;
- d. Whether the proposal affects the level of service of an activity identified in the Long Term Plan;
- e. Whether community interest is high; and
- f. The capacity of Council to perform its role and the financial and other costs of doing so.

Officers have undertaken a rounded assessment of the matters in clause 11 of the Significance and Engagement Policy (2016), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is of low importance.

**ENGAGEMENT**

Taking into consideration the above assessment, that the decision is of a low degree of significance, officers are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to Council making a decision.

**COMMUNICATION/MEDIA**

No communication/media required.

**CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that Council approves the replacement road name as presented.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Taupo Heights Road Naming Council Minutes 26 August 2014
2. Map of Stage 4 Taupo Heights

**4.3 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT SPEED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

**Author:** Bryson Huxley, Senior Engineering Officer - Transport Strategy

**Authorised by:** Kevin Strongman, General Manager Operations and Delivery

**PURPOSE**

This paper seeks Council agreement to commence public consultation on the draft Speed Management Plan (SMP). Attached to this paper for consideration is:

- The draft Speed Management Plan 2021-2031
- A map of the priority one Proposed speed limit changes
- The draft Speed Management Plan consultation document
- The draft communication and engagement plan

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The speed management plan is part of Taupō district's measure to keep all people safer on our roads and streets. This plan lays out a plan to implement safe and appropriate speeds for all roads and streets in our district.

The Speed Management Plan was developed from one of many actions from the Transport Strategy adopted in 2020.

The next stage of this plan is to gain the useful insights of our community, those who travel and live off the streets of our district. Therefore, it is proposed that Council adopts the draft Speed Management Plan for consultation.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That Council adopts the attached draft Speed Management Plan, the map of the priority one proposed speed limit changes, the draft Speed Management Plan consultation document and the draft communication and engagement plan, for the purpose of undertaking engagement and consultation with the community.

**BACKGROUND**

We want everyone who lives in Taupō, or visits our district, to be safe when using our streets and roads. That means we need the right speeds on the right roads for everyone, whether you're walking to the shops, biking to school, driving to work or making deliveries.

Taupō District Council is responsible for setting speed limits on roads under our control to make sure that they are safe and appropriate. We're working with Waka Kotahi (The New Zealand Transport Agency) to introduce a Speed Management Plan for the roads we look after across our district.

There are many factors that influence road safety. One of the ways we can make our streets and roads safer is by looking at the speeds people travel at when they're moving around our district.

The Speed Management Plan (SMP) has been presented to Council at workshops on: 21 October 2021 and 7 December 2021.

The SMP was developed from an action from the Transport Strategy adopted in 2020. As part of the Government's strategy to tackle unsafe speeds, the *Land Transport Act 1998*, the *Land Transport Management Act 2003*, and the *Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017* all requiring changes.

Soon, SMPs will become the new way of setting speed limits in our district with the new "Setting Speed Limits 2022" rule set to come out later this year. SMP will set Council up to plan infrastructure and speed limit changes in a cohesive way to provide whole system improvements to safety on our roads and streets in our district.

On 7 December 2021, during the Council workshop, high level feedback on the draft SMP was received which included;



- More consistency across speed limits in front of schools in our district by having one speed limit in front of schools no matter the school location.
- More consistency and reduction of too many different speed limits. I.e. an urban street is generally xx km/hr and a rural road is generally yy km/hr
- Not wanting speed limits to change too frequently along journeys.

The draft SMP is attach and contains the following:

- Links to Local, Regional, and National Strategy
- Drivers for changing speed limits
- The principles of setting speed limits
- The priorities of speed limit changes
- The priority one proposed speed limit changes in detail
- An indicative of possible speed limit changes in priority two and three

**DISCUSSION**

As a result of the feedback received at the workshops, changes have been made to the proposed speed limits in priority one. These include:

- Changes to the speed limits outside rural schools reducing speed limits, during drop off and pick up times to be consistent with urban schools of 30km/hr
- Considering a more consistent speed limits along journeys and networks where possible

All changes have been updated in the draft SMP attached. Also attached are: the map of the priority one proposed speed limit changes, the draft consultation document and the draft communication and engagement plan.

The proposed consultation period is from 14 March 2022 to 13 May 2022. This two month consultation period is to provide adequate time for people to provide their feedback and to work around other consultation occurring during this period.

During the consultation period we plan to set up drop-in sessions where the community can come in and ask questions and make their submission in person (Covid restriction dependent). This would be instead of a formal hearing and gives a chance to have real, meaningful discussions with our community. Dates and locations for these will be set before opening for consultation.

The Taupō Town Centre Transformation (TTCT) has been designed for pedestrian and cycle safety. As part of this it is best practice for this area to have a speed limit of 30km/hr to improve the safety of all users in this busy environment. As more of this project is completed, permanent speed limit changes are required to fully realise the benefits of the project.

There is a risk of the Setting of Speed Limit Rule 2021 still needs to be passed by Parliament. See Risk section for more detail.

**OPTIONS**

Analysis of Options

There are two options.

Option 1. Adopt the attached draft Speed Management Plan, the draft Speed Management Plan consultation document and the priority one proposed speed limit changes for the purpose of undertaking engagement and consultation with the community.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will allow formal consultation to begin in March 2022.</li> <li>• Can allow a longer consultation period of at least 2 months.</li> <li>• Meet original timeframes of completion by June 2022.</li> <li>• Allows time for the team to provide updates to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting of speed limit rule might not be adopted prior to consultation period.</li> </ul>

focus groups within the consultation period.	
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Option 2. Do not adopt the attached draft Speed Management Plan, the draft Speed Management Plan consultation document and the map of the priority one proposed speed limit changes for the purpose of undertaking engagement and consultation with the community.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows staff time to make any major changes to the documents, if required.</li> <li>Setting of speed limit rule should be adopted prior to consultation period.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delay consultation to mid 2022.</li> <li>Unlikely to meet timeframe of completion by June 2022.</li> <li>Shortened consultation period may be necessary.</li> <li>Will affect the outcome and programme of Taupō Town Centre Transformation with some of the new infrastructure being constructed reliant on a reduced speed limit</li> </ul>

**Analysis Conclusion:**

Preferred option is option 1 as it reduces carry on effects with the Taupō Town Centre Transformation project, and allows for a longer consultation to better gain feedback from the community. Option 1 reduces the delay for the reduction of speed limits on high-risk rural roads, high pedestrian areas and our Kura/Schools in order to provide safety benefits to our communities.

**CONSIDERATIONS**

**Alignment with Council’s Vision**

Council’s vision is ‘to be the most prosperous and liveable district in the North Island by 2022’. This is accompanied by a core set of values to underpin decision-making, the following of which are relevant to this particular proposal: World Class; Authentic; Charming; Vibrant; Quality; Resilient and Value.

**Financial Considerations**

The financial impact of the proposal is estimated to be \$130,000 These changes are intended to be implemented over the next two financial years. Most of the static signs will be funded by the “new Lines and Signs” budget of \$50k. Other electronic variable school speed signs would come from the low cost low risk budget in which there is \$80k available over the next two financial years.

Long-term Plan/Annual Plan

The expenditure outlined is currently budgeted for under “new Lines and Signs” budget and the speed management portion of the low cost, low risk budget.

It should be noted that a programme of speed management works for priority 2 and 3 areas will be determined and put forward into the next long term planning round.

**Legal Considerations**

Local Government Act 2002

The matter comes within scope of the Council’s lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of [Section 10](#) of the Local Government Act 2002. That section of the Act states that the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. It is considered that social / economic / environmental and cultural well-beings are of relevance to this particular matter.

Authorisations are not required from external parties.

**Policy Implications**

The proposal has been evaluated against the following plans:

- Long Term Plan 2018-2028
- Annual Plan
- Waikato Regional Plan

Taupō District Plan      ✓ Bylaws       Relevant Management Plan(s)

The key aspects for consideration with regards to this proposal are as follows:

This Speed Management Plan and the government's National speed limit register will replace the current speed limit bylaw process. Through this process we will be following the draft Setting the Speed Limit Rule 2021 under the Land Transport Act, which is set to go through Parliament early 2022.

### **Māori Engagement**

Council is bound by various Acts to consult and/or engage with Māori, including a duty to act reasonably and in good faith as a Te Tiriti o Waitangi partner. Equally, Council has a responsibility to develop and proactively foster positive relationships with Māori as key stakeholders in our district, and to give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi including (but not limited to) the protection of Māori rights and their rangatiratanga over tāonga. While we recognise Māori in general, we also need to work side by side with the three ahi kaa / resident iwi of our district.

Although good faith does not necessarily require consultation, it is a mechanism for Council to demonstrate its existence and commitment to working together as district partners. Appropriately, the report author acknowledges that they have considered the above obligations including the need to seek advice, guidance, feedback and/or involvement of Māori on the proposed recommendation/s, objective/s, project/s or service/s outlined within this report.

### **Risks**

The Speed Management Plan is reliant of the Setting of Speed Limit Rule 2021 be adopted in Parliament before the end of the consultation period. If this is not adopted in time, then the implementation of the plan would need to be delayed until such time it has been through Parliament.

This would not affect consultation. The consultation work is still valid even if there is a delay in final approval.

This risk is currently being monitored and indications are that it is likely to be passed by Parliament by the end of April 2022.

### **SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL**

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- b. Whether the proposal or decision will affect a large portion of the community or community of interest;
- c. The likely impact on present and future interests of the community, recognising Maori cultural values and their relationship to land and water;
- d. Whether the proposal affects the level of service of an activity identified in the Long Term Plan;
- e. Whether community interest is high; and
- f. The capacity of Council to perform its role and the financial and other costs of doing so.

Officers have undertaken a rounded assessment of the matters in clause 11 of the Significance and Engagement Policy (2016), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is significant.

### **ENGAGEMENT**

See attached draft communication and engagement plan.

### **COMMUNICATION/MEDIA**

See attached draft communication and engagement plan.

**CONCLUSION**

The speed management plan is part of Taupō district's measure to keep all people safer on our roads and streets. This plan lays out a plan to implement safe and appropriate speeds for all roads and streets in our district.

The next stage of this plan is to gain the useful insights of our community, those who travel and live on, the streets of our district. Therefore, it is proposed to adopt the draft speed management plan and to take the speed management plan through to consultation.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Draft Speed Management Plan 2022 (under separate cover 1) [⇒](#)
2. The Draft Speed Management Plan Consultation Document (under separate cover 1) [⇒](#)
3. Draft Communications and Engagement Plan (under separate cover 1) [⇒](#)

**4.4 ADOPTION OF THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT FOR THE ANNUAL PLAN 2022-23**

**Author:** Temi Allinson, Policy Advisor

**Authorised by:** Nick Carroll, Policy Manager

**PURPOSE**

This item seeks Council's adoption of the consultation document for the Annual Plan 2022-23 (consultation document).

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Section 95(2) of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) requires Council to consult in a manner in line with the principles of consultation, before adopting an annual plan where there are significant or material differences from the content of the long-term plan, for the financial year to which the annual plan relates.

The consultation document [attached to this report] has been prepared to enable council to engage with the community on the proposed changes to the Annual Plan.

As it is for an annual plan, Council is not required to share the consultation document with Audit New Zealand before it is adopted.

The proposed consultation period is scheduled to run from 14 March to 14 April. Hearings and deliberations are expected to be held over 23 and 24 May.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council adopts the consultation document for the Annual Plan 2022-23, for consultation in accordance with section 95(2) of the Local Government Act 2002.

**BACKGROUND**

This Annual Plan is year 2 of the Long-term Plan 2021-31 (LTP). Council is not statutorily required to consult on the Annual Plan unless it contains significant or material differences from provisions of the Long-term Plan 2021-31.

In September, Council's Enterprise Leadership Team (ELT) met with the Annual Plan project team to review what variations from the LTP year 2 are expected to be included in the Annual Plan. At the end of the meeting, a list of likely projects was produced, and the project team was asked to work with the respective ELT members to refine the nature of the changes and the associated costs with an aim to determining their materiality and/or significance. At the end of that exercise, it was the project team's opinion that the sum total of all the proposed changes were materially significant and should they proceed as planned in 22/23 will likely require public consultation on the Annual Plan.

Three annual plan workshops have been held with Council (on 2 December 2021, 14 December 2021 and 3 February 2022) to provide briefings on the changes in the prevailing economic environment and the flow on effects those changes have on the work Council has planned for 2022/23 financial year.

**DISCUSSION**

The ongoing effects of Covid-19 continue to impact on Council's work plan, affecting both the costs and deliverability of many projects. In acknowledgment of this reality, it has become clear that Council needs to consider adopting a different approach. Particularly around the timing and delivery of some projects. The consultation document details how Council proposes to adopt its work schedule for the coming financial year and also provides guidance on how Council proposes to make decisions as it responds to the fast-changing environment we continue to operate in.

Alongside changes to Council's capital projects work programme, the consultation document is also seeking the community's feedback on:

- Fees and charges: the bulk of Council's fees and charges were set for three years as part of the Long-term Plan (LTP) process. Uncertainties around the effects of lockdown on events meant some Council venue hireage charges were only set for one year. Those have now been updated for the coming year and some other minor changes are proposed to help improve consistency and transparency of some charges.
- Significance and Engagement Policy: we are proposing a number of changes to help simplify the policy in a way that makes it easier for officers and the community to determine the significance of a decision or matter under consideration and the appropriate level of accompanying engagement.
- Town Centre Taupō (TCT) Management Rate: TCT is funded through a targeted rate that is administered by Council. The LTP had forecasted a 2.5% increase in TCT's 2022/23 budget. However, the organization's representatives have requested an additional 4.9% increase (which is \$8,523) over the forecasted budget. This extra amount will come to an increase of just under \$19 (GST inc) for each eligible rate payer.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Alignment with Council's Vision**

Council's vision is 'to be the most prosperous and liveable district in the North Island by 2022'. This is accompanied by a core set of values to underpin decision-making, the following of which are relevant to this consultation document and proposed amendment: World Class; Authentic; Charming; Vibrant; Quality; and Value.

### **Financial Considerations**

The financial considerations and implications contained in the consultation document are based on supporting information that Council has viewed and discussed through a series of workshops. The LGA has specific requirements regarding the level of financial disclosure, and they are reflected in the consultation document.

### **Legal Considerations**

The draft consultation document has been prepared in accordance with the legislative requirements under the LGA.

### **Policy Implications**

The policy implications within the consultation document have been discussed by Council previously and reflect the choices that the Council wishes to discuss with the community during consultation.

### **Māori Engagement**

Council is bound by various Acts to consult and/or engage with Māori, including a duty to act reasonably and in good faith as a Te Tiriti ō Waitangi partner. Equally, Council has a responsibility to develop and proactively foster positive relationships with Māori as key stakeholders in our district, and to give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti ō Waitangi including (but not limited to) the protection of Māori rights and their rangatiratanga over tāonga. While we recognise Māori in general, we also need to work side by side with the three ahi kaa / resident iwi of our district.

Although good faith does not necessarily require consultation, it is a mechanism for Council to demonstrate its existence and commitment to working together as district partners. Council's Community Development and Iwi Partnership teams will take a lead on arranging the necessary public engagement events.

### **Risks**

There is a risk if Council chooses not to follow the process set out in the LGA. This risk has been mitigated through Council's decision-making processes to date.

## **SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL**

Council's Significance and Engagement policy identifies the following matters that are to be taken into account when assessing the degree of significance of proposals and decisions:

- a. The level of financial consequences of the proposal or decision;
- b. Whether the proposal or decision will affect a large portion of the community or community of interest;
- c. The likely impact on present and future interests of the community, recognising Māori cultural values and their relationship to land and water;
- d. Whether the proposal affects the level of service of an activity identified in the Long Term Plan;
- e. Whether community interest is high; and
- f. The capacity of Council to perform its role and the financial and other costs of doing so.

Officers have undertaken a rounded assessment of the matters in clause 11 of the Significance and Engagement Policy (2016) and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is significant.

### **ENGAGEMENT**

Engagement with the community will be undertaken in accordance with section 82 of the LGA, with consultation from 14 March to 14 April 2022. There will also be an opportunity for people to discuss their views directly with elected members through a hearing in May.

### **COMMUNICATION/MEDIA**

Communication regarding the consultation will include information sent to those ratepayers who live outside of the district, as well as information in the local paper, on the Council website and through social media.

### **CONCLUSION**

This item allows Council to adopt the consultation document.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Draft Annual Plan 2022-23 Consultation Document (under separate cover 2)
2. Appendix one: Draft Fees and charges 2022-24 (under separate cover 2)
3. Appendix two: Draft Significance and Engagement Policy 2021 (under separate cover 2)

**4.5 APPROVAL OF PLAN CHANGE 37 TO THE TAUPO DISTRICT PLAN**

**Author:** Hilary Samuel, Senior Policy Advisor

**Authorised by:** John Ridd, General Manager Policy and Strategy

**PURPOSE**

To seek Council's acceptance of the panel's recommendation to approve Plan Change 37 (with modifications) and to seek approval to notify the decision as soon as practical.

**DISCUSSION**

Plan Change 37 was lodged and accepted by Council at the end of 2020. The Plan Change was notified for submissions in February 2021. The plan change was heard by a hearing panel consisting of David Hill, Dayle Hunia and Councillor Kevin Taylor in November 2021. The panel has now provided their decision which is attached.

The Plan Change request sought to change the zoning of 77.78 hectares of Rural Environment zoned land to a mix of General Residential and Medium Density Residential. It also sought a Neighbourhood Shopping Centre (Shops) overlay over an area in the proposed General Residential Zone and areas of stormwater and recreation reserves. These proposed zone changes propose to enable the future development of approximately 780 dwellings in an area identified in the Taupō District 2050 - Growth Management Strategy (TD2050) as a northern growth area.

The panel has recommended approval of the plan change pursuant to Schedule 1, Clause 10 of the Resource Management Act 1991, subject to the modifications as set out in the attached decision. The panel accepted and rejected submissions in accordance with the decision.

The key modifications to the plan change made by the panel were:

- Subdivision will be restricted discretionary rather than controlled.
- The requirement for an integrated traffic assessment to look at the impact on Control Gates Bridge and the associated intersections.
- A cultural values assessment will need to be completed for the entire plan change site to ensure development recognises cultural values.
- The introduction of minimum and maximum lot sizes.
- Some additional stormwater management criteria.
- Additional provisions added in around CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) and ecology.

The Council now has the option to accept the decision made by the Commissioners, or to return the decision to the panel. If the decision is accepted, it is publicly notified and submitters on the plan change have 30 working days to submit an appeal. Once any appeals are resolved (or if no appeals are received) the Council will need to give final approval of the Plan Change and affix the Council seal.

The alternative option, if the Council is not supportive of the decision, is to return the decision to the Panel with clear reasons for the discomfort.

**CONCLUSION**

A comprehensive decision has been received for Plan Change 37. The panel has recommended approval of the Plan Change (with modifications) on the basis that Plan Change 37:

- (a) will assist the Council in achieving the purpose of the RMA;
- (b) is consistent with the Waikato Regional Policy Statement;
- (c) is consistent with the provisions of Part 2 of the RMA;
- (d) is supported by necessary evaluation in accordance with sections 32 and 32AA of the RMA;



- (e) accords with the s18A RMA requirement that it includes only those matters relevant to the purpose of the Act and is worded in a way that is clear and concise; and
- (f) will help with the effective implementation of the plan.

It is recommended that Council accepts the panels decision on Plan Change 37 to approve the Plan Change with modifications and directs officers to notify the decision.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. That in accordance with clause 29(4) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, Council accepts the panel's recommendation to approve Plan Change 37 as per the attached decision (Objective Reference A3082391).
2. That Council directs officers to notify the Plan Change 37 decision in accordance with clause 11 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act as soon as practical.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Plan Change 37 Decision
2. Plan Change 37 Provisions

**4.6 TAUPO DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT JANUARY 2022**

**Author:** Gareth Green, Chief Executive Officer

**Authorised by:** Gareth Green, Chief Executive Officer

**PURPOSE**

This report provides Council with an overview on the performance of the organisation.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That Council **notes** the information contained in the Council Performance Report for the month of January 2022.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Council Performance Report - January 2022

**4.7 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS MARCH 2022****Author:** Shainey James, Governance Quality Manager**Authorised by:** Nigel McAdie, Legal, Risk and Governance Manager**Engagements**

ENGAGEMENT	DAY	DATE	TIME
Turangi/Tongariro Community Board public forum (if required; online via Zoom)	Wednesday	2	1.30pm-2pm
Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting (online via Zoom)	Wednesday	2	2pm-3.30pm
Taupō East Rural Representative Group meeting (online via Zoom)	Thursday	3	11am-12.30pm
Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee meeting (online via Teams)	Friday	4	10.30am-1pm
Risk & Assurance Committee meeting (online via Zoom)	Tuesday	8	10am-noon
Workshops (online via Zoom)	Tuesday	8	1pm-3pm
Emergency Management Committee meeting (online via Zoom)	Monday	14	11am-12.30pm
Performance Monitoring Group meeting (online via Zoom)	Tuesday	22	10am-noon
Taupō Airport Authority Committee meeting (online via Zoom)	Monday	28	10.30am-noon
Te Kōpu ā Kānapanapa (TBC)	Monday	28	1pm-3pm
Public forum (if required; online via Zoom)	Tuesday	29	12.30pm-1pm
Council meeting (online via Zoom)	Tuesday	29	1pm-4pm
Kinloch Representative Group public forum (if required; online via Zoom)	Thursday	31	2.30pm-3pm
Kinloch Representative Group meeting (online via Zoom)	Thursday	31	3pm-4.30pm

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That Council receives the information relating to engagements for March 2022.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**4.8 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

**Author:** Shainey James, Governance Quality Manager

**Authorised by:** Nigel McAdie, Legal, Risk and Governance Manager

**PURPOSE**

This item permits members to provide any updates relating to their particular wards, portfolios, working parties and report on recent meetings/functions/conferences they have attended as Council's representative.

No debate and/or resolution is permitted on any of the reports.

**CONCLUSION**

Members' reports will be presented at the meeting for receipt.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That Council receives the reports from members.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

## 5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

### RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each 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 are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
<p><b>Agenda Item No: 5.1</b> Confirmation of Confidential Portion of Ordinary Council Minutes - 1 February 2022</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable [the Council] to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)- the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item No: 5.2</b> Turangitukua Park Community Sports Facility - Request for Unbudgeted Expenditure</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable [the Council] to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)- the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item No: 5.3</b> Waiora House Project - Request for Unbudgeted Expenditure</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable [the Council] to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)- the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item No: 5.4</b> Appointment of Taupo East Rural Representative Group Community Representative</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)- the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7</p>

I also move that *[name of person or persons]* be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of *[specify]*. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because *[specify]*.