

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

Date:	Thursday, 27 April 2023
Time:	1.00pm
Location:	Council Chamber 107 te Heuheu Street Taupō

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson Mayor David Trewavas

Deputy Chairperson Cr Kevin Taylor

Members

- Cr Duncan Campbell
- Cr Karam Fletcher
- Cr Sandra Greenslade
- Cr Kylie Leonard
- Cr Danny Loughlin
- Cr Anna Park
- Cr Christine Rankin
- Cr Rachel Shepherd
- Cr Kirsty Trueman
- Cr Yvonne Westerman
- Cr John Williamson

Quorum 7

Julie Gardyne
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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4.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 28 MARCH 2023

Author: Karen Watts, Senior Committee Advisor

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

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 28 March 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Council Meeting Minutes - 28 March 2023 [⇒](#)

4.2 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 4 APRIL 2023

Author: Karen Watts, Senior Committee Advisor

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

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 4 April 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Council Meeting Minutes - 4 April 2023 [⇒](#)

5.1 MEMBERS' PORTFOLIO UPDATES

Author: Karen Watts, Senior Committee Advisor

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

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

This item permits members to provide any updates relating to their portfolios and report any emerging community issues.

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

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

Elected members will provide updates as follows:

Portfolio Organisation(s)	Portfolio Lead	Event or meeting attended	Issues / Outcomes
Economic & Business Enterprise Great Lake Taupō Trust	Cr Christine Rankin		
Sport & Recreation Rural Travel Fund Taupō Sports Advisory Council Bike Taupō Incorporated	Cr Rachel Shepherd		
Youth and Technology Taupō Youth Awards	Cr Karam Fletcher		
Age & Disability Access Taupō	Cr Kirsty Trueman		
Arts & Culture Creative Taupō Friends of the Lake Taupō Museum Art Gallery	Cr John Williamson		
Environment & Climate Change Greening Taupō Steering Group Waipahihi Botanical Society	Cr Danny Loughlin	Cr Yvonne Westerman met with Rachel Thompson from Kids Greening Taupō on 13 April 2023. Portfolio associate member Cr Danny Loughlin attended Kids Greening Taupō Senior Leadership Group hui.	Rachel gave an overview of what her group does and what is on their agenda for the year ahead. She also noted their link to Waipahihi Botanical Society and the help they give at the gardens, plus their learnings from the Society. Earth Day 2023 lakefront litter pick up will take place on Saturday 22 April 2023 from 10am – 12pm. Greening Taupō Day will take place on 2 June 2023 from 9.30am – 1pm at Crown Park.
Mangakino Oji Fibre Solutions Forum Tirohanga Hall – Connecting our Community	Cr Kirsty Trueman	Meeting for the Taupō Access Group was held. Mangakino Annual Plan Consultation held at the Mangakino Sports Hub on Monday 17 April 2023. Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group hui held at Pouakani Marae on 18 April 2023.. Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group Community Representative, Charlene Campbell, will be representing Council at the Mangakino ANZAC Day ceremony on 25 April 2023.	
Community Safety	Cr Kevin Taylor		
Emergency Management Strategic relationships including ethnic communities, sister and friendship cities	Cr Anna Park		
Community services Waiora House Trust	Cr Yvonne Westerman	Cr Yvonne Westerman attended the Waiora House Trust meeting on 12 April 2023.	
Food Production/Primary Industries	Cr Kylie Leonard		
Other Acacia Bay Residents Association	Cr Yvonne Westerman	Cr Yvonne Westerman attended the Acacia Bay Residents Association monthly meeting on Monday 17 April 2023.	They are still meeting off-site because the Acacia Bay Community hall is still out of action from tree damage from Cyclone Gabrielle.
Any other member updates			

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

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

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council receives the portfolio updates from members.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.2 DELEGATION FOR HEARING OF TAUPŌ DISTRICT PLAN CHANGES 38-43

Author: Lisa Ahn, Policy Advisor

Authorised by: Nick Carroll, Policy Manager

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

To seek approval for a panel of Commissioners to hear, consider and make a recommendation on Taupō District Plan Changes 38 – 43.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

Plan changes 38 – 43 are the first bundle in a series of plan changes aimed to ensure our Plan is operating as efficiently and effectively as possible prior to the outcomes of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) Reform coming into force.

The Plan Changes were notified in October 2022. 117 submissions were received, and the Summaries of Decisions were notified for further submissions in March 2023. The next step in the process is to proceed to hearings.

A significant number of the submitters and further submitters wish to be heard. It is likely the hearing will take place over several weeks in July/August 2023.

The Plan Changes include:

- Plan Change 38 (Strategic Directions) – New Strategic Directions chapter
- Plan Change 39 (Residential Building Coverage) – Increases permitted residential building coverage in most residential environments from 30% to 35%.
- Plan Change 40 (Taupō Town Centre) – Changes buildings height provisions for parts of the Taupō Town Centre, modifies temporary activity rule and clarifies veranda requirements over service lanes.
- Plan Change 41 (Deletion of Fault lines) – Deletes out of date fault lines from planning maps/e-plan.
- Plan Change 42 (General Rural and Rural Lifestyle Environments) – Full review of the rural chapters and removal of the Mapara Valley Structure Plan
- Plan Change 43 (Taupō Industrial Environments) – Zones additional land for Taupō Industrial Environment.

Under the RMA, plan change requests must be heard by either Councillors or Independent Commissioners with accreditation in the *Making Good Decisions (RMA)* programme. Currently, two Councillors are accredited, so are eligible for the Taupō District Council panel position.

Independent commissioners are particularly busy at present with a large number of significant hearings occurring around the country. We have based the Commissioner choice around recommendations from experts who regularly attend hearings. A list of potential iwi commissioners was also circulated around our iwi partners.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

It is recommended that delegation be granted to independent Commissioners to hear, consider and make a recommendation to Council on Plan Changes 38 – 43.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That, pursuant to section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991, Council:

1. Appoints a panel of three Commissioners to conduct a hearing for Taupō District Plan Changes 38 – 43, will all Commissioners on the panel to be selected from the list of Making Good Decisions certificate holders maintained by the Ministry for the Environment. The proposed Commissioners are:
 - David McMahon – Chairperson
 - Cr Kevin Taylor and Cr Yvonne Westerman for the Taupō District Council (TDC) Commissioner

- Liz Burge Iwi Independent Commissioner

2. Delegates to the three Commissioners for the hearing, consideration, and recommendation for Taupō District Plan Changes 38 – 43.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.3 ADOPTION OF DOG FEES

Author: Kendall Goode, Senior Policy Advisor

Authorised by: Nick Carroll, Policy Manager

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to resolve the Dog Control and Impounding Fees for the 2023/24 registration year in accordance with Sections 37 and 68 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to resolve the Dog Control and Impounding fees prior to the start of each financial year. As part of the Long-term Plan 2021-31 Council consulted on what these fees would be for the first three years. Council signalled that there would be small incremental changes over those three years.

A review of the fees has been undertaken and officers believe they remain appropriate with the proposed fees consistent with the schedule considered with the Long-term Plan.

These fees need to be publicly notified prior to 1 July 2023 and communicated to dog owners. This is why these fees are being considered separately to all the other fees and charges.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council resolves the Dog Control and Impounding Fees in accordance with Sections 37 and 68 of the Dog Control Act 1996 as set out in the attached schedule for the 2023/24 year.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

Through the Long-term Plan 2021-2031, Council adopted fees and charges for three years, this included the 2023/24 year. Staff review the fees and charges each year to ensure they are appropriate and will cover the required costs. If changes are proposed from those that were originally adopted in 2021, these changes are consulted on with the community. Decisions on fees and charges are then made after consultation and adopted together at the same time.

This year, changes were proposed to a number of fees and charges, these changes are being consulted on with the community at the same time as the Annual Plan 2023/24. There were no changes proposed to the Dog Control and Impounding fees from those adopted in 2021 and therefore these were not included for consultation. The schedule adopted in 2021 signalled that there would be a number of small increases for the 2023/24 financial year. All fees are illustrated in Attachment 1 – Animal Management Fees and Charges Schedule.

Fees and charges are generally resolved at the same time and generally align with the Annual Plan process. The Annual Plan will not be adopted until the end of June, however legislation requires Council to publicly notify the dog control fees for the registration year at least once during the month preceding the start of the registration year, this being 1 July 2023. For that reason Council is being asked to consider the Dog Control and Impounding fees now.

NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA | OPTIONS

Council has previously chosen not to consult on changes to these fees compared to those signalled through the Long-term Plan process. Council must now adopt a set of fees to be able to recoup costs from dog owners for the coming financial year.

NGĀ HĪRAUNGA | CONSIDERATIONS**Whakahāngai ki tā te Kaunihera wawata | Alignment with Council's Vision**

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

Ngā Aronga Pūtea | Financial Considerations

The proposed fees are consistent with those signalled through the Long-term plan process and the Council's proposed budget in the draft Annual Plan has taken that into account.

Ngā Aronga Ture | Legal ConsiderationsLocal 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.

The proposal has been evaluated with regards to a range of legislation. The key legislation applicable to the proposal has been reviewed and the relevant matters for consideration are as follows:

- Dog Control Act 1996
- Local Government Act 2002

Ngā Hīraunga Kaupapa Here | Policy Implications

The proposed fees are consistent with Council's Revenue and Finance Policy. This Policy sets out how much of activities/services will be funded by rates, fees and charges or a combination of both.

Te Kōrero tahi ki te Māori | Māori Engagement

Taupō District Council is committed to meeting its statutory Tiriti O Waitangi obligations and acknowledges partnership as the basis of Te Tiriti. Council has a responsibility to act reasonably and in good faith to reflect the partnership relationship, and to give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti. These principles include, but are not limited to the protection of Māori rights, enabling Māori participation in Council processes and having rangatiratanga over tāonga.

Our statutory obligations outline our duties to engage with Māori, and enable participation in Council processes. Alongside this, we recognise the need to work side by side with the ahi kaa / resident iwi of our district. Engagement may not always be required by law, however meaningful engagement with Māori allows Council to demonstrate good faith and our commitment to working together as partners across our district.

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. No engagement will be undertaken. This proposal largely impacts individual dog owners who will be informed as part of the process.

Ngā Tūraru | Risks

There are no identified risks.

TE HIRANGA O TE WHAKATAU, TE TONO RĀNEI | SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL

Council's Significance and Engagement Policy identifies matters to be taken into account when assessing the degree of significance of proposals and decisions.

Officers have undertaken an assessment of the matters in the [Significance and Engagement Policy \(2022\)](#), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is of a low degree of significance.

TE KŌRERO TAHI | 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. This reflects that Council has already signalled these changes to the community and sought their views and preferences at the time of the Long-term Plan.

TE WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO PĀPAHO | COMMUNICATION/MEDIA

Direct communication will be carried out with affected parties and wider communication will be carried out with the community. Dog owners will be sent information directly, a public notice will be placed in local newspapers, and information provided on the council website.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

The Dog Control and Impounding Fees for 2023/24 were adopted as part of the Long-term Plan 2021-2031. Staff have reviewed the fees for the 2023/24 year and no changes were proposed, it is noted that some fees

will increase slightly from the 2022/23 financial year. As no changes were proposed from the schedule, dog fees were not included as part of the Annual Plan 2023/24 consultation during April. Fees are required to be resolved prior to these being publicly notified before the registration year begins.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Animal Management Adopted fees and charges 2021-24 [⇒](#)

5.4 ADOPTION OF RECREATION AND SPORT STRATEGY

Author: Andrew Wilson, Policy Advisor

Authorised by: Nick Carroll, Policy Manager

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek the adoption of the attached Recreation and Sport Strategy.

WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA MATUA | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Officers recommend the adoption of the attached Recreation and Sport Strategy which will help guide long-term planning and asset management plans in the future. Officers recommend adoption of the strategy now so that it is available for asset managers to draw upon during planning for the next Long-term Plan.

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council adopts the attached Recreation and Sport Strategy.

TE WHAKAMAHUKI | BACKGROUND

The proposal has not been presented previously.

Based on community feedback, and hearings on 4 April and 13 April 2023, officers have created a final draft of the Recreation and Sport Strategy for Council consideration.

NGĀ KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

Based on community feedback, hearings and deliberations officers have drafted the attached version of the recreation and sport strategy which incorporates the views of the community and elected members. Officers are seeking adoption of the strategy so that it can inform the ongoing planning by asset managers in preparation for the Long-term Plan.

Scoping and investigation related to any potential projects Council wishes to be investigated as part of the Long-term Plan will be brought before Council as part of the Long-term Plan process for their consideration.

NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA | OPTIONS

Officers recommend that Council adopts the attached recreation and sport strategy. Adoption of the strategy now will provide the following benefits:

- clearly outlines what Council's role is in the recreation and sport space.
- provide principles that will guide Council planning including the Long-term Plan, asset management plans and renewals.
- show how Council will support local organisations and clubs.

Analysis Conclusion:

That Council adopt the recreation and sport strategy in time to inform the Long-term Plan process and the upcoming asset management plans.

NGĀ HĪRAUNGA | CONSIDERATIONS**Whakahāngai ki tā te Kaunihera wawata | Alignment with Council's Vision**

Council's vision is 'to be the most prosperous and liveable district in the North Island'. 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.

Ngā Aronga Ture | 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 of relevance to this particular matter.

Authorisations as follows are required for the proposal:

- Resource Consent Building Consent Environmental Health
 Liquor Licencing Licence to occupy

Authorisations are not required from external parties.

Ngā Hīraunga Kaupapa Here | Policy Implications

The proposal has been evaluated against the following plans:

- Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Annual Plan Waikato Regional Plan
 Taupō District Plan Bylaws Relevant Management Plan(s)

The strategy will help inform the long-term plan process. Through this process community members will also be able to provide their views on council's proposed activities and investments and suggest approaches or priorities. This helps ensure that council's plans are aligned with the community's needs and values which are reflected in the strategy. This helps ensure that public resources are being used effectively and efficiently.

Te Kōrero tahi ki te Māori | Māori Engagement

Taupō District Council is committed to meeting its statutory Tiriti O Waitangi obligations and acknowledges partnership as the basis of Te Tiriti. Council has a responsibility to act reasonably and in good faith to reflect the partnership relationship, and to give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti. These principles include, but are not limited to the protection of Māori rights, enabling Māori participation in Council processes and having rangatiratanga over tāonga.

Our statutory obligations outline our duties to engage with Māori, and enable participation in Council processes. Alongside this, we recognise the need to work side by side with the ahi kaa / resident iwi of our district. Engagement may not always be required by law, however meaningful engagement with Māori allows Council to demonstrate good faith and our commitment to working together as partners across our district.

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. Officers made direct contact with Iwi partners at the start of the engagement process, providing information on the principles and offering to provide further information to help or to meet face to face about the Recreation and Sport Strategy.

Ngā Tūraru | Risks

There are no known risks.

TE HIRANGA O TE WHAKATAU, TE TONO RĀNEI | SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL

Council's Significance and Engagement Policy identifies matters to be taken into account when assessing the degree of significance of proposals and decisions.

Officers have undertaken an assessment of the matters in the [Significance and Engagement Policy \(2022\)](#), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is significant.

TE KŌRERO TAHI | ENGAGEMENT

Taking into consideration the above assessment, the decision is of a high degree of significance. Officers however are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to Council making a decision due to the fact a comprehensive engagement process has been conducted to receive the views of the community, industry stakeholders, and internal stakeholders.

As previously discussed, during the development of the strategy we engaged with:

- Sport Waikato
- Sports and recreation clubs
- Undertook a community survey to understand perceptions and values
- Council asset managers

Following this initial consultation officers sought feedback from the community on the guiding principles between 22 February and 22 March 2023. We received 97 submissions on the Draft Recreation and Sport Strategy Principles, with 10 submitters stating they wish to speak to Council at hearings. We engaged the community through a survey, email correspondence, and drop-in sessions hosted in Taupō, Tūrangi, and Mangakino. Submitters who wished to be heard attended a hearing on 4 April 2023 and Councillors deliberated on submissions and what they heard at the hearing on 13 April 2023.

TE WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO PĀPAHO | COMMUNICATION/MEDIA

Officers will communicate directly with the submitters to let them know the decisions that Council makes. Following adoption of the strategy, Council's website will be updated and the Council teams looking after reserves and community facilities will be briefed about how the strategy will need to be considered as part of their asset management planning.

WHAKAKAPINGA | CONCLUSION

Council has developed a Recreation and Sport Strategy that is intended to guide future decision making on the types of facilities that meet the recreation and sporting needs of the community. The detail of what should be built and when will come through detailed asset management planning and business cases for individual projects. The balancing of how to prioritise that investment will take place through successive long-term plans.

Officers have made changes to the document based on Council deliberations on 13 April 2023 and have attached the revised draft version to this report for adoption.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Recreation and Sport Strategy (final draft) [⇒](#)

5.5 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT - MARCH 2023

Author: Haydee Wood, Policy Advisor

Authorised by: Julie Gardyne, Acting Chief Executive Officer

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

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

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council notes the information contained in the Performance Report for the month of March 2023.

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. March 2023 Performance Report [⇒](#)

5.6 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS MAY 2023, AND TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Author: Karen Watts, Senior Committee Advisor

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

ENGAGEMENTS

ENGAGEMENT	DAY	DATE	TIME
Te Kōpu ā Kānapanapa Committee meeting (Council Chamber)	Monday	1	10am-1pm
Taupō / Taupō East Rural Community Grants Distribution Committee meeting (Council Chamber)	Tuesday	2	10am-11.30am
Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee meeting (Council Chamber)	Tuesday	2	1pm-2.30pm
Workshop: Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee – Mana Whakahono work plan (Tūrangi Customer and Visitor Centre, 1 Ngawaka Place, Tūrangi)	Wednesday	3	9.30am-11.30am
Taupō East Rural Representative Group meeting (Rangitaiki Hall, Rangitaiki School Road, Rangitaiki)	Thursday	4	11am-12.30pm
Closed Workshop: Taupō Airport Authority Committee Landing Fees	Thursday	4	2pm-3pm
Workshop: Housing Intensification – Proposed strategic zone areas and urban design principles (Council Chamber)	Tuesday	9	10am-11am
Workshop: Exploring options on short-term home-based accommodation (Airbnb) (Council Chamber)	Tuesday	9	11am-12pm
Kinloch Representative Group Meeting (Kinloch Community Hall, Mata Place, Kinloch)	Thursday	11	3.30pm-5pm
Induction Session and Workshop: Emergency Management Committee	Monday	15	10.30am-12.30pm
Workshop: Long-term Plan 2024-2034	Tuesday	16	10am-10.30am
Tongariro Representative Group meeting (Motuoapa Fishing and Boating Club, 8 Arataha Street, Motuoapa 3382)	Wednesday	17	2pm-3.30pm
Workshop: Risk and Assurance Committee (Council Chamber)	Thursday	18	1pm-4.30pm
Risk and Assurance Committee meeting (Council Chamber)	Friday	19	9.30am-11.30am
Council meeting: Annual Plan hearings and deliberations (Council Chamber)	Monday	29	9.30am-3pm
Council meeting: Annual Plan hearings and deliberations (Council Chamber)	Tuesday	30	10am-12pm
Public forum (Council Chamber)	Tuesday	30	12.30pm-1pm
Council meeting (Council Chamber)	Tuesday	30	1pm-3pm
Council meeting: Annual Plan hearings and deliberations (Council Chamber)	Wednesday	31	9.30am-3pm

TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Council holds a budget for Elected Member training and conference opportunities (including course / conference fees, accommodation and travel). The remaining budget for the 2022-2023 financial year is \$10k. Note that this is higher than usual due to the current financial year being an election year, so is likely to be more constrained in 2023-2024.

The Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in person on Wednesday 26 July at 2.30pm in Christchurch, ahead of the LGNZ conference, which opens later that afternoon. It is recommended that two elected members accompany His Worship the Mayor David Trewavas to the AGM and conference.

Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor and Cr Yvonne Westerman are both accredited commissioners able to be appointed as decision-makers to Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) hearing panels. The Making Good Decisions (MGD) Programme helps councillors, community board members, and independent commissioners make better decisions under the RMA. Recertification with ongoing professional development and training has been a core component in the development and operation of the MGD programme. Changes to legislation, case law and practice can have a significant impact on the way decisions are made and the role of decision makers.

Certificates are issued with an expiry date to ensure decision-makers have their knowledge and skills re-evaluated regularly (three years from initial certification and every five years after). Due to limited availability, and the pending expiry of certification in December 2023, it is recommended that both Councillors receive approval to attend recertification training Thursday 21 September 2023, 9am – 5pm (online course).

NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA | RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council:

1. Receives the information relating to engagements for May 2023;
2. approves / declines the attendance of Cr(s) _____ (add member names at the meeting) to accompany His Worship Mayor David Trewavas to the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting and Conference taking place in Christchurch on Wednesday 26 July 2023, with costs of attendance, flights and accommodation to be paid by Council; and
3. approves / declines the attendance of Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor and Cr Yvonne Westerman at the Making Good Decisions Recertification Training taking place online from 9am to 5pm on Thursday 21 September 2023, with attendance to be paid by Council (\$1375 excl GST per person).

NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA | ATTACHMENTS

Nil