

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NELSON CITY COUNCIL HELD TO APPROVE THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2010/11 FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET, NELSON ON TUESDAY, 23 MARCH 2010 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, K Marshall (Chairperson), Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, G Collingwood, M Cotton, D Henigan, A Miccio, P Rainey, R Reese (Deputy Mayor), D Shaw and G Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (K Marshall), Manager Strategy and Administration (M Tregurtha), Chief Finance Adviser (C Fitchett) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors M Holmes and A McAlpine

1.0 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2010/2011

The Chief Executive advised that the Draft Annual Plan had been submitted to Audit NZ for comments and that process was complete.

In answer to concerns expressed by Councillors Barker and Collingwood, the Chief Executive confirmed that the resolution passed at the Council meeting of 9 March 2010 approving the Annual Plan and Estimates, incorporating the changes, to go to Audit New Zealand for comment, had not been compromised and he further confirmed that the estimates had not changed since that meeting even though the water charges were able to be reduced when the final calculations were done.

There was some discussion about the need to be transparent and give more information to the ratepayers on the proposed increases to rates and charges rather than simply advising what the effect was to the average property in Nelson. Discussion was also had about the difficulty of presenting rates information in an easily understood format, and it was noted that there was likely to be some direction from Government shortly that would standardise the reporting of rates (and rate rises) around the country. It was felt that, in the meantime, the truest way of representing the situation was to show the average increase across all rates and charges made by Council.

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It was agreed that there needed to be mention made that the additional \$100,000 Council proposed to allocate to Nelson Tourism to enable it to take part in the Central Government Joint Venture initiative to market the Nelson region in Australia was dependent on Central Government matching Council's contribution and a contribution from the Industry of \$50,000.

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It was agreed to add under the heading "What's Changed Since The 2009/19 Nelson Community Plan" information regarding the Founders budget which it was proposed to increase by \$45,000 for work to be done extending the Founders Railway.

1.3 Annual Plan Councillor Information

It was agreed that at the front of the Draft Annual Plan there should be a page with photographs and details of all Councillors.

1.4 Annual Plan Layout Future

There was support that in future the Annual Plan should deal with the people activities first and leave the infrastructure activities until the end, but it was also noted that changes proposed under the Minister of Local Government's upcoming legislation will mean substantial changes in Council reporting.

Resolved

THAT the Draft Annual Plan 2010/2011 be approved for the special consultation under the Local Government Act 2002.

Reese/Cotton

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.26am.

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

_____ CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE