

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL PLAN AND LONG TERM PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING NO. APLTP21-2
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BARKES CORNER, TAURANGA
ON WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY 2021 AT 9.30AM**

1 PRESENT

Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour (Chairperson), Cr G Dally, Cr M Dean, Cr J Denyer, Cr M Grainger, Cr M Gray, Cr A Henry, Cr M Murray-Benge, Cr-Elect A Sole, Cr D Thwaites, and Mayor G Webber

2 IN ATTENDANCE

M Taris (Chief Executive Officer), G Allis (Deputy CEO/Group Manager Infrastructure Services), R Davie (Group Manager Policy Planning and Regulatory Services), J Pedersen (Group Manager People and Customer Services), K Perumal (Group Manager Finance and Technology Services), E Watton (Policy and Planning Manager), B Whitton (Customer Service and Governance Manager), D Jensen (Senior Financial Planner), L Balvert (Senior Communications Specialist), and B Clarke (Senior Governance Advisor)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

Cr K Marsh had been granted a Leave of Absence.

4 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil.

7 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

9 REPORTS

9.1 RECOMMENDATION FOR ADOPTION OF 2021-2022 DOG CONTROL REGISTRATION FEES

The Committee considered a report from the Compliance and Monitoring Manager. The Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services introduced the report noting the following:

- In accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996, Council was required to adopt Dog Control Fees for the coming registration year, ahead of adopting the Long Term Plan and associated documents 'proper'.
- The rationale to adopt the fees and charges was set out in paragraph 3 of the agenda report, which stated that the adopted fees and charges must be publicly notified a least once during the month preceding the start of the registration year, being 1 July 2021.

In response to questions, staff advised as follows:

- Council was not proposing an increase for dogs domiciled on Matakana Island per se. Council had approved a small increase through the adoption of the draft Long Term Plan, as set out in the agenda report. This was to fund the provision of Dog Exercise Parks that would be developed across the District over the next four years. This matter had also been discussed by the Policy Committee.
- The Dog Policy was an 'across-the-District' policy. Council was not intending to amend it to have different areas of benefit. The fee increase was minimal, being \$3, and so a separate funding scheme for Matakana Island was not intended.
- Because there were no submissions to the Long Term Plan received on this topic, there was no scope to suggest a change of that nature.
- Council had always had a separate approach for dogs domiciled on Matakana Island, because they had a different level of service provided there in terms of Officers attending the island. The decision that was made, in terms of funding the provision of Dog Exercise Parks, was that a small fee would be applied across Council's entire registered dog community, and that included Matakana Island.

RESOLUTION APLTP21-2.1

Moved: Mayor G Webber

Seconded: Cr A Henry

1. That the Compliance and Monitoring Manager's report dated 12 May 2021, titled "Recommendation for Adoption of 2021-2022 Dog Control Registration Fees" be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan Committee recommends to Council the adoption of the 2021-2022 Dog Control Registration Fees as included in the 2021-2031 draft Schedule of Fees and Charges, and that they be approved for public notification in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996.

CARRIED

10 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT

Nil.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.39am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record by Council on 20 May 2021.