

MEETING – AGENDA –

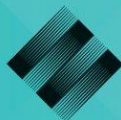
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DISTRICT PLAN COMMITTEE

Komiti Kaupapa-ā-Rohe

DP21-3
Thursday, 14 October 2021
Council Chambers
Barkes Corner, Tauranga
9.00am



*Western Bay of Plenty
District Council*

District Plan Committee

Membership

Chairperson	Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Mark Dean
Members	Cr G Dally Cr James Denyer Cr Murray Grainger Cr Monique Gray Cr Anne Henry Cr Margaret Murray-Benge
Quorum	2
Frequency	As required

Role:

- To enable effective decision making with regard to Resource Management Act 1991 matters, including district plan changes, private plan changes and resource consent matters.

Scope:

- All functions, duties and obligations as set out in the Resource Management Act 1991 relevant to plan changes, private plan changes and district plan reviews and any other matter processed under Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, including hearing submissions and making recommendations to Council for the approval of plan changes, private plan changes and plan reviews.
- All functions, duties and obligations as set out in the Resource Management Act 1991 relevant to hearing of submissions and making decisions on notified resource consent applications.
- To make decisions on any other Resource Management Act 1991 matter referred to the Committee by the Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services.
- To receive reports on appeals to the Environment Court on Committee or Independent Hearings Commissioner decisions made in relation to plan changes, private plan changes, and notified resource consent applications, and to provide guidance to staff authorised to negotiate and settle appeals on Council's behalf.

Power to Act:

- To hear and make decisions on plan changes, private plan changes and district plan reviews and any other matter processed under Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 and to recommend to Council decisions on submissions and approval of plan changes and private plan changes or any other matter, as required.
- To hear and make decisions on notified resource consent applications where submissions have been received.
- The power to co-opt expert advice on an 'as required' basis.
- The power to appoint Independent Hearings Commissioners and to appoint Hearings Panels of appropriately qualified members and/or Independent Hearings Commissioners in accordance with the Appointment of Independent Hearings Commissioner Policy.
- The power to conduct joint hearings with other local authorities where necessary and expedient to do so, including the power to appoint members and/or Independent Hearings Commissioners to Joint Hearings Committees.

- To make decisions on any resource consent application where the reporting officer is recommending that the application be refused.
- To make decisions on section 357 objections to conditions under the Resource Management Act 1991 where the reporting officer is recommending that the application be declined (either in whole or in part).
- To make decisions where draft consent orders would represent a minor change in policy direction from the District Plan and to authorise settlement of those consent orders with the Environment Court by Council's solicitors acting on behalf of Council.
- The power to establish and amend hearings protocols relating to the general conduct of hearings and hearings-related matters in accordance with the applicable legislation and the principles of administrative law and natural justice.
- To make decisions on any other Resource Management Act 1991 matter referred to the Committee by the Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services.

Chairperson's Delegations:

Should there be insufficient time for staff to consult with the Committee on any appeal to the Environment Court in relation to a decision made pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991, the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson (where the Chairperson is not available) may provide guidance to staff, and report back to the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

Notice is hereby given that a District Plan Committee Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, Barks Corner, Tauranga on:
Thursday, 14 October 2021 at 9.00am

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- 1 PRESENT**
- 2 STAFF ATTENDANCE**
- 3 ATTENDANCE ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL**
- 4 OTHERS PRESENT**
- 5 APOLOGIES**
- 6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

7 RECEIPT OF REPORTS AND EVIDENCE

7.1 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT HEARINGS COMMISSIONER - PANEPANE PURAKAU

File Number: A4350632

Author: Chris Watt, Environmental Consents Manager

Authoriser: Rachael Davie, Group Manager Policy Planning And Regulatory Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Committee is asked to approve the appointment of an Independent Hearings Commissioner to consider and determine a subdivision consent application.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Environmental Consent Manager's report dated 14 October 2021, titled 'Appointment of Independent Hearings Commissioner – Panepane Purakau, 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 District Plan Committee appoints the following Independent Hearings Commissioner to consider and determine the subdivision consent (reference number to be advised) at Panepane Purakau, Matakana Island.
 - Commissioner Alan Withy

BACKGROUND

1. In advance of the subdivision consent application being made to Council, and to streamline the determination process, staff are seeking the early appointment of an independent hearings commissioner.
2. As Western Bay of Plenty District Council is the applicant, determination of the application should be by an Independent Hearings Commissioner. Staff have confirmed with Alan Withy his availability to consider and determine the application as an independent hearings commissioner.
3. Following appointment of the commissioner, staff will undertake the necessary preparations.

Details of the application are included below:

Applicant: Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Location: Panepane Point, Matakana Island

Application: A subdivision consent to create 3 lots; 2 lots to be returned to hapū of 88ha and 82ha; and one lot of 13ha to vest in council as local purpose reserve.

Application Process: The application has yet to be received and the process regarding non-notification or notification is confirmed as part of the statutory assessment.

Reporting Planner: Gael Stevens, Senior Consents Planner, Western Bay of Plenty District Council

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

4. The Local Government Act 2002 requires a formal assessment of the significance of matters and decisions in this report against Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
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6. In making this formal assessment there is no further intention to assess the importance of this item to individuals, groups, or agencies within the community beyond the statutory process under the Resource Management Act 1991.
7. The Policy requires Council and its communities to identify the degree of significance attached to particular issues, proposals, assets, decisions, and activities.

ENGAGEMENT, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

8. There is no requirement for an engagement or communication plan as the Resource Management Act prescribes the process for considering a resource consent application. Council has already undertaken significant engagement with Tangata Whenua and the wider public through the special consultative procedure prescribed by the Local Government Act 2002.

ISSUES AND OPTIONS ASSESSMENT

That the District Plan Committee appoint Independent Hearings Commissioner(s) as per the above resolution.	
Reasons why no options are available	Reasons why no options are available
In accordance with the Policy, as the applications are made by Western Bay of Plenty District Council; or, there is an outcome from the application that benefits the Western Bay of Plenty District Council, the appointment of Independent Hearings Commissioner(s) are sought to consider and determine the resource consent applications.	In accordance with the Policy, as the applications are made by Western Bay of Plenty District Council; or, there is an outcome from the application that benefits the Western Bay of Plenty District Council, the appointment of Independent Hearings Commissioner(s) are sought to consider and determine the resource consent applications.

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

9. The subdivision consent will have been received and processed in accordance with the statutory processes under the Resource Management Act 1991.

FUNDING/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Budget Funding Information	Relevant Detail
Independent Hearings Commissioner Charges	In accordance with Section 6.1 of the Independent Hearings Commissioners Policy: <i>“The costs of an Independent Hearings Commissioner, as negotiated at the time of appointment, will be funded by the applicant in accordance with Council’s schedule of Fees and Charges”.</i>

8 MINUTE NOTES