

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL PLAN AND LONG TERM PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING NO. APLTP23-3
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1484 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA
ON TUESDAY, 9 MAY 2023 AT 9.30AM**

1 PRESENT

Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour (Chairperson), Cr R Joyce (Deputy Chairperson), Cr T Coxhead, Cr R Crawford, Cr G Dally, Mayor J Denyer, Cr M Grainger, Cr A Henry, Cr M Murray-Benge, Cr A Sole, and Cr A Wichers.

2 IN ATTENDANCE

G Allis (Deputy CEO/General Manager Infrastructure Group), R Davie (General Manager Strategy and Community), A Henderson (General Manager Corporate Services), A Ali (Chief Financial Officer), S Bedford (Finance Manager), G Golding (Governance Manager), N Rutland (Environmental Planning Manager), D Elvin (Compliance and Monitoring Manager), M Leighton (Policy and Planning Manager), C Steiner (Senior Policy Analyst – Consultant), H Wi Repa (Governance Systems Advisor) and P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor).

VIA ZOOM

J Holyoake (Chief Executive Officer)

3 APOLOGIES

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RESOLUTION APLTP23-3.1

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

That the apology for absence from Cr Thwaites be accepted.

CARRIED

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 2023-2024 DOG CONTROL AND HEALTH REGISTRATION FEES

The Committee considered a report dated 9 May 2023 from the Compliance and Monitoring Manager. The report was taken as read with a brief overview regarding the timeframe of this report.

R Joyce entered the meeting at 9.36am

The presenter responded to questions as below:

- A submitter that presented at the Annual Plan Hearing on Thursday 4 May regarding the reclassification of her dog would be considered next year through the re-consideration of the working dog category. This did not affect the recommendations presented to the Committee today.
- The definition of a 'working dog' was defined in legislation however, there were other avenues Council can explore to capture future types.
- Council was doing a big push to get as many registrations as possible prior to the end of May 2023. Council had a 90% KPI and was currently sitting at 96%.

RESOLUTION APLTP23-3.2

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr R Crawford

1. That the Compliance and Monitoring Manager Regulatory Service's report dated 9 May 2023, titled "Recommendation for Adoption of 2023-2024 Dog Control and Health 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 recommend to Council the adoption of the 2023-2024 Dog Control and Health Registration Fees as included
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in the 2023–2024 draft Schedule of Fees and Charges and that they be approved for public notification in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996.

CARRIED

9.2 STRATEGIC ASSUMPTIONS FOR THE 2024–2034 LONG TERM PLAN

The Committee considered a report dated 9 May 2023 from the Senior Policy Analyst, who provided the Committee with an overview on what had been updated since the previous strategic assumptions discussion. The key updates to note were:

- Graphs had been included in the population projections summary.
- The report relating to the climate change assumption would unlikely be completed by the International Panel of Climate Change (IPCC) until late 2024, therefore would not be able to inform the planning of this Long Term Plan (LTP).
- There was a change from “disruptive events” to “resilience” as requested by the Committee at a previous workshop.

Staff responded to questions as per below:

- The climate change assumptions referenced were from the last IPCC report.
 - ‘Insurance retreat’ meant that it was harder for people to get insurance.
 - What was written in red, in relation to interest and inflation, highlighted what the Council had agreed on for the 2023–2024 Annual Plan. Council’s assumptions regarding inflation rates were awaiting the release of BERL’s Local Government Cost Index. The inflation and interest rate assumptions would be completed once this information was available.
 - The Three Water assumptions would also need to be agile, noting that we were yet to receive amended legislation, which was anticipated around August 2023. This was an example of how Council’s assumptions needed to remain agile, as they may need to be updated as further information came to hand.
 - It was felt that household population projections for dwellings needed to be rounded, and that we could modify the wording in relation to the climate change assumptions, to allow for leeway over the definite outcomes that were predicted.
 - The reference within the Tangata Whenua strategic assumptions did not purport to put relationships with Tangata Whenua ahead of the community at large or any other stakeholder group. The reference was recognising Council’s statutory obligations and the status of the treaty.
 - The economic activity plan was being reviewed, so it was timely to have discussions around what Council’s role was in helping to address the equality and equity issues highlighted within the social assumptions.
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- The Committee requested for the wording within the Tangata Whenua assumption to be updated to “consciously build upon the key relationship with Māori”.
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RESOLUTION APLTP23-3.3

Moved: Cr A Henry

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

1. That the Senior Policy Analyst report dated 9 May 2023 titled ‘Strategic Assumptions for the Long Term Plan 2024-2034’ 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 Committee adopt the Draft Strategic Assumptions (Attachment 1) as the basis of preparing the LTP, noting that further changes are required prior to inclusion in the draft and final LTP.
4. That the Committee note that the BERL Local Government Cost Index and Treasury advice will inform the inflation and interest rate assumptions when it is available, and that a new assumption for the Water Services Reform will be added once the LTP implications are known.

CARRIED

10 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT

The Meeting closed at 9.54am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record by Council on 6 June 2023.