

## **NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the council  
held in the Council Chamber, 36 Water Street, Whangārei,  
on Tuesday 20 March 2018, commencing at 10.30 am

### **Present:**

Chairman, Bill Shepherd

#### **Councillors:**

David Sinclair  
John Bain  
Justin Blaikie  
Paul Dimery  
Mike Finlayson  
Penny Smart  
Rick Stolwerk  
Joce Yeoman

### **In Attendance:**

#### **Full Meeting**

Chief Executive Officer  
GM – Corporate Excellence  
GM – Governance and Engagement  
GM – Customer Service/Community Resilience  
Governance Support Officer

#### **Part Meeting**

Northland Inc. Limited David Wilson  
Northland Inc. Limited Tammy Fromont  
LiDar - Bjorn Johns  
Land Care Research – James Shepherd  
Land Care Research – James Barringer  
GM – Regulatory Services  
GM – Environmental Services  
Finance Manager  
Financial Accountant  
Finance Consultant  
Transport Strategic Planning Officer  
Transport Projects Officer  
Hazards Advisor  
Land Manager

*The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.29 am.*

### **Apologies (Item 1.0)**

There were no apologies.

## **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 2.0)**

It was advised that councillors should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

## **Supplementary Item for Council Meeting – 20 March 2018 (Item 2.0A)**

**ID: A1046024**

**Report from Group Manager – Corporate Excellence, Dave Tams**

**Moved (Stolwerk/Sinclair)**

That as permitted under section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987:

- Supplementary Item 7.12: 'Adoption of the Liability Management Policy and Investment Policy'

be received.

**Carried**

## **Presentation (Item 3.0)**

**ID: A1044884**

**Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor**

**Moved (Finlayson/Yeoman)**

That the presentation be received.

**Carried**

## **Health and Safety Report (Item 4.0)**

**ID: A1042554**

**Report from Health and Safety Specialist, Tracey Warboys**

**Moved (Finlayson/Sinclair)**

That the 'Health and Safety Report' by Tracey Warboys, Health and Safety Specialist, dated 5 March 2018 be received.

**Carried**

## **Confirmation of Council Minutes – 20 February 2018 (Item 5.1)**

**ID: A1043188**

**Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor**

**Moved (Shepherd/Stolwerk)**

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 20 February 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**Carried**

### **Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 5.2)**

**ID: A1043245**

**Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor**

**Moved (Smart/Sinclair)**

That the council action sheet be received.

**Carried**

### **Council Working Party Updates and Chairpersons' Briefings (Item 5.3)**

**ID: A1039002**

**Report from Group Manager – Governance and Engagement, Jonathan Gibbard**

**Moved (Yeoman/Blaikie)**

That the report 'Working Party Updates and Chairpersons' Briefings' by Jonathan Gibbard, Group Manager – Governance and Engagement, and dated 9 March 2018, be received.

**Carried**

### **Council Working Group Updates (Item 5.4)**

**ID: A1039021**

**Report from PA/Administrator – Environmental Services, Nola Sooner**

**Moved (Stolwerk/Smart)**

That the report 'Council Working Group Updates' by Nola Sooner, PA/Administrator – Environmental Services, and dated 6 March 2018, be received.

**Carried**

### **Financial Report to 28 February 2018 (Item 6.1)**

**ID: A1042836**

**Report from Financial Accountant, Vincent McColl**

**Moved (Yeoman/Sinclair)**

That the 'Financial Report to 28 February 2018' by Vincent McColl, Financial Accountant, and dated 8 March 2018, be received.

**Carried**

## **Regional Software Holdings Limited Report to Shareholders for the Six Months to 31 December 2017 (Item 6.2)**

**ID: A1039710**

**Report from Finance Manager, Simon Crabb**

**Moved (Dimery/Sinclair)**

That the report 'Regional Software Holdings Limited Report to Shareholders for the Six Months to 31 December 2017' by Simon Crabb, Finance Manager and dated 27 February 2018, be received.

**Carried**

## **Externally Managed Funds – Adjustment to the Community Investment Fund SIPO (Item 6.3)**

**ID: A1040100**

**Report from Finance Manager, Simon Crabb**

**Moved (Bain/Stolwerk)**

1. That the report 'Externally Managed Funds – Adjustment to the Community Investment Fund SIPO' by Simon Crabb, Finance Manager, and dated 28 February 2018, be received.
2. That the Continuity Capital Private Equity No. 4 Fund be introduced into the CIF SIPO with a capital commitment of \$1 million, and fund the initial call from the CIF Milford Income Fund.

**Carried**

## **Regional Rates Collection – Update to 31 December 2017 (Item 6.4)**

**ID: A1040009**

**Report from Finance Manager, Simon Crabb**

**Moved (Smart/Finlayson)**

That the report 'Regional Rates Collection – Update to 31 December 2017' and its attachment pertaining to Item 6.4 of the 20 March 2018 council meeting, by Simon Crabb, Finance Manager, and dated 8 March 2018, be received.

**Carried**

## **Northland Inc. Limited – Six Month Financial Report and Reporting Against Statement of Intent (SOI) 2017–2020 (Item 6.5)**

**ID: A1041198**

**Report from Finance Manager, Simon Crabb; and Economist, Darryl Jones**

**Moved (Sinclair/Bain)**

That the report 'Northland Inc. Limited – Six Month Financial Report and Reporting Against Statement of Intent (SOI) for 2017–2020' by Simon Crabb, Finance Manager; and Darryl Jones, Economist, and dated 7 March 2018, be received.

**Carried**

## **Northland Inc. Limited – Draft Statement of Intent 2018–2021 (Item 7.1)**

**ID: A1041189**

**Report from Economist, Darryl Jones**

**Moved (Smart/Sinclair)**

1. That the report 'Northland Inc. Limited – Draft Statement of Intent 2018–2021' by Darryl Jones, Economist, and dated 7 March 2018, be received.
2. That the 'Northland Inc. Limited Draft Statement of Intent 2018–2021' be received.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with council Chairman and Deputy Chairman, be delegated authority to provide feedback to Northland Inc. Limited on its draft SOI 2018–2021 by 31 March 2018.

**Carried**

## **Biosecurity Operational Plan 2017–2027 (Item 7.2)**

**ID: A1038192**

**Report from Policy Development Manager, Ben Lee**

**Moved (Stolwerk/Bain)**

1. That the report 'Biosecurity Operational Plan 2017–2027 by Don McKenzie – Biosecurity Manager, and dated 1 March 2018, be received.
2. That council confirms the content of the Operational Plan.

**Carried**

## **Proposed Regional Plan Hearings – GMO Submissions (Item 7.3)**

**ID: A1039675**

**Report from Development Manager, Ben Lee**

**Moved (Dimery/Finlayson)**

1. That the report 'Proposed Regional Plan Hearings – GMO Submissions' by Ben Lee, Policy Development Manager, be received.

2. That council withdraw the authority delegated on 30 August 2017 under section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991, to a hearing panel of three members made up of one councillor and two independent commissioners, to conduct the hearing into submissions on the 'Proposed Regional Plan for Northland' that seek the addition of provisions for genetically modified organisms.

**Carried**

### **2018 Local Government New Zealand Conference (Item 7.4)**

**ID: A1041496**

**Report from Chairman, Bill Shepherd**

**Moved (Finlayson/Bain)**

1. That the report '2018 Local Government New Zealand Conference' by Bill Shepherd, Council Chairman, dated 9 March 2018, be received.
2. That the Chairman, Chief Executive and Councillor Smart represent the Northland Regional Council at the 2018 LGNZ Conference.
3. That Councillor Dimery will also represent Northland Regional Council at the event, subject to his availability.

**Carried**

### **Support for Implementation of the New Zealand Port and Harbour Marine Safety Code in Northland (Item 7.5)**

**ID: A1044222**

**Report from Regional Harbourmaster, Jim Lyle; and Group Manager – Customer Service/Community Resilience, Tony Phipps**

**Moved (Stolwerk/Blaikie)**

1. That the report 'Support for Implementation of the New Zealand Port and Harbour Marine Safety Code in Northland' by Jim Lyle, Regional Harbourmaster; and Tony Phipps, Group Manager – Customer Service/Community Resilience, dated 8 March 2018, be received.
2. That council continues to support the maintenance and implementation of the New Zealand Port and Harbour Marine Safety Code compliant marine safety management systems for Whangārei Harbour and the Bay of Islands.

**Carried**

### **Appointment of Regional On Scene Commander – Marine Oil Spill Response (Item 7.6)**

**ID: A1032075**

**Report from Regional Harbourmaster, Jim Lyle**

**Moved (Finlayson/Yeoman)**

1. That the report 'Appointment of Regional On Scene Commander – Marine Oil Spill Response' by Jim Lyle, Regional Harbourmaster, dated 31 January 2018, be received.

2. That council confirm the appointment of Peter Thomas as Regional On Scene Commander.
3. That council confirm the appointment of Jim Lyle and Peter Weissing as alternative Regional On Scene Commanders.

**Carried**

### **Revised National Policy Statement for Freshwater Progressive Implementation Programme (Item 7.7)**

**ID: A1035798**

**Report from Resource Management Planning and Policy Manager, Justin Murfitt**

**Moved (Yeoman/Sinclair)**

1. That the report 'Revised National Policy Statement for Freshwater Progressive Implementation Programme' by Justin Murfitt – Resource Management Planning and Policy Manager and dated 20 February 2018, be received.
2. That subject to any directed amendments, council adopts the Revised National Policy Statement for Freshwater Progressive Implementation Programme in Appendix 1.
3. That council authorises public notification of the Revised National Policy Statement for Freshwater Progressive Implementation Programme on or before 31 March 2018.

**Carried**

### **Submission on Conservation (Infringement System) Bill (Item 7.8)**

**ID: A1041840**

**Report from Resource Management Planning and Policy Manager, Justin Murfitt**

**Moved (Yeoman/Stolwerk)**

1. That the report 'Submission on Conservation (Infringement System) Bill' by Justin Murfitt, Resource Management Planning and Policy Manager, and dated 5 March 2018, be received.
2. That council authorises a draft submission on the Conservation (Infringement System) Bill be approved and lodged under authority delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

**Carried**

### **Submission on Auckland Council's Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan (Item 7.9)**

**ID: A1043811**

**Report from Biosecurity Manager, Don McKenzie**

**Moved (Smart/Yeoman)**

1. That the report 'Submission on Auckland Council's Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan' by Don McKenzie – Biosecurity Manager and dated 8 March 2018, be received.

2. That council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and lodge a submission on the Auckland Council's Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan.

**Carried**

### **Draft Regional Swimming Water Quality Targets (Item 7.10)**

**ID: A1041221**

**Report from Resource Management Planning and Policy Manager, Justin Murfitt**

**Moved (Smart/Dimery)**

1. That the report 'Draft Regional Swimming Water Quality Targets' by Justin Murfitt, Resource Management Planning and Policy Manager and dated 5 March 2018, be received.

**Moved (Yeoman/Smart)**

2. That, subject to any changes required as a result of the revision of the Northland section of the report 'Regional information for setting draft targets for swimmable lakes and rivers', council adopts a draft regional swimming water quality target for the Northland region of 25.5% or more of fourth order (and larger) rivers (by length) and more than 66 of lakes are to be 'swimmable' by 2030.
3. Subject to any changes required as a result the final revision of the Northland section of the report 'Regional information for setting draft targets for swimmable lakes and rivers', council authorises the targets document as set out in Attachment 1 pertaining to Item 7.10 of the 20 March 2018 council meeting being made publicly available on or before 31 March 2018.
4. The CE delegated the right to non-material and typographical errors.

**Carried**

*Secretarial Note: It was noted that all the '25.5%' in the document should be '25.6%', and that 'more than 66 of lakes' should read 'more than 66% of lakes'. A further recommendation was added for this purpose.*

### **Appoint Councillors to Environmental Leaders' Funding Panel (Item 7.11)**

**ID: A1042105**

**Report from Communications Manager, Suzanne Takiwa**

**Moved (Sinclair/Yeoman)**

1. That the report 'Appoint Councillors to Environmental Leaders' Funding Panel' by Suzanne Takiwa, Communications Manager, and dated 5 March 2018, be received.
2. That council appoint Councillors Rick Stolwerk and Justin Blaikie to participate on the judging panel responsible for making funding decisions.

**Carried**



## **Adoption of the Liability Management Policy and Investment Policy (Item 7.12 and Supplementary Item 7.12)**

**ID: A1044930 and A1038364**

**Report from Strategy Specialist, Kyla Carlier; and Management Accountant, Steve Goddard**

**Moved (Stolwerk/Sinclair)**

1. That the report 'Adoption of the Liability Management Policy and Investment Policy' by Kyla Carlier, Strategy Specialist; and Steve Goddard, Management Accountant, dated 15 March 2018, be received.
2. That council adopt the Liability Management Policy and Investment Policy (set out in Attachments 1 and 2 pertaining to Supplementary Item 7.12 of the 20 March 2018 council meeting).
3. That the council adopt the changes to the terms of reference of the Investment Subcommittee (set out in Attachment 3 pertaining to Supplementary Item 7.12 of the 20 March 2018 council meeting), effective from 1 July 2018.

**Carried**

## **Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party: Reconvening the Māori Technical Advisory Group (Item 7.13)**

**ID: A1043819**

**Report from Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori, Specialist Advisor – Māori**

**Moved (Finlayson/Yeoman)**

1. That the report 'Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party: Reconvening the Māori Technical Advisory Group' by Rachel Ropiha, Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori, Specialist Advisor – Māori and dated 8 March 2018, be received.
2. That council resolve to reconvene the Māori Technical Advisory Group for the purposes outlined in this agenda item of 20 March 2018.
3. That the following non-elected members of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party be confirmed as the members of the Māori Technical Advisory Group.

J Chetham

P Hohepa

H Murphy

M Norris

N Rameka

R Tautari

B Waitai

4. That non-elected members Hakaraia and Sadler be co-opted onto the Māori Technical Advisory Group for this project only.

**Carried**

### **Chairman's Report to Council (Item 8.1)**

**ID: A1040864**

**Report from Chairman, Bill Shepherd**

**Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)**

That the report 'Chairman's Report to Council' by the Chairman, Bill Shepherd, and dated 9 March 2018, be received.

**Carried**

### **Chief Executive's Report to Council (Item 8.2)**

**ID: A1038978**

**Report from Chief Executive Officer, Malcolm Nicolson**

**Moved (Shepherd/Yeoman)**

That the report 'Chief Executive's Report to Council' and dated 9 March 2018, be received.

**Carried**

### **Regional Software Holdings Limited – Statement of Intent 2019–2021 (Item 8.3)**

**ID: A1043451**

**Report from Group Manager – Corporate Excellence, Dave Tams**

**Moved (Bain/Shepherd)**

That the report 'Regional Software Holdings Limited – Statement of Intent 2019–2021' by Dave Tams, Group Manager – Corporate Excellence and dated 5 March 2018, be received.

**Carried**

### **CityLink Whangārei (Item 8.4)**

**ID: A1044201**

**Report from Transport Projects Officer, Dean Mitchell**

**Moved (Bain/Stolwerk)**

That the report 'CityLink Whangārei' by Dean Mitchell, Transport Projects Officer, and dated 8 March 2018, be received.

**Carried**

### **Receipt of Committee Minutes (Item 9.0)**

**ID: A1044105**

**Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor**

**Moved (Smart/Dimery)**

That the unconfirmed minutes of:

- Regional Transport Committee – 7 February 2018;

- Property Subcommittee – 7 February 2018; and
  - Investment Subcommittee – 28 February 2018
- be received.

**Carried**

## **Business with the Public Excluded (Item 10.0)**

**ID: A1045058**

**Report from Governance Support Manager, Chris Taylor**

**Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)**

1. That the public be excluded from the proceedings of this meeting to consider confidential matters.
2. That the general subject of the matters to be considered whilst the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to this matter, and the specific grounds under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution, are as follows:

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Item Issue</b>	<b>Reason\Grounds</b>
10.1	Confirmation of Confidential Council Minutes –20 February 2018	The reasons for excluding the public are as stated in the minutes of the open section of the meeting.
10.2	Receipt of Confidential Committee Minutes – Property Subcommittee – 7 February 2018	The reasons for excluding the public are as stated in the minutes of the open section of the meeting.
10.3	Human Resources Report	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons 7(2)(a).
10.4	Bells Hill Landslip Mitigation Works – Update on Budget and Estimated Costs	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities 7(2)(h).
10.5	Appointment of Northland Inc. Directors	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons 7(2)(a).
10.6	CityLink Whangārei Ticketing and Fares	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities 7(2)(h).

3. That the Independent Financial Member be permitted to stay during business with the public excluded.

**Carried**

## **CONCLUSION**

The meeting concluded at 1.55 pm.