

Northland Regional Council Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Wednesday 16 May 2018, commencing at 9.30am

Present:

Chairman, Bill Shepherd
Deputy Chairman, David Sinclair
Councillors:
John Bain
Justin Blaikie
Paul Dimery
Mike Finlayson
Penny Smart
Rick Stolwerk
Joce Yeoman

In Attendance:

Full Meeting

Chief Executive Officer
GM - Governance and Engagement
GM - Environmental Services
GM - Corporate Excellence
Management Accountant
Strategy Specialist
Governance Support Manager

Part Meeting

GM - Customer Service - Community Resilience
Compliance Monitoring Manager
Transport Manager
Finance Manager
Transport Strategic Planning Officer
Economist

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.30am and advised the meeting would adjourn at 10am for a morning tea celebration for staff.

Secretarial Note: The GM – Governance and Engagement provided a brief introductory presentation addressing the following key points:

- *Consultation - Feedback*
- *How people heard about LTP process*
- *Substantial support for the 'Big three' consultation topics (water, pest management, region-wide flood rate)*
- *Recommended changes following consultation*
- *Next steps*

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.

Secretarial Note: The Chairman commenced proceedings with the following opening remarks:

- *The draft 2018-28 Long Term Plan:*
 - *was bold, visionary and a credit to council;*
 - *had been developed in response to the community, government and council's aspirations; and*
 - *had attracted substantial community support for initiatives.*
- *For the purpose of discussion, the Chair and Deputy Chair would move and second all recommendations (Technically this would not prohibit either from moving or seconding an amendment).*

Council Deliberations on the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and Supporting Information (Item 3.1)

ID: A1052445

Report from Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

1. That the report 'Council Deliberations on the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and Supporting Information' by Malcolm Nicolson, CEO and dated 7 May 2018, be received.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer be given delegated authority to approve any consequential amendments as a result of council decisions on submissions and any minor accuracy and grammatical amendments.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer be given delegated authority to approve changes required to revise the financial statements and rating information within the final Long Term Plan 2018-2028.
4. That the 17 inadmissible submissions that were received not be accepted or considered by council during deliberations.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

5. That council supports the division of the land management rate and council services rate in to six core targeted region-wide rates (the council services rate, freshwater management rate, pest management rate, land management rate, civil defence and hazard management rate, and flood infrastructure rate), to provide a more transparent and fair rating system.
6. That council supports the establishment of a new freshwater management rate, to be set based on the equalised land value of each rateable unit in the region.

7. That council supports the establishment of a new pest management rate, to be set based on equalised capital value and number of rating units or separately used or inhabited parts of a rating unit (SUIPs).
8. That council supports the establishment of a new civil defence and hazard management rate, to be set based on equalised capital value and number of rating units or separately used or inhabited parts of a rating unit (SUIPs).
9. That council supports the establishment of a new flood infrastructure rate, to be set on a fixed amount on each rateable SUIP/rating unit.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

10. That council supports the provision of an additional \$280,000 per year from 2018/19 to 2021/22 for four additional staff members (including associated overhead costs), to progress freshwater improvement in the Northern Wairoa and Northland dune lakes, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
11. That council supports the provision of an additional \$127,858 in 2018/19, and \$35,681, \$91,535, \$119,000, and \$12,000 over the following four years for Council's contribution toward the operational costs of the Northern Wairoa and dune lakes freshwater improvement projects, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
12. That council supports the provision of an additional \$364,000 per year from 2021/22 to continue freshwater improvement projects, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
13. That council supports the provision of an additional \$7,800 in 2019/20 and 2020/21, and then every second and third year after that, for expansion of council's wetland monitoring programme, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
14. That council supports the provision of an additional \$48,490 in 2018/19, \$5,104 in 2019/20, and \$6058 in 2020/21 for the expansion of council's annual lakes ecological monitoring programme, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

15. That council supports the provision of an additional \$229,556 in 2019/20, increasing to \$307,043 each year following, for three additional hill country erosion staff (including associated overhead costs), increasing to four additional staff in 2020/21, to progress council's soil conservation programmes and priority catchment management plans as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
16. That council supports the provision of an additional \$85,500 in 2020/21, increasing to \$303,000 by 2027/28 to increase funding to create a council afforestation grant scheme, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
17. That council supports the provision of an additional \$507,942 in 2018/19, and \$369,412 and \$387,883 in the two years following, to be made available in council's Environment Fund,

which supports land management and biodiversity projects, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

18. That council supports the provision of an additional \$36,000 in 2018/19, \$47,000 and \$58,000 the following two years for an expansion of council's Flyger road nursery, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
19. That council supports the provision of an additional \$66,285 per year for a full time equivalent Flyger road nursery manager (including associated overhead costs), as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
20. That council supports the provision of an additional \$3,500 in 2018/19, and \$6,500 each year following, for additional equipment to support the increase in level of service for land and water, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

21. That council supports the provision of an additional \$146,883 in the 2019/20 year and \$222,918 every year following, for two additional full-time equivalent positions for hydrology (including associated overhead costs), rising to three positions in 2020/21, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
22. That council supports the provision of an additional \$81,221 per year from 2019/20 for an additional groundwater scientist (including associated overhead costs) as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
23. That council supports the provision of an additional \$55,809 per year for a junior hydrology officer (including associated overhead costs) from 2019/20, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
24. That council supports the provision of an additional \$40,000 in 2019/20, \$40,000 for 2020/21, and up to \$45,000 every year following to support the increase in hydrometric operations as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
25. That council supports the provision of an additional \$69,500 per year for council's coastal state of the environment monitoring programme, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
26. That council supports the provision of an additional \$152,069 per year for two additional staff members (including associated overhead costs), for environmental science reporting and freshwater ecology as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
27. That council supports the provision of an additional \$81,000 per year from 2019/20 for an additional staff member (including associated overhead costs), for freshwater monitoring as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
28. That council supports the provision of an additional \$55,809 for 2018/19, and \$105,924 from 2019/20 and every year following to cover the cost of field and digital equipment and lab testing associated with state of the environment monitoring, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

29. That council supports the provision of an additional \$15,000 per year from 2019/20 for a regional sediment monitoring programme, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
30. That council supports the provision of an additional \$70,848 per year for an additional compliance monitoring officer (including associated overhead costs), as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

31. That council supports the provision of an additional \$10,000 per year until 2022/23, for the control of wild ginger as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
32. That council supports the provision of an additional \$40,000 per year for a feral animal eradication response programme as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
33. That council supports the provision of an additional \$190,000 for the 2018/19 year and \$330,000 for two years from 2019/20 for additional staff members (inclusive of associated overhead costs) to implement the Pest Free Northland programme as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information, with ongoing costs for up to eleven additional members by 2027/28 as proposed in the supporting information.
34. That council supports the provision of an additional \$431,120 in 2018/19, \$530,702 in 2019/20, and \$606,802 in 2020/21 for the operational costs associated with the Pest Free Northland programme as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information, with ongoing costs until 2027/28 as proposed in the supporting information.
35. That council supports the provision of an additional \$60,000 in 2018/19, and \$40,000 in 2019/20 for a vessel hull surveillance database for marine biosecurity, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
36. That council supports the provision of an additional \$5800 in 2018/19, increasing \$2475 every year following for additional costs associated with pest control and monitoring equipment, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

37. That council support an additional \$200,000 every year to address established and emerging risks posed by Kauri dieback on private land throughout the region, to be funded by a reduction in the funding of the projects (by 16.68%) in Western Northland, and the Mid North/Bay of Islands, Tutukaka, Kai Iwi Lakes and the Mangawhai/Waipū high value pest control areas.

Carried

(Councillor Blaikie voted against the motion)

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

38. That council supports the provision of an additional \$365,775 per year for Western Northland projects associated with Pest Free Northland, including projects at Tane Whakapiripiri, Puketi, Mataraua, Waimā, Waipoua and Warawara, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

39. That council supports the provision of an additional \$93,000 per year for biosecurity work in the high value pest control area of Whangārei Heads, to be funded from the pest management rate, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
40. That council support ceasing the collection of the Whangārei Heads Pest Management targeted rate.

An amendment was moved (Dimery/Finlayson)

39. That council supports the provision of an additional \$93,000 per year for biosecurity work in the high value pest control area of Whangārei Heads, to be funded from the pest management rate, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
40. That the targeted rate for the Whangārei Heads Pest Management remains in place but council ceases collection of it.

Secretarial Note: Councillor Bain notified the Chair his intention to move a further amendment if the existing was lost (as per Standing Order 22.6).

Lost

(The Chairman in putting the motion called for an expression of opinion by show of hands; the result being Councillors Bain, Dimery, Finlayson and Sinclair voted in support of the motion. Councillors Blaikie, Smart, Stolwerk and Yeoman voted against the motion. The Chairman applied his casting vote against the motion (as per Standing Order 18.3).

Moved (Bain/Sinclair)

39. That council supports the provision of an additional \$93,000 per year for biosecurity work in the high value pest control area of Whangārei Heads, to be funded from the pest management rate, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
40. That council supports ceasing the collection of the Whangārei Heads Pest Management targeted rate; noting that the previous targeted rate be reinstated if funding for pest management is reduced in this area (on request by the community).

Carried

The Chairman subsequently put the substantive motion which was **Carried**.

Secretarial Note: The meeting adjourned at 10.05am and reconvened at 10.25am.

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

41. That council supports the provision of an additional \$249,960 per year for biosecurity work in the high value pest control area of the Mid North/Bay of Islands, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

42. That council supports the provision of an additional \$91,652 per year for biosecurity work in the high value pest control area of Tutukaka, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

43. That council supports the provision of an additional \$124,980 per year for biosecurity work in the high value pest control area of Kai Iwi Lakes, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

44. That council supports the provision of an additional \$166,640 per year for biosecurity work in the high value pest control area of Mangawhai/Waipū, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

45. That council supports the funding of 70% of the cost of new flood infrastructure capital work that meet the criteria of the Flood Infrastructure Fund, via the newly established flood infrastructure rate (FIR), making the portion of the rate to fund these works \$7.81 per SUIP/rating unit.
46. That council supports lowering the local contribution from 50% to 30% for ratepayers in the Awanui, Kaeo-Whangaroa, and Whangārei flood management areas.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

47. That council supports the \$15 million 'Option 1' Awanui flood scheme upgrade proposal, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

48. That council supports ongoing flood works in Kerikeri-Waipapa, to be funded from the existing Kerikeri-Waipapa flood scheme reserve, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

49. That council supports the provision of an additional \$400,000 total funding from 2019/20 for floodway construction and channel benching works at Matangirau, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
50. That council supports the provision of an additional \$750,000 total funding from 2024/25 for flood works at Kāeo (Kāeo Flood Scheme Stage II), comprising: widening of Waikare Creek (\$150,000); re-alignment of the Kāeo River (\$450,000); and deflection bank extension work (\$150,000), as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

51. That council supports the provision of an additional \$950,000 total funding from 2018/19 for the lower Waiarohia stream flood overflow reduction project, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
52. That council supports the provision of an additional \$50,000 total funding from 2022/23 for a basin wetland creation project at the Hopua te Nihotetea detention dam, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

53. That council supports the provision of an additional \$440,000 total funding from 2018/19 for the development of a flood scheme at Panguru, to be funded 100% from the Flood Infrastructure Rate. The works, budget, and funding arrangements are as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information, however the timing of the works is proposed to be brought forward to 2018/19 - 2019/20, with \$40,000 in 2018/19 (design and consenting) and \$400,000 in 2019/20 (construction).

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

54. That council withdraws the flood works proposed at Taumārere-Kawakawa in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information, and not strike a targeted river management rate for this catchment.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

55. That council supports the provision of \$100,000 per year for a full-time equivalent staff member (including associated overhead costs) to effectively resource Māori engagement, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

(Councillor Bain voted against the motion)

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

56. That council supports the provision of \$5000 in 2018/19 and 2020/2021, increasing to \$7000 in 2022/2023 and continuing every second year following, for sponsorship of the biennial Māori Business Awards, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

(Councillors Bain and Sinclair voted against the motion)

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

57. That council supports the provision of an additional \$2000 in 2018/19, increasing to \$6000 from 2019/20, for a Northland Regional Council Tai Tokerau Māori Scholarship, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

An amendment was moved (Bain/Dimery)

57. That council supports the provision of an additional \$2000 in 2018/19, increasing to \$6000 from 2019/20, for a Northland Regional Council Tai Tokerau Māori Scholarship, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information. A second scholarship to be provided with the same quantum of funding as the Northland Regional Council Tai Tokerau Maori Scholarship.

Carried

The Chairman subsequently put the substantive motion which was **Carried**.

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

58. That council supports the provision of \$55,000 every year from 2020/2021 for a new Māori internship position (including associated overhead costs) as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

An amendment was moved (Bain/Sinclair)

58. That council supports the provision of \$55,000 every year from 2020/2021 for a new internship position (including associated overhead costs) as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Lost

The Chairman subsequently put the original motion which was **Carried**.

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

59. That council supports the provision of \$10,000 per year from 2019/2020 onward to support the Māori initiatives fund as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

An amendment was moved (Blaikie/Smart)

59. That council supports the provision of \$20,000 per year from 2019/2020 onward to support the Māori initiatives fund as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Lost

The Chairman subsequently put the original motion which was **Carried**.

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

60. That council supports the provision of an additional \$25,000 per year for marketing and promotions, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
61. That council supports the provision of \$15,000 for 2018/19 and 2019/20, increasing to \$20,000 from 2020/2021 for a community environmental awards programme, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
62. That council supports the provision of an additional \$21,000 per year for work and equipment required to maintain online services, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
63. That council supports the provision of an additional \$72,000 per year for a new full time equivalent position for social media management (including associated overhead costs), as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
64. That council supports the provision of \$20,000 per year for the first three years, increasing to \$22,500 from 2021/2022, and to \$25,000 from 2024/2025 for technical support to facilitate social media management, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
65. That council supports the provision of an additional \$32,500 per year from 2019/20 onward for an additional Enviroschools early childhood contractor, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
66. That council supports the provision of an additional \$5,000 per year to meet the demand for Enviroschools Biosecurity and WaiRestoration courses, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

67. That council supports the provision of an additional \$84,000 per year for a realignment and increase in capacity of the customer services front line team (including associated overhead costs), as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

68. That council supports the provision of \$31,000 a year to increase funding for elected members expenses and allowances as required by the Remuneration Authority, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
69. That council supports the provision of \$40,000 in 2019/20 and every election year following, for additional costs associated with elections as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

70. That council supports the provision of an additional \$81,000 per year for a full time equivalent position (including associated overhead costs) to support council's economic development activities, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

71. That council supports the provision of an additional \$20,000 in 2018/19, and \$50,000 in 2019/20 and 2020/21 to progress stalled proposals for marine protected areas, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
72. That council supports the provision of \$50,000 to complete the hearings process for the new Regional Plan, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

73. That council supports the provision of an additional \$71,000 per year from 2019/20 for a full time equivalent to increase the capacity of the maritime team (including associated overhead costs), as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
74. That council supports the provision of and additional \$15,000 in 2018/19, \$22,500 in 2019/20, and \$30,000 every year following, to fund an increase in remuneration for the region's harbour wardens, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

75. That council supports the provision of \$50,000 per year from 2019/20, for an additional full time equivalent to increase capacity for transport project planning (including associated overhead costs), as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

76. That council supports the provision of a one-off payment of \$18,400 in 2019/20 to enable a regional investigation into disability transport need, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

77. That council supports the provision of an additional \$100,000 per year for a human resources manager (including associated overhead costs), as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
78. That council supports the provision of an additional \$70,000 per year for a full time equivalent (including associated overhead costs) to enhance financial management, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
79. That council supports the provision of an additional \$152,000 in 2019/20 and 2020/21, and \$112,000 every year following to cover costs associated with necessary information technology consolidation and improvement, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
80. That council supports the provision of an additional one-off cost of \$90,000 in 2020/21 to repaint the exterior to the council's Whangārei office to keep it in good repair, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

81. That council supports the provision of an additional \$15,000 in 2018/19, increasing to \$40,000 by 2020/21, for vehicle running costs, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
82. That council supports the provision of an additional \$68,000 in 2018/19, increasing to \$254,000 by 2020/21 for depreciation to allow for replacement of new capital assets, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.
83. That council supports a reduction in capital expenditure for corporate services by \$70,000 in 2018/19 and \$80,000 to reflect a reduction in the number of new vehicles.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

84. The council supports the provision of an additional \$100,000 in 2018/19 and \$150,000 per year in 2019/20 and 2020/21 for an additional resource and consultant support for the information technology team, to be funded from the Council Services Rate.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

85. That council supports additional capital expenditure of \$300,000 in 2019/20, and \$250,000 in 2020/21, for land purchase and development of a far north poplar and willow nursery, to be funded from both council's Property Reinvestment Fund and the Forestry Equalisation Fund.

86. That council supports the provision of an additional \$6,250 in 2020/21 for depreciation on the development of infrastructure for the Far North poplar and willow nursery, to be funded from the Council Services Rate.
87. That council supports the provision of an additional \$66,285 from 2020/21 for a full time equivalent Far North land management and nursery advisor, to be funded from the Land Management and Freshwater Management rates.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

88. That council supports an additional \$70,000 per year from 2019/20 for an additional full time equivalent monitoring officer, to be funded from the Freshwater Management rates.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

89. That council supports the provision of an additional \$5,000 per year from 2020/21 to meet the demand for EnviroSchools Biosecurity and WaiRestoration courses to support delivery of the EnviroSchools Strategy to be funded from the Council Services Rate.

An amendment was moved (Dimery/Stolwerk)

89. That council supports the provision of an additional \$10,000 per year from 2020/21 to meet the demand for EnviroSchools Biosecurity and WaiRestoration courses to support delivery of the EnviroSchools Strategy to be funded from the Council Services Rate.

Carried

(Councillor Smart voted against the motion).

The Chairman subsequently put the substantive motion which was **Carried** *(Councillor Smart voted against the motion).*

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

90. That council supports the provision of an additional \$72,000 per year from 2020/21 for a new full time equivalent position and associated resources to support delivery of the EnviroSchools Strategy to be funded from the Council Services Rate.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

91. That council supports the provision of an additional \$130,588 in 2019/20 and \$112,117 in 2020/21 to bring the additional amount available in council's Environment Fund during these years up to \$500,000, and supporting land management and biodiversity projects, to be funded from the Land Management and Freshwater Management rates.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

92. That council determines to join the Local Government Funding Agency as a guarantor member, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

93. That council continues to support emergency services via the emergency services rate and that council makes this emergency services fund non-contestable, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

94. That council supports the continuation of the allocations of funding to: the Northland Emergency Services Trust (\$525,000 per year); St John, Northern Region (\$90,000 per year); and Coastguard, Northern Region (\$84,000 per year);

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

95. That council supports an increased allocation of funding to Surf Life Saving Northern Region (of \$200,000 per year) for sustaining the regional lifeguard service at 6 Northland beaches.

Carried

(Councillor Stolwerk declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this matter).

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

96. That council adds Far North and Northland Search and Rescue (\$20,000) to the list of organisations supported by the emergency services rate.

Lost

Secretarial Note: The meeting adjourned at 11.25am and reconvened at 11.33am.

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

97. That council increase the emergency services rate from \$11.76 per SUIP/rating unit by \$0.30, to \$12.06 to cover the increased allocation to Surf Life Saving, Northern region.

Carried

(Councillor Stolwerk declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this matter).

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

98. That council supports the establishment of a regional sporting facilities rate at a fixed rate of \$17.25 a year per SUIP/rating unit ('option 1'), to provide funding support to assist the development of sporting facilities across Northland that are of regional benefit, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

99. That council allocates funds from the sporting facilities rate to Northland projects of regional significance or benefit where a project is identified and financially supported in relevant Territorial Authority's Long Term Plans, is on the Northland Sports Facilities Plan schedule and has substantially met schedule criteria, is a sporting facility not active recreation facility, involves a new build or significant extension of a current facility (not maintenance or refurbishment) and the fund is used for construction and construction management only.
100. That staff prepare a paper for the July 2018 council meeting outlining the allocation process and procedures to cover the three years of the LTP 2018-2028.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

101. That council supports the continuation of the regional infrastructure rate at a rate of \$3.49 per \$100,000 land value in the Whangārei district, \$2.78 in Kaipara district and \$3.14 in the Far North district, to fund activities relating to the development and/or completion of the regional infrastructure projects, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

102. That council supports an increase in the Whangārei transport rate of \$7.56, to allow for improvements to be made to the service as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

103. That council supports an additional increase in the Whangārei transport rate of \$2.50, to fund a trial of alternative transport services to Hikurangi, Whangārei Heads and Ruakaka/Waipū as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

104. That council supports the establishment of a district-wide rate for transport in the Far North of \$8.80 per SUIP, to fund the investigation and provision of transport services, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

105. That council stops funding Creative Northland, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

106. That council supports the rating policies (including the policy on the remission and postponement of rates on Māori freehold land) as consulted on and to be included in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

107. That council supports the Revenue and Financing Policy as consulted on, to be included in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

Carried

Moved (Sinclair/Smart)

108. That council supports the Significance and Engagement Policy, as consulted on in the Long Term Plan Consultation Document and supporting information, for inclusion in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028, subject to the following amendment:

Does the matter being considered involve:	Degree of significance	What this means
Rates Setting a new rate; or Increasing <u>an existing specific targeted rate; or</u> <u>Increasing an existing region wide targeted rate by more than 2% annually above that previously approved in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028.</u>	SIGNIFICANT	We will consult

Carried

(Councillors Blaikie and Yeoman voted against the motion)

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

109. That council supports the current arrangements for funding and operating the Investment and Growth Reserve and the Community Investment Fund as set out in the Supporting Information to the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document.

110. That council supports the proposed level of operational funding for Northland Inc. Limited as set out in the Supporting Information to the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document.

Secretarial Note: The Chairman signalled his intention to move an additional motion.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

110A. That council invite Northland Inc to provide council with a recommendation for Investment and Growth Reserve project funding for regional promotions activities, with associated business case and deliverables, up to the value of \$200,000 annually for the next three financial years.

Carried

Secretarial Note: The Chairperson in putting the motion called for an expression of opinion by the show of hands; the result being Councillors Bain, Finlayson, Sinclair, Smart and Stolwerk voting in favour of the motion. Councillors Blaikie, Dimery and Yeoman voted against the motion.

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

111. That council supports the replacement of the current list of objectives for Northland Inc. Limited in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 with the following list:

- Advocate and promote the establishment and development of infrastructure that underpins regional economic growth.
- Attract, facilitate and support investment opportunities in regionally strategic sectors.
- Promote Northland as a progressive and positive place to visit, do business and live.
- Provide and facilitate business support services that enable Northland businesses to grow.
- Increase innovation and entrepreneurship in Northland.
- Partner with Māori to develop and implement economic development projects for the benefit of Northland.
- Support and facilitate the implementation of the Tai Tokerau Northland Economic Action Plan.
- Support tourism product development and infrastructure as enablers of Northland’s tourism sector.

112. That council supports the replacement of the current key performance measures and targets for Northland Inc. Limited in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 with the following list:

Work programme	How we will measure	2017/18 result	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Investment and infrastructure	Percentage of IGR business case decisions (by the Board) made within 90 days of receiving application	New measure	100%		
	Number of inward delegations hosted	New measure	4	4	4
	Investment recommendations are accompanied by a robust business case	New measure	100%		
	Number and value of high impact projects that are implemented	New measure	2	2	2
Business innovation and growth	Number of unique businesses assisted (by TA and industry)	225	230		

	Value of NZTE and Callaghan Innovation grant funding facilitated	\$1.5M	\$1.5M		
	Client satisfaction (as measured by Net Promoter Score)	New measure	75% (NPS 50)		
	Orchard occupancy rate	45%	60%	65%	70%
Regional promotion and tourism	Visitor spend from target markets	New measure	\$1,052M	\$1,099M	\$1,146M
	Value of industry investment in regional promotion activity	\$340,408	\$350,000		
	Equivalent Advertising Value achieved from destination marketing	\$15M	\$16.5M		
	RTO Net Promoter Score	New measure	40		
Action Plan	Percentage of milestones completed	New measure	100%		
Māori economic development	Number of unique Māori businesses assisted (by TA and industry)	New measure	30		
	Number and value of high impact projects that are implemented	New measure	1	1	1
	Value of NZTE and Callaghan Innovation grant funding facilitated for Māori businesses	New measure	\$50,000		
	Client satisfaction (as measured by Net Promoter Score for Māori businesses)	New measure	75% (NPS 50)		

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

113. That council supports the inclusion of the following list of regionally strategic sectors for the Investment and Growth Reserve (IGR) in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028

- Agriculture and Horticulture
- Marine
- Tourism
- Digital

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

114. That council does not make any changes to the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 as a result of submissions on these topics: Climate Change/Sustainability, Core Business, District Council Matters, Finances, GE/GMO, Governance, LTP Process, Mangroves, Mining/Industry, RMA and Roothing/Rail.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

115. That council adopts staff recommendations outlined in the spreadsheet (included as Appendix 2 pertaining to Item 3.1 of the 16 May 2018 council agenda) as council decisions, and do not make any changes to the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 as a result of these submission points.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

116. That council supports the Vision, Mission, Values and Areas of Focus (Community Outcomes), as set out in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document and supporting information document.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

117. That council supports the capital expenditure required to support council's ongoing activities as included in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 supporting information document, subject to specific resolutions elsewhere in this report.

Carried

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

118. That council notes the submissions opposed to the overall average rate increase however does not agree that the overall average rate increase needs to be lowered for the reasons stated by those submitters.

Carried

Council Deliberations on the Charging Policy 2018/19 (Item 3.2)

ID: A1064087

Report from Kyla Carlier, Strategy Specialist

Moved (Shepherd/Sinclair)

1. That the report 'Council Deliberations on the Charging Policy 2018/19' by Kyla Carlier, Strategy Specialist and dated 7 May 2018, be received.
2. That Jonathan Gibbard, Group Manager - Strategy and Governance be given delegated authority to approve any consequential amendments as a result of council decisions on submissions and any minor accuracy and grammatical amendments.
3. That council supports the increase in charges contained in the Charging Policy by 2%, as set out in the draft Charging Policy 2018/19.
4. That council supports the draft Charging Policy 2018/19, as notified, subject to the inclusion of an explanatory note in relation to cancellation of charges for cruise ships and an amendment to section 1.3.5 relating to remissions of charges, as documented in this report.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Council extended appreciation to staff for making the deliberations process 'user-friendly'; which was endorsed by acclamation.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 12.11pm.