

Investment and Property Subcommittee Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Wednesday 25 November 2020, commencing at 9.30am

Present:

Chairperson, NRC Councillor Rick Stolwerk
Councillor Justin Blaikie *(via audio visual link)*
Councillor Colin Kitchen
Councillor Jack Craw *(via audio visual link)*
Ex-Officio Penny Smart
Independent Financial Advisor Jonathan Eriksen *(via audio visual link)*
Independent Financial Advisor Geoff Copstick
Independent Audit & Risk Advisor Danny Tuato'o

In Attendance:

Full Meeting
CEO Malcolm Nicolson
GM Corporate Excellence Bruce Howse
Strategic Projects and Facilities Manager Phil Heatley
PA Corporate Excellence Judy Graham
Property Officer Joran Jordaan
Governance Support Manager Christine Taylor

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.35am.

Apologies (Ngā whakapahā) (Item 1.0)

There were no apologies.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Nga whakapuakanga) (Item 2.0)

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

Confirmation of Minutes - 26 August 2020 (Item 4.1)

ID: A1382158

Report from Judith Graham, Corporate Excellence P/A

Moved (Kitchen/Smart)

That the minutes of the Investment & Property Subcommittee meeting held on 26 August 2020 to be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Performance of Council Externally Managed Funds to 31 October 2020 (Item 5.1)

ID: A1387168

Report from Simon Crabb, Finance Manager

Moved (Kitchen/Stolwerk)

That the report 'Performance of Council Externally Managed Funds to 31 October 2020' by Simon Crabb, Finance Manager and dated 18 November 2020, be received.

Carried

Secretarial Note: 9.37am CEO joined the meeting

Jonathan Eriksen from EriksensGlobal gave an overview update on councils externally managed funds as well as the current financial market, including the impact of the newly elected president of the USA and the Corona viruses effect is having on the global financial market.

Recommend taking the financial gains out of the performing managed funds. Risk portfolio will still stay the same.

Action – That a report be presented to the December council meeting to authorise the CEO to withdraw gains from the Long Term Fund gains in Quarter 3 of the current financial year in accordance with advice provided by the Independent Investment Advisor.

That the Investment and Property Subcommittee Terms of Reference is amended to authorise the Subcommittee to approve all future withdrawals from the Long-Term fund, subject to withdrawals being in accordance with the advice of councils Independent Investment Advisor (EriksensGlobal).

Secretarial Note: Chair Smart left the meeting at 9.59am.

Action – 15 December Council meeting recommend to de risk Schrodgers investment, Jonathan Eriksen from EriksensGlobal to send through recommendation for transfer of funds.

Blackrock investment fund to be discussed at next year's first Investment and Property Subcommittee meeting.

Responsible Investment Report - as at 30 June 2020 (Item 5.2)

ID: A1365954

Report from Simon Crabb, Finance Manager

Moved (Craw/Kitchen)

That the report 'Responsible Investment Report - as at 30 June 2020' by Simon Crabb, Finance Manager and dated 22 September 2020, be received.

Carried

Moved (Kitchen/Stolwerk)

Action- Update Statement Investment Policy and Objectives to reflect transition of unethical investment over the next five years.

Carried

General Business Borrowing for Redevelopments (Item 5.3)

Business with Public Excluded (Item 6.0)

Moved (Craw/Blaikie)

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:

Item No.	Item Issue	Reasons/Grounds
6.1	Update on Significant Redevelopment Projects	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to enable council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities s7(2)(h) and the withholding of which is necessary to enable council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) s7(2)(i).
6.2	Investment Property Strategy 2021-2024	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to enable council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities s7(2)(h) and the withholding of which is necessary to enable council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) s7(2)(i).
6.3	Kaipara District Council Accommodation in Mangawhai	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to enable council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities s7(2)(h) and the withholding of which is necessary to enable council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) s7(2)(i).

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

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 11.47am.