

Northland Regional Council Minutes

Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Deliberations held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Wednesday 19 May 2021, commencing at 9.30am

Present:

Chairperson, Penny Smart

Councillors:

Terry Archer

Justin Blaikie

Jack Crow

Colin Kitchen

Amy Macdonald

Marty Robinson

Rick Stolwerk

Joce Yeoman

In Attendance:

Full Meeting

Independent Audit & Risk Advisor

Chief Executive Officer

GM - Corporate Excellence

GM - Regulatory Services

GM - Strategy, Governance and Engagement

Acting Strategy, Policy and Planning Manager

Assistant Management Accountant

Economic Policy Advisor

Governance Support Manager

Part Meeting

Independent Financial Advisor (*via audio visual link*)

GM – Environmental Services

GM - Customer Service - Community Resilience

Management Accountant

Economist

Biosecurity Manager – Partnerships and Strategy

Policy Specialist

Regional Harbourmaster

Climate Resilience Co-ordinator

Rivers and Natural Hazards Manager

Strategic Projects and Facilities Manager

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.31am and proceedings commenced with the Tauāki ā roto by full council.

Apologies (Ngā whakapahā) (Item 3.0)

There were no apologies.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Nga whakapuakanga) (Item 1.0)

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

Council Deliberations on the Long Term Plan 2021 - 2031 Consultation Document and Supporting Information (Item 5.1)

ID: A1434870

Report from Kyla Carlier, Acting Strategy Policy and Planning Manager and Casey Mitchell, Management Accountant

Moved (Stolwerk/Yeoman)

1. That the report 'Council Deliberations on the Long Term Plan 2021 - 2031 Consultation Document and Supporting Information' by Kyla Carlier, Acting Strategy Policy and Planning Manager and Casey Mitchell, Management Accountant and dated 16 April 2021, 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 2021-2031.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Key staff provided an overview of consultation, a brief assessment of feedback, an explanation of proposed changes and their impact on rates, and explained the format of the deliberations report.

CHANGING THE STRUCTURE OF RATES

Moved (Stolwerk/Blaikie)

1. That council supports combining the land management rate and the freshwater management rate into one targeted region-wide rate called the 'land and freshwater management rate', to continue to be set based on the equalised land value of each rateable unit in the region, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
2. That council supports the re-naming of the civil defence and hazard management rate as the emergency and hazard management rate, to continue to be set based on equalised capital value and number of rating units or separately used or inhabited parts of a rating unit (SUIPs), as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
3. That council supports re-naming the current regional infrastructure rate as the regional economic development rate and applying it to activities that support economic wellbeing and community infrastructure via the investment and growth reserve, as

proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Secretarial Note: It was requested that council examine the work funded by the land and freshwater management rate and whether it would be more appropriate to be based on capital value.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Moved (Stolwerk/Macdonald)

Addressing water health - Providing quality data

4. That council supports the provision of an additional \$95,000 in 2021/22 and 2022/23, \$30,000 in 2023/24 and 2024/25, and \$25,000 each year following, and capital spend of \$25,000 in 2021/22, for continuous and automated data collection and processing tools, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
5. That council supports the provision of an additional \$73,000 in 2021/22, \$79,000 in 2022/23 and \$158,000 each year following, and capital spend of \$2,200 in 2021/22 and 2023/24 to fund and support additional environmental data management officers, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
6. That council supports the provision of an additional \$90,000 in 2023/24 and \$89,000 each year following, and \$2,200 of capital spend in 2023/24, for a specific hydrology data officer, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
7. That council supports the provision of an additional \$35,000 in 2023/24 for the digitisation of historic environmental records, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Craw/Kitchen)

Addressing water health - Monitoring water health and responding to legislation

8. That council supports the provision of an additional \$10,000 in 2021/22 and \$45,000 each year following, and capital spend of \$95,000 in 2021/22, to upgrade the recreational bathing system, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
9. That council supports the provision of an additional \$60,000 in 2022/23 and \$58,000 each year following, and capital spend of \$2,200 in 2022/23, for a junior hydrology officer, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
10. That council supports the provision of an additional \$95,000 in 2023/24 and \$94,000 each year following, and capital spend of \$2,200 in 2023/24, for a freshwater ecologist, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
11. That council supports the provision of an additional \$154,000 in 2022/23, and \$153,000 each year following, and capital spend of \$12,000 in 2022/23 and 2024/25, and \$10,000

in 2027/28 and 2030/31, to update the freshwater monitoring networks, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

It was further moved (Blaikie/Yeoman)

12. That council supports the provision of an additional \$167,000 in 2022/23, \$244,000 in 2023/24 and \$243,000 each year following to upgrade the lake monitoring programme, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

It was further moved (Stolwerk/Yeoman)

13. That council supports the provision of additional capital spend of \$295,200 in 2022/23, \$12,960 in 2024/25, \$170,840 in 2025/26, \$66,800 in 2027/28, \$160,000 in 2028/29, \$12,960 in 2029/30 and \$8,640 in 2030/31 to support the upgrade of the lake monitoring programme.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Later in the meeting it was confirmed that the additional capital spend was to meet the requirements of the NPS Freshwater and included the purchase of water level sensors, continuous monitoring, lake buoys and sinking groundwater bores.

It was further moved (Stolwerk/Craw)

14. That council supports the provision of an additional \$115,000 in 2021/22 and \$114,000 each year following, and capital spend of \$2,200 in 2021/22, for a water resources scientist, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Stolwerk/Kitchen)

Addressing water health - Water resilience

15. That council supports the provision of an additional \$79,000 a year from 2022/23, reducing to \$44,000 a year from 2025/26, and capital spend of \$2,200 in 2022/23 for a groundwater officer, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
16. That council supports the provision of an additional \$40,000 a year for a water allocation tool, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
17. That council supports the provision of an additional \$50,000 in 2024/25, and capital spend of \$155,000 in 2023/24 and \$10,000 each year following, for a targeted research and monitoring project to understand freshwater resilience, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
18. That council supports the provision of an additional \$100,000 in 2021/22 and \$150,000 in 2022/23 for council's contribution toward the Aupouri aquifer and surrounding surface water project, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
19. That council supports the provision of an additional \$160,000 in 2021/22, \$232,000 in 2022/23, \$235,000 in 2023/24 to 2025/26, \$248,000 in 2026/27 and \$235,000 every year following for general operating budget to support the step-change in work with

resources such as summer students, annual subscriptions for telemetered equipment, training and consultants, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Addressing water health - Capital spend only

20. That council supports the provision of capital spend of \$113,000 in 2022/23, \$292,000 in 2023/24, \$12,000 in 2025/26, \$178,000 in 2028/29, \$105,000 in 2029/30 and \$151,000 in 2030/31, to update and relace assets and equipment for coastal water quality and hydrology programmes, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
21. That council supports the provision of capital spend of \$60,000 in 2022/23 for new groundwater monitoring stations, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
22. That council supports the provision of capital spend of \$80,000 in 2021/22 and \$20,000 in 2022/23, for a high-resolution digital river network model, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
23. That council supports the provision of capital spend of \$160,000 in 2021/22 for a high-resolution land-use GIS layer enabling limits for freshwater resources to be set at catchment scale, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
24. That council supports the provision of capital spend of \$72,000 in 2022/23 and \$54,000 in 2023/24 and 2024/25, for the expansion of the hydrometric network including new telemetered flow stations, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Yeoman/Macdonald)

Addressing water health - Planning and policy

25. That council supports the provision of \$80,000 in 2021/22 and 2022/23 for the process of proposing a new coastal occupation charge for structures in the coastal marine area, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
26. That council supports the provision of \$250,000 a year from 2022/23 to implement Te Mana O Te Wai, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

An amendment was moved (Blaikie/Kitchen)

Addressing water health - Planning and policy

25. That council supports the provision of \$80,000 in 2021/22 and 2022/23 for the process of proposing a new coastal occupation charge for structures in the coastal marine area, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
26. That council supports the provision of \$250,000 a year from 2022/23 to implement Te Mana O Te Wai; subject to a set of agreed conditions as supported by tangata whenua.

Lost

Secretarial Note: As per Standing Order 23.7 'Lost Amendments' the meeting resumed debate on the original motion.

Moved (Yeoman/Macdonald)

Addressing water health - Planning and policy

25. That council supports the provision of \$80,000 in 2021/22 and 2022/23 for the process of proposing a new coastal occupation charge for structures in the coastal marine area, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
26. That council supports the provision of \$250,000 a year from 2022/23 to implement Te Mana O Te Wai, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

It was further moved (Yeoman/Stolwerk)

27. That council supports the provision of \$250,000 in 2021/22 and \$255,000 in 2022/23 to cover the cost of making changes to the Regional Plan for Northland in accordance with central government requirements.

Carried

Moved (Yeoman/Robinson)

Addressing water health - Compliance monitoring

28. That council supports the provision of \$95,000 in 2021/22, \$228,000 in 2022/23 and \$226,000 each year following, and \$8,800 of capital spend, to expand the compliance monitoring team in response to new requirements from central government, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Secretarial Note: The meeting adjourned at 10.31am and reconvened at 10.39am.

Moved (Blaikie/Macdonald)

Managing our water catchments

29. That council supports the provision of \$740,845 a year toward the Kaipara Moana Remediation programme.

Carried

It was further moved (Stolwerk/Yeoman)

30. That council supports the provision of \$311,000 in 2022/23 and 2023/24 to support work in catchments across the region through the environmental fund, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

An amendment was moved (Blaikie/Macdonald)

30. That council supports the provision of \$311,000 in 2022/23, \$500,000 in 2023/24 and this quantum continuing (year on year) through to 2030/31 to support work in catchments across the region through the environmental fund.

The substantive motion, being the original motion as amended, was carried

It was further moved (Stolwerk/Yeoman)

31. That council supports the provision of \$57,000 in 2021/22, \$66,000 in 2022/23 and \$16,000 in 2023/24, \$83,000 in 2024/25, \$92,000 in 2025/26, \$76,000 in 2026/27,

\$81,000 in 2027/28, \$174,000 in 2028/29, \$154,000 in 2029/30 and \$162,000 in 2030/31 to support expansion and operations of the poplar and willow nursery, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

32. That council supports the provision of capital spend of \$777,000 in 2021/22 and \$250,000 in the two years following, and \$26,000 a year from 2027/28, to support expansion of the poplar and willow nursery, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

It was further moved (Stolwerk/Macdonald)

33. That council supports the provision of \$50,000 in 2022/23, \$80,000 in 2023/24 to 2025/26, \$60,000 from 2026/27 to 2029/30, and \$40,000 in 2030/31 to support the movement from farm plans to a catchment-based model, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
34. That council supports the provision of capital spend of \$12,500 in 2021/22 and 2022/23, and \$15,000 in 2023/24 and 2024/25 to support the movement from farm plans to a catchment-based model, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
35. That council supports the provision of \$30,000 a year from 2024/25, and capital spend of \$250,000 in 2022/23 and 2023/24, to support freshwater farm planning, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
36. That council supports the provision of \$230,000 a year up until 2025/26 and then \$10,000 each year following, and capital spend of \$1,000 in 2021/22 to expand the soil quality monitoring network and fund S-map as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

It was further moved (Craw/Robinson)

37. That council supports the provision of \$125,000 in 2021/22 and 2022/23, to carry out comprehensive wetland mapping.

Carried

Secretarial Note: The workshop adjourned at 11.21am and reconvened at 11.28am.

Moved (Stolwerk/Macdonald)

Biodiversity

38. That council supports the provision of \$82,000 in 2021/22 increasing to \$109,000 from 2022/23 onwards, and capital spend of \$2,200 in 2021/22, to develop and implement a biodiversity action plan, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
39. That council supports the provision of \$85,000 in 2021/22, increasing to \$90,000 in 2022/23 and each year following to expand the CoastCare and Taitokerau Coastal Kaitiaki programmes, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

It was further moved (Craw/Macdonald)

40. That council supports the provision of \$20,000 in 2022/23 and \$40,000 in 2023/24 to deliver a Regional Biodiversity Strategy.

Carried

Moved (Blaikie/Yeoman)

Biosecurity - land

41. That council supports the provision of \$110,000 a year to fund low-incidence pest plant work, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
42. That council supports the provision of \$438,000 in 2022/23 increasing to \$536,000 in 2023/24, \$818,000 in 2024/25 and \$866,000 from 2025/26, and capital spend of \$4,400 in 2022/23 and 2024/25, for the staff and operational costs of Kauri dieback management, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

It was further moved (Craw/Macdonald)

43. That council supports the provision of \$190,000 a year from 2021/22 to 2023/24, increasing to \$290,000 a year from 2024/25, and capital spend of \$2,200 in 2021/22, to fund work to eradicate feral deer from Northland.

Carried

It was further moved (Blaikie/Robinson)

44. That council supports the provision of \$53,000 in 2021/22, \$81,000 in 2022/23 and 2023/24, and \$162,000 from 2024/25 onwards, and capital spend of \$2,200 in 2021/22 and 2024/25, to fund the provision of roles with a focus on supporting community led pest plant work as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
45. That council supports the provision of \$100,000 in 2021/22, \$200,000 in 2022/23 and \$300,000 in each year following to support the Predator Free Te Taitokerau project.

Carried

It was further moved (Stolwerk/Kitchen)

46. That council supports the provision of \$180,000 in 2022/23, \$300,000 in 2023/24 and \$450,000 each year following to support future Predator Free Te Taitokerau projects.

An amendment was moved (Macdonald/Blaikie)

46. That council supports the provision of \$180,000 in 2022/23, \$300,000 in 2023/24 and \$450,000 each year following to develop and maintain more high valued areas (where high biodiversity and recreational values meet strong community interest in pest control), put more resource into growing our community-led pest-control programmes and supporting future Predator Free Te Taitokerau projects.

The substantive motion, being the original motion as amended, was carried

Moved (Yeoman/Craw)

Biosecurity - marine

47. That council supports the provision of \$100,000 in 2021/22, and \$25,000 a year from 2022/23 to develop a cohesive approach to managing marine pests with a centralised database, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
48. That council supports the provision of \$314,000 in 2021/22 and \$124,000 for the three years following to respond to an incursion of Mediterranean fanworm, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Moved (Stolwerk/Kitchen)

Flood protection – Awanui River flood scheme upgrade

49. That council supports completing the Awanui River flood scheme upgrade in three years instead of eight, and paying off borrowings for the scheme in 12 years instead of 30, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Flood protection – Otiria – Moerewa flood mitigation spillway

50. That council supports the establishment of a new targeted Taumārere rivers management rate, to be set on a uniform basis on each rateable SUIP located within and/or intersects the Taumārere rivers management rate catchment area.
51. That council supports the provision of \$219,400 a year to fund repayment of the Otiria-Moerewa flood mitigation spillway, with 70% to be funded by the flood infrastructure rate and 30% by a new targeted Taumārere rivers management rate, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Blaikie/Yeoman)

Flood protection – Kawakawa flood mitigation stopbank

52. That council supports the provision of \$550,000 of capital spend in 2024/25 to be borrowed and repaid at a cost of \$52,000 a year, to fund deflection bank work at Kawakawa and to be funded 70% by the flood infrastructure rate and 30% by a new targeted Taumārere rivers management rate.

Carried

Moved (Craw/Kitchen)

Flood protection – Whangārei flood mitigation project, Tarewa Road flood wall

53. That council supports the provision of \$251,000 of capital in 2021/22 for the Tarewa road flood wall component of the Whangārei flood mitigation project, to be repaid at \$23,600 a year, and funded 70% by the region-wide flood infrastructure rate and 30% by the targeted Whangārei urban river management rate, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Stolwerk/Macdonald)

Upgrading our tsunami warning system

54. That council supports the provision of \$1 million of capital spend in 2021/22 and 2022/23 to upgrade the tsunami siren network, and \$20,000 a year from 2023/24 for testing and maintaining the sirens, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Kitchen/Craw)

New emergency coordination centre

55. That council supports the provision of capital spend of \$5.5 million in 2022/23 and 2023/24 for a new joint emergency coordination centre, and \$90,000 a year in operating costs, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Macdonald/Craw)

Climate change resilience

56. That council supports the provision of \$305,000 in 2021/22, \$301,000 in 2022/23 and \$505,000 in 2023/24 to 2026/27, and capital spend of \$2,200 in 2021/22 and \$4,400 in 2023/24, for adaptive pathway planning for the region.

Carried

It was further moved (Macdonald/Robinson)

57. That council supports the provision of \$153,000 in 2021/22, and \$174,000 in 2022/23 and 2023/24, and capital spend of \$2,200 in 2021/22, for a zero-carbon transition plan and staff resource.

Carried

It was further moved (Macdonald/Yeoman)

58. That council supports the provision of \$182,000 in 2021/22 and \$178,000 each year following, and \$2,200 of capital spend in 2021/22, to support hapū and marae communities to develop risk management plans and resilience strategies, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Blaikie/Kitchen)

Improving water resilience

59. That council supports the provision of \$500,000 a year to set up a grant scheme for non-reticulated water infrastructure for people in need, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Stolwerk/Craw)

Harbour safety and navigation

60. That council supports the provision of \$20,000 in 2022/23 and 2023/24, and capital spend of \$70,000 in 2022/23, to replace fixed steel beacons with relocatable plastic

buoys as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

61. That council supports the provision of \$100,000 of capital spend in 2021/22 for feasibility and design of a new maritime vessel, and \$1.5 million of capital spend in 2022/23 to build a new maritime vessel, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
62. That council supports the provision of \$14,175 a year as a 35% contribution toward the costs of abandoned and derelict boats, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Macdonald/Craw)

Increasing CityLink services

63. That council supports the provision of \$437,000 in 2022/23, \$644,000 in 2023/24 and \$851,000 in 2024/25 to increase the frequency of the City Link bus service in Whangārei, to be funded by the targeted Whangārei transport rate, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

Moved (Yeoman/Robinson)

Māori partnerships

64. That council supports the provision of \$30,000 a year to fund the recently signed Manawhakahono ā rohe agreements as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
65. That council supports the provision of \$102,000 a year and capital spend of \$2,200 in 2021/22 for a kaiawhina kaupapa Māori (Māori technical advisor), as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
66. That council supports the provision of \$10,000 a year from 2022/23 to support the development of Iwi and Hapū Environmental Management Plans (IHEMP), as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
67. That council supports the provision of \$20,000 in 2021/22 and 2022/23 to support the process of introducing Māori seats in the 2022 election as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
68. That council supports the provision of \$127,000 in 2021/22, and \$138,000 each year following, and capital spend of \$2,200 in 2021/22, to further develop and support cultural capacity as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
69. That council supports the provision of \$50,000 in 2021/22, and \$25,000 each year following to carry out a 'health check' of council's Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations, and \$100,000 a year from 2022/23 for implementation, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

70. That council supports the provision of \$25,000 a year to increase Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) members' allowances, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Yeoman/Stolwerk)

Community engagement

71. That council supports the provision of \$154,000 in 2021/22, \$152,000 in 2022/23 and \$225,000 each year following, and \$5,600 of capital spend over the first three years, for new positions to support the increased community engagement needs, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

It was further moved (Yeoman/Kitchen)

72. That council supports the provision of \$78,000 a year for an Enviroschools support position and in school facilitator, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
73. That council supports the provision \$65,000 in 2024/25, \$97,500 in 2025/26, and \$127,500 each year following for delivering the Enviroschools strategy, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Craw/Stolwerk)

Customer services

74. That council supports the provision of \$25,000 in 2023/24 and 2024/25, increasing to \$90,000 in 2025/26 and \$100,000 every year following, and capital spend of \$95,000 in 2023/24 for development and implementation of a regional accessibility strategy as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
75. That council supports the provision of \$10,000 a year, and capital spend of \$5,000 in 2021/22 to support the expansion of council's regional service centre network, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Robinson/Kitchen)

Corporate excellence - Information technology upgrades

76. To fund the implementation and operating of a new enterprise system, that council supports collecting rates revenue of \$722,000 in 2022/23 and 2023/24, and \$1.12M a year for the following seven years to fund a portion of the project and repay borrowings drawn down to fund any shortfalls, with spend on the project beginning in 2021/22 as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
77. That council supports the provision of capital spend of \$20,850 in 2021/22, for the implementation and operating of a new enterprise system, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

78. That council supports the provision of \$90,000 a year to increase council's cybersecurity resilience as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
79. That council supports the provision of \$134,000 in 2021/22, \$252,000 in 2022/23 and \$1.4 million in 2023/24, and \$700,000 a year after that, to upgrade the specialised regional council database system as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
80. That council supports the provision of \$100,600 a year to upgrade the integrated regional information system (IRIS), as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
81. That council supports the provision of \$50,000 in 2021/22 and 2022/23, \$75,000 in 2023/34 and \$100,000 each year following to centralise the data collected through LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) surveys as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
82. That council supports the provision of \$75,000 in 2022/23 to ensure data is being stored correctly and can be accessed and used easily, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
83. That council supports the provision of \$72,000 in 2021/22, and \$165,000 each year following, and capital spend of \$2,200 in 2022/23 for business and IT resource to support upgrades, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
84. That council supports the provision of \$107,000 in 2021/22, \$140,000 each year following, and capital spend of \$2,200, to build mapping and geographical information capability, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Yeoman/Stolwerk)

Corporate excellence – other support

85. That council supports the provision of 17,000 in 2021/22, \$46,000 each year following, and capital spend of \$42,000 in 2021/22 and \$84,000 in 2022/23 to ensure sufficient human-resources support and vehicles, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
86. That council supports the provision of capital spend of \$250,000 in 2022/23 and \$94,000 in 2024/25 for renovations and maintenance of the exterior of council's Water Street building, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
87. That council supports the provision of capital expenditure of \$600,000 in 2025/26, and \$4 million in 2026/27 for a regional service centre in Waipapa, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

OTHER DECISIONS

Moved (Blaikie/Stolwerk)

Funding Economic Development

88. That council supports the re-naming of the Regional Infrastructure rate to the Regional Economic Development rate, and direct revenue collected through the rate into the Investment and Growth Reserve, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
89. That council supports the closure of the Infrastructure Facilities Reserve, which is at zero balance, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.
90. That council supports the re-naming of the Community Investment Fund to the Economic Development Reserve, to provide greater clarity, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

Moved (Yeoman/Stolwerk)

Reviewing reserves

91. That council supports the re-naming of the Infrastructure Investment Fund reserve to the Regional Project Reserve and broadening the purpose of the reserve to enable income from the reserve to contribute to operational spend, and capital to be used for joint projects with central government, other agencies and the private sector, as proposed in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information.

Carried

POLICIES

Moved (Yeoman/Blaikie)

Rating policies

92. 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 2021-2031.

Carried

Moved (Yeoman/Stolwerk)

Revenue and Financing Policy

93. That council supports the updated Revenue and Financing Policy, to be included in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

Carried

Moved (Craw/Yeoman)

Significance and Engagement Policy

94. 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 2021-2031.

Carried

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Moved (Yeoman/Macdonald)

95. That council supports the key performance indicators (measures and targets) as consulted on in the Long Term Plan Consultation Document and supporting information, for inclusion in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

Carried

FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Moved (Craw/Robinson)

96. That council continues to support the non-contestable emergency services via the emergency services rate.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Councillors Blaikie and Stolwerk declared a conflict of interest in relation to funding for regional sporting facilities and abstained from voting on recommendations 97 – 99.

FUNDING FOR REGIONAL SPORTING FACILITIES

Moved (Kitchen/Macdonald)

97. That council supports continuation of the regional sporting facilities rate to provide funding support to assist the development of sporting facilities across Northland that are of regional benefit.
98. That council allocates funds from the regional 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 within the Kokiri ai te Waka Hourua (2021-2030) strategy document, 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.
99. That staff prepare a paper for the July 2021 council meeting outlining the allocation process and procedures to cover the three years of the LTP 2021-2031.

Carried

(Councillor Yeoman voted against the motion. Councillors Blaikie and Stolwerk abstained from voting)

NORTHLAND INC. LIMITED

Moved (Kitchen/Blaikie)

100. 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 21-2031 Consultation Document.
101. That council supports the current list of objectives for Northland Inc. Limited in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 as set out in the Supporting Information to the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 Consultation Document.
102. That council will include the key performance measures as set out in the final version of Northland Inc's Statement of Intent 2021 - 2024 in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

Carried

GROUPED SUBMISSIONS

Moved (Yeoman/Blaikie)

103. That council does not make any changes to the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 as a result of submissions on these topics: Transport, District Council Matters, LTP consultation process, Finances and investment, GE/GMO, area-specific concerns, agrichemicals and toxins.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Council extended appreciation to members of the community that had taken the time to submit on the draft Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031.

INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSIONS

Moved (Blaikie/Yeoman)

104. That council adopts staff recommendations outlined in the attached spreadsheet (Appendix 1) as council decisions, and do not make any changes to the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 as a result of these submission points.

Carried

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Moved (Yeoman/Macdonald)

105. That council supports the community outcomes as set out in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Consultation Document and supporting information document.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Supplementary Item 5.2 and Confidential Item 6.1 were addressed prior to the recommendations pertaining to the Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre (recommendation 106) and the Targeted region-wide rate increase (recommendation 107). The latter were debated at such time council resumed in open meeting.

ORUKU LANDING CONFERENCE AND EVENTS CENTRE

Moved (Robinson/Craw)

106. That the resolutions pertaining to the Oruku landing conference and events centre (considered during public excluded) be confirmed in open meeting.

Carried

Council Deliberations on the Long Term Plan 2021- 2031: Oruku Landing Conference and Event Centre (Confidential Item 6.1)

ID: A1443009

Report from Darryl Jones, Economist and Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor

Moved (Stolwerk/Macdonald)

1. *That the report 'Council Deliberations on the Long Term Plan 2021- 2031: Oruku Landing Conference and Event Centre' by Darryl Jones, Economist and Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and dated 12 May 2021, be received.*

Carried

It was further moved (Macdonald/Yeoman)

2. *That council does not provide any grant funding for the Oruku Landing Conference and Event Centre.*

Lost

It was further moved (Craw/Robinson)

2. *That council approves the provision of \$6 million (plus GST if any) in grant funding for the Oruku Landing Conference and Event Centre (the Project), with the following conditions.*
 - a. *Whangarei District Council maintains its existing commitment to take responsibility for the Project, including paying for all cost overruns, and owning it as a council asset.*
 - b. *Crown Infrastructure Partners maintains its current funding commitment of \$60 million to the Project. Any reduction in the quantum of this commitment will be matched by a proportional decrease in council's funding commitment.*
 - c. *The funding will only be used to contribute towards the cost of the internal physical fit-out of the Centre.*
 - d. *The funding will be provided once the building structure is complete and the fit-out is required, and not before the commencement of the 2023/24 financial year.*
 - e. *That council receive detailed fit-out design and costings prior to making any payment.*
 - f. *A set of social procurement requirements for the Project are developed in conjunction with Whangarei District Council and Crown Infrastructure Partners.*
 - g. *Authorised piling for the hotel construction has commenced no later than 30 March 2023.*

Carried

(Councillors Macdonald and Yeoman voted against the motion)

It was further moved (Stolwerk/Craw)

3. *That council requests Whangarei District Council consider appointing an expert in the development and/or running of event and conference centres be brought on as a Member of their Oruku Landing Project Control Group in place of an NRC councillor.*
4. *The council delegate authority to the Chief Executive to prepare and sign a funding agreement with WDC to support these decisions including, among other things, an appropriate schedule of payments and reporting requirements.*

Carried

TARGETED REGION WIDE RATE INCREASE

Moved (Penny/Stolwerk)

107. That council supports a total 21.04% average rate increase of the combined council services rate, land and freshwater management rate, pest management rate, emergency and hazard management rate, and flood infrastructure rate in the first year of the Long Term Plan, with projected increases of 0.98 - 13.98% (including inflation adjustments) each year for the next 10 years, with additional increases as resolved elsewhere in this report.

Carried

Council deliberations on the User Fees and Charges 2021/22 (Supplementary Item 5.2)

ID: A1439530

Report from Robyn Broadhurst, Policy Specialist

Moved (Craw/Stolwerk)

1. That the report 'Council deliberations on the User Fees and Charges 2021/22' by Robyn Broadhurst, Policy Specialist and dated 3 May 2021, be received.
2. That Bruce Howse, Acting Group Manager – Corporate Excellence 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 inflationary increase in charges contained in the User Fees and Charges 2021/22 by 1.5%, as set out in the schedule.
4. That the council supports the Draft User Fees and Charges 2021/22 as notified, and direct staff to prepare the final user fees and charges for council adoption in June 2021.

Carried

Secretarial Note: The meeting adjourned at 12.18pm and reconvened at 1.00pm.

Business with Public Excluded (Item 6.0)

Moved (Smart/Robinson)

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	Council Deliberations on the Long Term Plan 2021- 2031: Oruku Landing Conference and Event Centre	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied s7(2)(c)(i) 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).

Carried

(Councillor Yeoman voted against the motion)

Open Meeting

Moved (Smart/Stolwerk)

That the council resumes in open meeting.

Carried

Secretarial Note: The meeting adjourned at 2.20pm and reconvened at 2.32pm. At this time council resumed discussion on Item 5.1: Council Deliberations on the Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031 Consultation Document and Supporting Information; specifically in relation to the Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre (recommendation 106) and the Targeted region-wide rate increase (recommendation 107).

Conclusion

The Chair extended appreciation to councillors and staff for their contribution to the Long Term Plan deliberations and closed the meeting at 2.37pm.