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EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Open Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday 14 May 2020

Time: 10.05am – 11.29am

Venue Zoom livestreamed to Council's Facebook page

Present Mayor Wise, Deputy Mayor Brosnan, Councillors Boag, Browne, Chrystal, Crown, Mawson, McGrath, Price, Simpson, Tapine, Taylor, Wright

In Attendance Interim Chief Executive, Director Corporate Services, Director Community Services, Director Infrastructure Services, Director City Strategy, Manager Communications and Marketing
Investment and Funding Manager
Manager Business Transformation and Excellence
Manager Community Strategies
Senior Policy Planner
Economic Development Manager [from 10.50am]

Administration Governance Team

Apologies

Nil

Conflicts of interest

Nil

Announcements by the Mayor

The country has now moved into Alert Level 2, and this has some fantastic implications for retail and business owners; we must all continue to stay safe and maintain the government guidelines for hygiene, health and distancing to ensure we continue to move in the right direction in relation to COVID-19.

A new Business Response Fund is to be launched from 18 May 2020, to which applications can be made by businesses who are rebuilding and planning their recovery. Criteria for the Fund and applications are available on Council's website and will be circulated via social media.

Announcements by the management

The Manager Community Strategies advised that 10 applications to Council's Rapid Response Fund were received in its first week. Just under half of the funding has now been allocated, with grants ranging in size from \$200 to \$6,900 so far. The funding will help reimburse extra IT equipment required to support on the ground work during the emergency response, personal protective equipment (PPE), and supporting extra volunteers. The Fund will remain open for two more weeks, and applications are encouraged from groups who were involved in the COVID-19 emergency response and incurred extra costs because of the unusual work in this time.

Minor matters

Nil

AGENDA ITEMS

1. NAPIER RECOVERY BUDGET

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Information
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	924664
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Richard Munneke, Director City Strategy

1.1 Purpose of Report

To request endorsement of the approach funding and the terms of reference for the Napier City Council recovery effort.

At the Meeting

The Director City Strategy spoke to the report, noting that the principles of recovery are applicable nationally, and have been central to the team as the recovery planning for Napier has been initiated.

The wellbeing of the community as a whole is important, and everybody has a part to play. Council has been working closely with other agencies, and the development of the “Make a Plan” and “Team Napier” campaigns are intended to highlight individual and business responsibility to all work together alongside Council and agencies to look after and build our community.

An evidence based approach is being taken to ensure that planning and prioritisation are directed to the appropriate areas of need, and are flexible enough to allow for change as these shift.

The funding allocated in the revised Annual Plan is intended to provide for short and medium term actions; recovery will also be built into the long term planning process, and over time this process will be fully integrated into ‘business as usual’.

The Senior Policy Planner spoke to a presentation on the recovery planning that is underway (please see [Appendix One](#)). The intention is to be future focussed, not purely reactive, and indicators of progress will be set and monitored to follow our recovery and growth as a community. A number of specific issues of current focus were touched on, as well as ways that shifts such increased walking and cycling can be supported to continue.

The plan is for the community, and must respond to its needs. Central to the plan is how Council can work with Mana Whenua entities to ensure that tikanga and cultural wellbeing is deeply embedded into the actions and areas of focus. The plan and its areas of focus at any given time may shift, to make sure Council can be responsive and prioritise the highest needs at any given time.

In response to questions from Councillors it was clarified that:

- Under Emergency Management legislation there is a recovery process which is legislated, and responsibility sits with the Recovery Manager to lead this; the

legislation recognises that a certain level of agility is needed in certain circumstances. It was noted that existing delegations to management also allow for many actions to take place appropriately.

- A coordinated approach across the Council is required to ensure that core business is not being negatively impacted by the recovery process. The extra funding provided for through the upcoming Annual Plan is required to help advance towards our recovery goals. There will also be some cross-over between recovery, core business and future works already planned, so integration will be created as much as possible.
- Feedback from the community on the recovery process will not come via a formal consultation process, as swift movement will be important for some actions. However, the community can engage in the upcoming Annual Plan consultation, there will be smaller surveys run, and Council are working with local commercial groups for instant feedback from the business sector. The public can also contact the Recovery Team via recovery@napier.govt.nz
- The state of emergency was lifted yesterday and the nation is now in a transition period for the next 90 days. The Incident Management Team is still activated but only at a low level to maintain some welfare as required.
- It is anticipated that the activities of the Recovery Steering Group will be fully “blended” into ‘business as usual’ within 12 months.
- Good local information will be sought to monitor recovery for Napier in particular, noting that we have unique qualities even within our own region. Wider data will also be sought so that useful comparisons with other similar cities across the country can be made.
- It is difficult to fully predict at this point which businesses will be most impacted and how.

Officer’s Recommendation

That Council:

- a. Approve the funding of the recovery process for 20/21; and
- b. Endorse the recovery approach, Terms of Reference, and integration with the Long Term Plan direction setting.

Substitute Motion Councillors Boag / Crown

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a. Approve the funding of the recovery process for 20/21; and
- b. Endorse the recovery approach, Terms of Reference, and integration with the Long Term Plan direction setting.
- c. Receive regular reports on the Steering Group’s activities and plans and have input into these where appropriate.

Carried

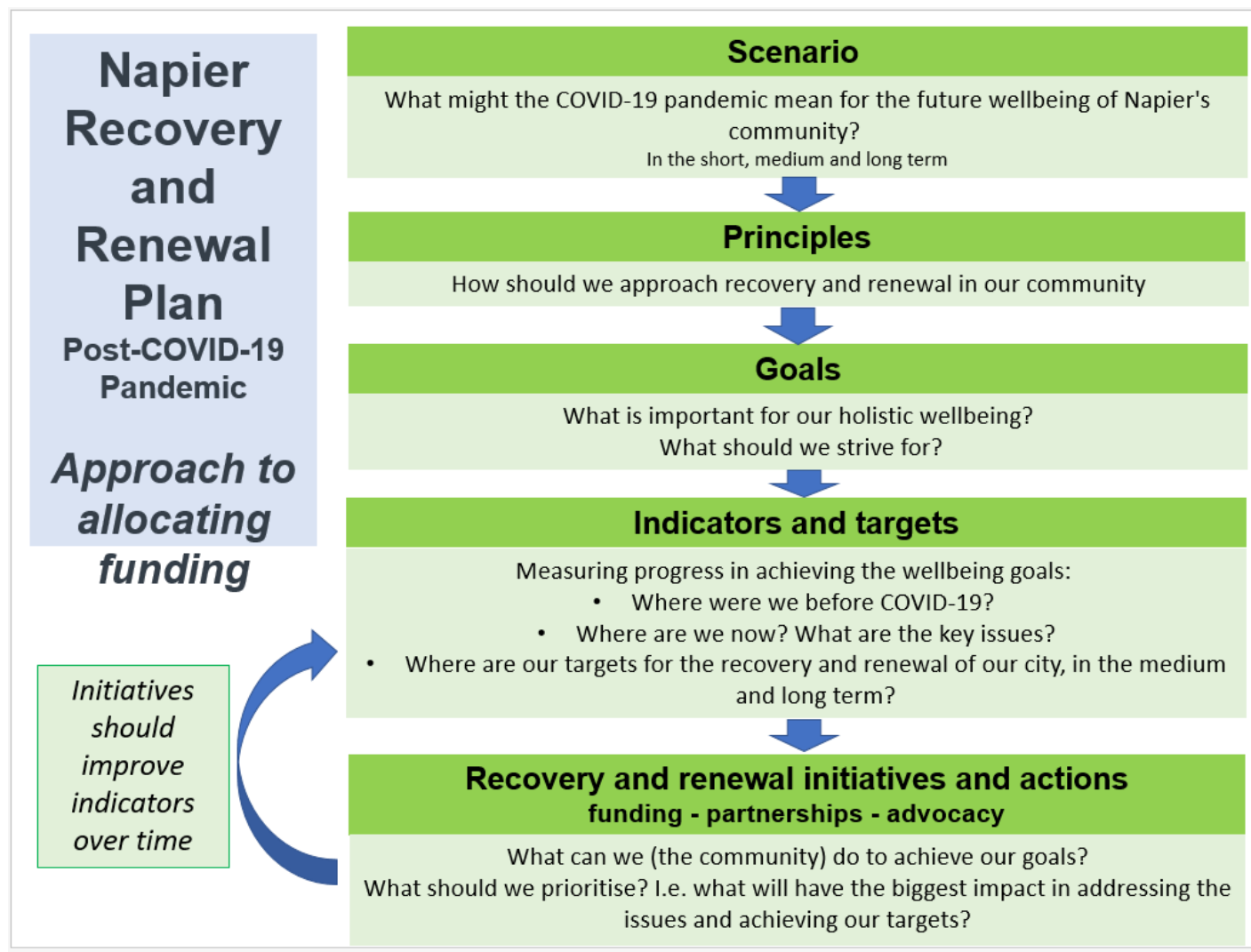
The meeting closed at 11.29am

Approved and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairperson

Date of approval

Appendix One





Napier Recovery and Renewal Plan

Post-COVID-19 Pandemic

POTENTIAL SCENARIO

What might the COVID-19 Pandemic mean for the wellbeing of Napier's community?

- **Rising unemployment**
- **Greater reliance on welfare support** to meet basic needs
- **Potential impacts on mental health, safety, sense of wellbeing** due to uncertainty and job losses
- **Potential issues with housing accessibility in the short-medium term** due to decreased incomes
- **Risk to long term housing supply** as a result of potential underinvestment in an uncertain economic climate
- **Reduced consumer confidence and disposable income** resulting in a domino effect on Napier's economy
- **Restrictions on events, sports, arts, religious services, hospitality** as physical distancing and contact tracing are required in the medium term
- **Loss of vibrancy in the City Centre** due to decreased tourism and people continuing to work from home
- **Business investment may slow** – but there is opportunity for Napier to be recognised as tech friendly
- **More people walking and cycling during lockdown** – ongoing behaviour change?
- **People may value retaining and leveraging environmental gains** achieved through the COVID-19 lockdown

The summary approach is subject to further feedback and will have ongoing amendments following input from Māori perspectives and community groups, and as we gather new information



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Post-COVID-19 Pandemic

How should Napier go about responding to these potential changes to our city?

Together, as a community we will restore and enhance the social and economic wellbeing of our people while respecting and celebrating our cultural heritage and environment for today and the future

Principles



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Goals Indicators and Targets

Goal #1 Everyone has access to clean drinking water, food and Housing	Goal #2 We are healthy and active	Goal #3 Our businesses and not-for-profit organisations are resilient and innovative	Goal #4 Our City Centre and Local Centres are vibrant and sustainable	Goal #5 Our community is safe, fair, connected and resilient	Goal #6 Renewal of our city respects, protects and celebrates our cultural heritage and environment
<p>Potential indicators and targets (TBC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drinking water quality Housing and neighbourhood agreement scores Food parcel demand Food Special Needs grants (MSD) Housing / rental affordability Housing supply vs demand projections Social housing waiting list Homelessness 	<p>Potential indicators and targets (TBC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New and recovered cases of COVID-19 in Napier Mental wellbeing Index Pedestrian/cycle counts Sports participation Quality of life index 	<p>Potential indicators and targets (TBC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GDP Median incomes Jobseeker allowance/NEETS Tourism spend Business confidence Community organisation confidence Staff/volunteer recruitment Expanded/modified service delivery of NFPs post-Covid19 	<p>Potential indicators and targets (TBC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building vacancy rates Pedestrian counts Parking rates Spend in each centre (Paymark) Perception of safety 	<p>Potential indicators and targets (TBC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crime rates Perceptions of safety Social connection index Digital connections (Skinny Jump) Digital inclusion classes (registrations) Perceived community coping level Emergency preparedness NEETS rate 	<p>Potential indicators and targets (TBC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occupancy of listed heritage buildings Access to heritage fund Air quality levels Vegetation coverage Swimming water quality Renewable energy (new installations?)

Māori cultural wellbeing indicators to be developed by mana whenua

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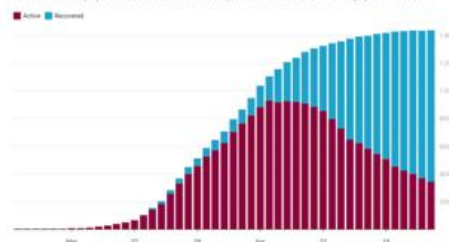
Data dashboard

Goal #: Wellbeing

Indicator 1 Targets: xxx

Total active and recovered Covid-19 cases in Aotearoa New Zealand, April 24

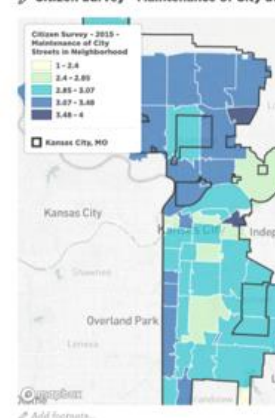
Active cases are confirmed or probable cases of Covid-19 where the person has neither recovered nor died.
Recovered cases are people who had the virus, are at least 10 days since onset and have not exhibited symptoms for 48 hours.



Last updated Friday, 24 April 2020
17 deaths have been confirmed in Covid-19. These are not visible on this chart.
Source: The Herald - Source: Ministry of Health

Indicator 2 Targets: xxx

Citizen Survey - Maintenance of City Streets in Neighborhood



Brief qualitative analysis of trends, issues, opportunities relating to goal





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Initiatives

1. Support and Celebrate Napier

"We are Team Napier" campaign and initiatives

2. Infrastructure and Community facilities

Agile and co-ordinated prioritisation and support for delivery of projects (Council and external) that align with our recovery and renewal goals and targets, including seeking government funding where appropriate

3. Housing and accommodation

Provide for housing through a co-ordinated approach across NCC, Kainga Ora, MSD and the private sector to achieve our recovery and renewal goals

4. Businesses and not-for-profits support and innovation

Flexibility and innovation will enable businesses and the not-for-profit sector to recover and thrive in Napier, contributing to the wellbeing of our community. A co-ordinated approach to identifying opportunities and sharing information will assist the resilience of our economy.

5. Sustainable tourism

Innovation and sustainability in the tourism sector will position Napier well for the future. Our culture, heritage and environment are key assets that can be celebrated through rebuilding tourism for the 21st century and beyond.

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