

NAPIER PEOPLE AND PLACES COMMITTEE

Open Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday 4 May 2023

Time: 9.30am – 11.32am

Venue Large Exhibition Hall
War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

Livestreamed via Council's Facebook site

Present Councillor McGrath (In the Chair), Mayor Wise, Deputy Mayor Brosnan, Councillors Boag, Browne, Chrystal, Crown, Greig, Mawson, Price, Simpson, Tareha and Taylor

In Attendance Chief Executive (Louise Miller)
Deputy Chief Executive / Executive Director Corporate Services (Jessica Ellerm)
Executive Director Community Services (Thunes Cloete)
Executive Director City Services (Lance Titter)
Acting Executive Director City Strategy (Rachael Bailey)
Executive Director Infrastructure Services (Russell Bond)
Manager Communications and Marketing (Julia Atkinson)
Pou Whakarae (Mōrehu Te Tomo)
Manager Community Strategies (Anne Bradbury)
Manager Sport and Recreation (Glenn Lucas)
Manager Information Services (Duncan Barr)
Programme Manager- Long Term Planning (Stephanie Murphy)
Senior Advisor Policy (Michele Grigg)
Collections Lead (Emma Shepheard-Walwyn)
Community Funding Advisor (Belinda McLeod)

Administration Governance Advisors (Anna Eady and Carolyn Hunt)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Karakia

The Committee opened the meeting with a Karakia.

Apologies

Nil

Conflicts of interest

Nil

Public forum

Nil

Announcements by the Mayor

Acknowledge the passing of Pat Magill. He performed many years of social justice campaigning on behalf of the community of Ahuriri; he received an OBE for his service to the YMCA and wider community; he was the backbone of the Napier Pilot City Trust, and a great advocate for Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Robson Collection.

Announcements by the Chairperson

No announcements by the Chair.

Councillor Boag noted the current Census response rate from Maraenui is 30-35%. She urged people to encourage their communities and whanau to complete the Census. If Central Government does not have current social data they cannot direct funding to where it is needed the most.

Announcements by the management

Nil

Confirmation of minutes

Councillors Boag / Tareha

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2023 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. NAPIER SOCIAL MONITOR REPORT 2022

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Information
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1619997
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Michele Grigg, Senior Advisor Policy

1.1 Purpose of Report

To provide an overview of the findings from the 2022 Napier Social Monitor report.

At the meeting

The Officer spoke to the paper with the support of Dr Virgil Troy and Nataliya Rik from SIL. In response to questions from the Committee it was noted:

- In this Social Monitor more data was collected about home ownership, however it is hard to stratify this data against national data as Statistics New Zealand rates their data as poor. The Census aims to collect this data its accuracy relies on adequate participation.
- When a sample is developed SIL aim for an even distribution of gender, age and ethnicity across the sample. They have not been requested to ensure home ownership is taken into consideration as part of the sample development.

A post-Cyclone survey will be carried out. The report is due in July 2023, and the results will be presented to the Committee.

COMMITTEE Deputy Mayor Brosnan / Councillor Greig

RESOLUTION

The Napier People and Places Committee:

- a. Receive the Napier Social Monitor report (*Doc Id 1648338*) 2022.
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Carried

Attachment:

- 1 Social Monitor 2022 Presentation.pdf
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2. LIBRARY FINES FREE

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Operational and Procedural
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1646427
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Nicola Saunders, Libraries Manager

2.1 Purpose of Report

To seek Council approval to implement a fines free policy for both Napier Libraries customers.

At the meeting

The Library Collections Lead spoke to the report. In response to questions from the Committee it was noted:

- Once a book has been overdue for more than six months it is classed as lost and the lost book process is triggered and this will still incur a fine.
 - There are no revenue targets in the 2018 Napier Libraries Strategy. This Strategy is going to be reviewed to make it fit-for-purpose moving forward.
 - Fine and notification of a fine in a public setting (at the library counter) can cause anxiety. Removing these fines would make a positive difference to customer / staff relationships.
 - Taking away historic fines and no longer fining for late books encourages people to come to the library and boosts membership. Often books thought to be lost find their way back to the library.
 - This will trigger a change in the Fees and Charges Policy which is reviewed as part of the Annual Plan process. The change in the library fees will be implemented from 30 June 2023.
 - For lost and damaged items a replacement will be sought. The fines gathered under this process help to pay for replacement and the administration of this process.
 - The libraries receive new budget every year for the purchase of new books.
 - There is a 99 item limit per library card.
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Officer's Recommendation

The Napier People and Places Committee:

- a. Approve discontinuing overdue fines and waive historic fines (\$50,241) on customer accounts waived on 30 June 2023. All fines stop, damaged and lost item fees and DVD charges remain.
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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Deputy Mayor Brosnan / Councillor Crown

The Napier People and Places Committee:

- a. Approve the waiving of overdue library late fees/fines, and historic fines relating to overdue fees on customer accounts as at 30 June 2023.
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- b. Recommends that the removal of overdue library fines be considered by Council as part of the 2023/24 Annual Plan Fees and Charges Policy.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10.19am and resumed at 11.19am.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Councillors Price / Crown

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. Creative Communities Funding Distribution March 2023

Carried

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public was excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution were as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter.	Ground(s) under section 48(1) to the passing of this resolution.
1. Creative Communities Funding Distribution March 2023	7(2)(a) Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person	48(1)A That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist: (i) Where the local authority is named or specified in Schedule 1 of this Act, under section 6 or 7 (except 7(2)(f)(i)) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

The meeting closed with a karakia at 11.32am.

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

Chairperson

Date of approval