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# SUSTAINABLE NAPIER COMMITTEE

## Open Agenda

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Meeting Date:	Thursday 10 September 2020
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Time:	10am
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Venue:	Large Exhibition Hall War Memorial Centre Marine Parade Napier
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Committee Members	Mayor Wise, Councillor Price (In the Chair), Deputy Mayor Brosnan, Councillors Boag, Browne, Chrystal, Crown, Mawson, McGrath, Simpson, Tapine, Taylor and Wright
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Officers Responsible	Director Infrastructure Services, Director City Strategy
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Administration	Governance Team
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**Next Sustainable Napier Committee Meeting  
TBC**

# ORDER OF BUSINESS

## Apologies

Nil

## Conflicts of interest

## Public forum

Nil

## Announcements by the Mayor

## Announcements by the Chairperson including notification of minor matters not on the agenda

*Note: re minor matters only - refer LGOIMA s46A(7A) and Standing Orders s9.13*

A meeting may discuss an item that is not on the agenda only if it is a minor matter relating to the general business of the meeting and the Chairperson explains at the beginning of the public part of the meeting that the item will be discussed. However, the meeting may not make a resolution, decision or recommendation about the item, except to refer it to a subsequent meeting for further discussion.

## Announcements by the management

## Confirmation of minutes

That the Minutes of the Sustainable Napier Committee meeting held on Thursday, 30 July 2020 be taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting. ....14

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## Minor matters not on the agenda – discussion (if any)

## Public Excluded

Nil

# AGENDA ITEMS

## 1. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY - ALL WATERS

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Operational
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	Local Government Act 2002
<i>Document ID:</i>	960322
<i>Reporting Officer/s &amp; Unit:</i>	Natasha Mackie, Manager Community Strategies

### 1.1 Purpose of Report

This report provides the Communication and Engagement Strategy which provides a framework for all communication and engagement approaches and activities associated with Council's water programme, both capital and operational for the next two years.

#### Officer's Recommendation

The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- a. Approve the All Waters Communication and Engagement Strategy for implementation

### 1.2 Background Summary

Following Council's confirmation that water is its top priority late last year, it requested that a Communication and Engagement Plan be developed. The development of the plan was initiated in early 2020, but was interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. As the Council was able to return to business following lockdown, the strategy development recommenced.

A working group comprising staff and Councillors Simpson and Crown developed the strategy and framework.

### 1.3 Issues

The complexity of the work programme with multiple projects across all waters – water supply, stormwater and wastewater, along with operational programmes necessitated the development of a framework to ensure visibility of all of the work and a consistent approach to communications and engagement.

There is a significant expectation from the community that the focus on water should provide results quickly. Some of the work to be implemented will address some of the issues, however the complexity of the infrastructure means that some solutions will take time and may require multiple attempts to achieve success.

The Napier City Councils programme of work coincides with the Three Waters Review (at a regional level) and the Three Waters reform work (at a national level). This poses potential for confusion at the local level and has been factored in to the strategy.

## 1.4 Significance and Engagement

Water is of high interest to the community. A high proportion of the community has been affected by the changes to the water services, particularly water supply, and the resulting impacts. Council has made water its top priority and has allocated additional funding to address infrastructure asset issues, compliance with regulations and to resolve specific issues such as dirty water. This additional spending has an impact on all ratepayers with an increase in rates now and into the future. Additional costs for 2020/21 have been consulted on through the Annual Plan process and future rates increases will be consulted on through the Long Term Plan consultation and subsequent Annual Plan consultation processes as appropriate. The overall matter of water is of interest to key stakeholders, particularly Māori. Each project may involve specific stakeholders and affected parties. A full stakeholder plan will be developed as one of the first actions as the strategy is implemented following Council approval. A plan for each project will identify any specific stakeholders and engagement approaches associated with the project.

## 1.5 Implications

### Financial

Where possible, existing communication tools will be utilised. All costs associated with the communication and engagement activities for the strategy and subsequent projects will be funded from existing budgets.

### Social & Policy

Water services affect everyone – from business and community through to whanau and individuals. Council acknowledges the importance of the effective delivery of water services and has made it a top priority with significant investment in its water programme.

Government policy and reform may affect the delivery of water services in the future, Council has identified its intent to champion effective water services for the Napier community through any reform processes.

### Risk

Several risks have been identified and include:

- Misinterpretation and potential confusion of information
- An unwillingness from the community to participate in engagement
- High expectations from the community to fix issues fast
- Potential for continued criticism around Council's response to water issues
- Programme delivery disruptions
- Government reforms of water services affecting Council's delivery of its water programme

The risks and mitigation strategies are outlined in the Strategy attached.

## 1.6 Options

The options available to Council are as follows:

- a. To approve the All Waters Communication and Engagement Strategy (preferred)
- b. To amend the All Waters Communication and Engagement Strategy
- c. To not approve the All Waters Communication and Engagement Strategy

### **1.7 Development of Preferred Option**

The All Waters Communication and Engagement Strategy has been developed by a working group comprising Council staff and Councillors Crown and Simpson with input from the whole Council. The water programme has commenced and the Strategy will ensure the community have visibility of this work and are provided with consistent and clear information about the water programme. The framework developed allows for new projects and activities to be included as they come on line.

### **1.8 Attachments**

A All Waters Communication and Engagement Strategy [↓](#)



## **Communications and Engagement Strategy**

### **All Waters**

## Document Control

### Document Information

Project ID/Name	All Waters Communications & Engagement Strategy
Authors	Rebecca Ainsworth / Natasha Mackie
Position	Marketing Manager / Manager Community Strategies
Filename	All Waters Communications & Engagement Strategy

### Revision History

Version	Date	Author	Description of Changes
Draft for project team	25 February	Natasha	NA
Final Draft for Project Team	24 July 2020 Note delay Covid-19	Natasha	Formatting, ordering of information, additional clarity in some sections
Final Draft for Council Workshop	14 August 2020	Natasha	Rework of Stakeholder section
Final Report for Council	25 August 2020	Natasha	

### Distribution List

Name	Position	Group
Kirsten Wise	Mayor	
Sally Crown	Councillor	
Keith Price	Councillor	
Nigel Simpson	Councillor	
Jon Kingsford	Director Infrastructure	Infrastructure Services
Cath Bayly	Manager Asset Strategy	Infrastructure Services
Russell Bond	3 Waters Programme Manager	Infrastructure Services
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Santha Agas	Team Leader 3 Waters	Infrastructure Services
Michele Grigg	Senior Advisor Policy	Community Strategies

## 1. Introduction

We all need water every day. Whether it be the water we drink, the water we play in, or the water we flush down the toilet. Council's job is to keep our water safe so we can all be healthy. We do this by providing safe drinking water, removing and treating sewage and protecting our community from flooding.

There are a lot of changes happening to way we provide water services. There are new standards planned, which are likely to become stricter with greater monitoring and control happening from the government. Our water networks were designed for the past, now they need to be designed for the future.

This means we need to **plan** first, find the solutions, **test** them and then **deliver** what will work best.

We know that following the addition of chlorine to our water there have been problems. Some people have experienced dirty water and odour issues in particular areas. Recent storms have highlighted that we need more capacity to deal with excess water that gets into our sewage network. We can also make improvements to how we treat this before it goes into the sea. There has been huge interest in improving the water quality in our waterways that continues to be contaminated through a range of activities and sources.

Our water programme is top priority so we are going to do some of the planned work quicker and we are going to invest more so we can do more. We also need to work with others to achieve our goals because everyone has a part to play.

Our goals are to:

- Meet the needs of the community now and into the future
- Meet future legislative standards
- Build a more reliable and resilient network
- Futureproof services for changes in standards and expectations
- Protect our resources
- Reduce the impact on the environment

We are aware that a lot of the work is not visible to the community and the solutions to the problems people have experienced will take time to take effect. The community feedback we get is often about the problems with water. We need to communicate and engage directly with our community to share our plan, keep them informed of progress and involve them where we can. This will help build awareness and confidence in our water programme.

**Regardless of the ultimate direction of the 3 Waters Review (at a national level), Council will be the champion for our community now and into the future.**



## 2. Significance and Engagement Policy

Water is of high interest community wide. A high proportion of the community has been affected by the changes to the water services, particularly water supply, and the resulting impacts e.g. dirty water and the introduction of chlorine. The Council has made water its top priority and has allocated additional funding in order to address infrastructure asset issues, compliance with regulations and to resolve specific issues, such as dirty water. This additional spending has had an impact on all ratepayers with an increase to rates now and into the future. Consultation through Annual Plan and Long Term Plan processes has been undertaken with general support for Council's direction. Council wants to ensure the whole community is informed about its progress on its water programme, and that we engage with key stakeholders who have a high interest or are more directly affected.

## 3. Purpose

To build our community's confidence in our delivery of all waters and to encourage them to participate in the solutions.

## 4. Principles

- Acknowledge the impact the issues have had on the community
- Be open and upfront
- Be approachable and understandable
- Make it 'everyday' (e.g., what does this mean for you?)
- Be courageous
- It's ok not to know
- Future focused
- Keep the communications going

## 5. Objectives

- Increase awareness of the issues and our plan
- Increase the visibility of the work being done
- Provide opportunities for participation and partnership
- Keep our community updated on our progress

## 6. Key Messages

- **Water – we're on it**
- We all need safe, reliable and clean water
- We all have a part to play
- We understand people have been affected
- We have got a plan
- It's not a simple, quick fix – there is a large programme of work that will take a number of years to deliver (we need to walk before we can run)
- We're making changes ourselves

## 7. Spokesperson

The Mayor of Napier is the Ambassador who will act as key spokesperson, supported by Director of Infrastructure, Manager Asset Strategy and Councillor Portfolio Holders where appropriate.

## 8. Audience

A detailed stakeholder plan that further identifies groups, organisations and individuals will be developed and implemented.

### 8.1 Key Partners and Stakeholders

Partners and stakeholders include, but are not limited to:

- Community as a whole
- Māori entities
- NCC Mayor, Councillors and staff
- Hawke's Bay councils
- Public Health Unit (Hawke's Bay District Health Board)
- 3 Waters Review team
- Local MPs and Ministers
- Relevant Government Agencies
- Non Government Organisations
- Special interest groups

## 9. Risks

Risk	Mitigation	Impact (after mitigation)	Likelihood (after mitigation)
People may have fixed positions and be unwilling to engage	Providing a range of regular opportunities to engage	Med	Low
High levels of feedback and complaints in response to changes placing pressure on our resources	Internal comms plan which will equip customer facing staff with information Target resources and comms to align with key stages of projects.	High	Med
Misinterpretation of information	Recognise media as a key stakeholder and develop specific media plan. All comms and engagement links with key messages and resources are available for further information.	High	Med

Community criticism towards elected members and staff	Clearly communicate the expected outcomes and risks around any project Provide opportunities for the community to participate in projects Internal comms plan which will equip Councillors and staff with information	High	Med
Potential for strong views from special interest groups that could disrupt the delivery of the water programme	Engage early with special interest groups and provide opportunities for them to be involved.	High	Med
Project Delays which affect communications and engagement processes	Comms and Engagement and infrastructure teams liaise regularly.	High	Low
3 Waters reform may change planned water programme (direction and prioritisation)	Remain a key partner in the regional review and stay informed of national policy direction	High	High

## 10. Approach

Given the complex nature of the water programme, we have established a communications and engagement framework (attached). The framework contains the **first, high priority** projects and draws from the stormwater, water supply and wastewater work programmes (and masterplans). As new projects come on stream, they will be assessed to determine what level of communication and engagement plan is required, i.e. where they fit in the framework. The framework has three parts as follows:

**Mother** – this strategy, which is the base document and sets the tone and direction for all communication and engagement around the entire water programme, including all its projects.

**Child** - Major and/or complex projects each have a communication and engagement plan that identifies the unique objectives, affected parties, key stakeholders, risks and communications and engagement approach for these projects.

**Baby** – these are operational project plans that outline the key tasks, activities, due dates, tools and tactics, and identifies who does what. Each major project and the overall strategy have baby plans.

As well as ongoing communications and engagement, key milestones offer us the chance to talk with our community about our progress and to create visibility of our work. Our approach recognises that water is important to us all and we can highlight what water means to a range of people of in our community.

### 10.1 Timing

This plan spans the duration of the first two years of the water programme delivery. It will be reviewed regularly and updated as required.

### 10.2 Tools and Tactics

Refer to detailed project plan (baby plan) for the overall programme. Each significant project will have a detailed project plan developed that identifies the tools and tactics relevant to that project.

### 10.3 Budget

An annual budget will be required to implement of the Communications and Engagement Strategy. Where possible existing communications activities will be used. Each project will require a budget for communications and engagement which will be determined as they are developed. The funding will be provided from existing capital and operating 3 Waters budgets.

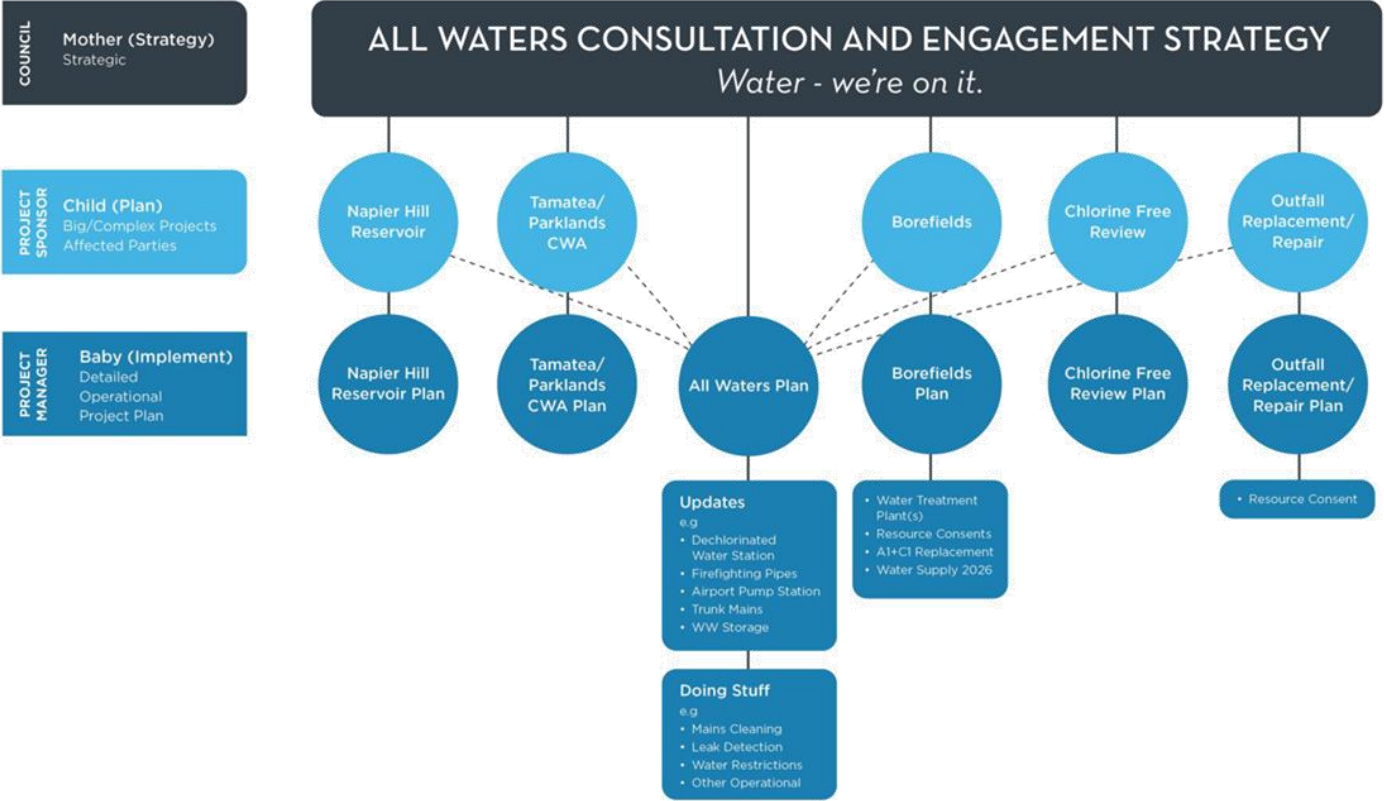
## 11. Review

The effectiveness of this strategy will be reviewed annually and each project plan will be reviewed at the end of the project.

### 11.1 Measures

Number of complaints, SIL customer satisfaction survey (communication rating), media reporting accurately, data analytics for online engagement. Some projects may allow for specific measures including satisfaction ratings, participation rates etc.

# All Waters CONSULTATION FRAMEWORK



# SUSTAINABLE NAPIER COMMITTEE

## Open Minutes

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Meeting Date:	Thursday 30 July 2020
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Time:	10am – 10.40am 11.30am – 11.30am
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Venue	Large Exhibition Hall Napier War Memorial Centre Marine Parade Napier
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Present	Mayor Wise, Councillor Price (In the Chair), Deputy Mayor Brosnan, Councillors Browne, Crown, Mawson, McGrath, Simpson, Tapine, Taylor and Wright
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In Attendance	Interim Chief Executive, Director Community Services, Director City Strategy, Manager Communications and Marketing Chief Financial Officer Manager Environmental Services Manager Property Team Leader Policy Planning Team Leader Transportation Policy Planner/ Analyst Policy Planner Strategic Planning Lead
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Administration	Governance Team
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## Apologies

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Councillors Brosnan / Crown

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That the apology from Councillors Boag and Chrystal be accepted.

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Carried

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## Conflicts of interest

Cr Tapine noted that he sits on the Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) Regional Planning Committee which considers these matters, so there may be a perceived conflict. The meeting agreed that this did not require specific management in this instance.

## Public forum

### **Eastern Screen Alliance – Daniel Betty and Derek Slade**

The Eastern Screen Alliance representatives spoke to the international film context, noting that NZ is one of the only countries in the world currently fully open for business; a number of films are expected to use NZ in the near future. There is high demand for streaming services, and NZ has stable fast internet. There is a lot of pressure on the NZ screen industry as the international community looks to the country to provide options.

A number of films and short films are already being filmed in the Hawke's Bay, and the Eastern Screen Alliance exists to attract further screen business into the area. They have a direct link to the NZ Film Commission, and work with them in scouting and procuring locations and other needs for the film industry.

While Hawke's Bay holds many of the attractions of other international locations it does not currently have a film industry. There are a number of extremely talented people with international careers now living in the Hawke's Bay. A regional film studio is required to attract and capitalise on opportunities for the area.

A movie set creates hundreds of jobs, and the Alliance would be partnering with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social Development to support this. The Alliance has also been approached by international experts to develop a NZ trade school teaching film specific skills including set construction, lighting, sound, makeup and special effects. It was noted that local suppliers benefit from film studios in the area – for example the Mitre 10 Mega nearby Weta Workshops would process significantly larger orders for the film sets than other business orders.

The Alliance are already exploring whether enough accommodation is available in the Hawke's Bay and partnering with local providers to arrange cheaper rates for longer stays while filming.

There would also be opportunity to enable community film events. The aim is to boost the local economy as much as possible.

Grip HQ are the largest equipment provider for film in Australasia and are looking to partner with the Eastern Screen Alliance in creating a studio. The partners require Hastings, Napier and Wairoa to support the proposed facility, which could be largest in the Southern Hemisphere. The team are finalising their business case which they will bring back to Council.

In response to questions from the councillors it was clarified that:

- It is asked of Council to support establishing a regional film office here in the area to work alongside the studios, and which the international market will come to. This regional office would facilitate consents and local requirements.
- The Eastern Screen Alliance are aware that talking to HBRC is important as they oversee one of the main regional development levies.



- Every film studio in NZ to date has essentially been a retro-fit and it is largely amenity value that is worked through (as it is often buildings like old cool stores that are used). Building from the ground up is more challenging due to District Plan requirements. Recently in Auckland the decision was made that the activity was industrial, which doesn't work for the industry as while they require large buildings they also require a quiet location, privacy and so on. The Alliance have submitted to the District Plan processes locally.
- While initially skilled personnel would need to be brought in to the studio, the educational aspect and ensuring tiers of trainees is extremely important. The Alliance have already met with EIT to build a partnership with the intent to offer courses.
- A collaborative approach is required as international companies come to NZ for the vista and outdoors rather than a studio, but a studio is required to make sure that there is a location when the weather is less than ideal. The key is to attract the companies to Hawke's Bay vistas. Access from the airport and port will be important. As well as the studio itself, the site would contain other ancillary buildings.
- The site would ideally be within 20 km of accommodation providers.
- The team are acutely aware of the carbon footprint of an enterprise of this scale and are actively working through the impacts.
- There are around 8 film offices currently including Taranaki and Bay of Plenty (BOP) as well as Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch; it is a growing area due to the current interest in NZ.. All the regional offices work together closely. As an example of funding support, the BOP office is supported by the five councils in the area either directly or via their tourism offices.
- The team have spoken to the Provincial Growth Fund, and the ownership structure of the enterprise is still being worked through. Potential revenue based on a study about 4 weeks ago show strong positive benefits both directly and indirectly from studios.

### **Announcements by the Mayor**

Hawke's Bay Tourism has recently received \$700k funding from central government, and will shortly launch a round campaigning to draw domestic tourism into Hawke's Bay.

### **Announcements by the Chairperson**

Nil

### **Minor Matters**

Nil

### **Announcements by the management**

#### **Wastewater Outfall Repair project**

Budget has been allocated and the project team has been convened. Contract negotiations are underway. The emergency response plan is in hand and will be submitted to HBRC tomorrow. The specialist divers are scheduled for the last week in August or the first week of September depending on their previous job.

#### **Pipeline Protection Submissions**

About 25 submissions were received. Two may be slightly challenging but are largely referring to the Pan Pac outfall; it appears they may be based on a misunderstanding of the exclusion zone vs seabed ownership.



## Confirmation of minutes

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Councillors Taylor / Wright

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That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2020 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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Carried

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# AGENDA ITEMS

## 1. NAPIER CITY COUNCIL SUBMISSION TO THE TANK PLAN CHANGE

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Legal and Operational
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	Resource Management Act 1991
<i>Document ID:</i>	944236
<i>Reporting Officer/s &amp; Unit:</i>	Kim Anstey, Planner Policy/Analyst Jon Kingsford, Director Infrastructure Services

### 1.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to authorise Council Officers to lodge a submission to the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's (HBRC) Proposed Change 9 to the Regional Resource Management Plan (RRMP). This plan change seeks to improve the management of fresh water in the Greater Heretaunga Catchments and is commonly referred to as the TANK plan change.

The Napier City Council submission will address the key points discussed at the Council workshop on June 25 and identified in section 1.3 below. A copy of the submission will be provided to Council prior to lodgement before the submission close date of August 14, 2020.

#### At the Meeting

The Policy Planner/ Analyst spoke to the report providing background to Council's proposed submission to the TANK plan change. The submission is due Friday 14 August 2020.

Hastings District Council are putting a separate submission in but the appendix outlining the relief sought is the same as Napier's.

In response to questions from councillors it was clarified that:

- The current supply of potable water should remain secure throughout the change.
- The potential implications of point 12 will be followed up on; this was an amendment requested by Hastings District Council.

It was noted that the process to work through the TANK plan change has been long and required a huge amount of work from a large variety of people.

#### Committee's recommendation

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Councillors Taylor / Crown

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The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- a. Authorise Council Officer's to lodge a submission that addresses the key points of submission at section 1.3 below.

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Carried

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*The meeting adjourned at 10.40am to allow the open agenda of the Future Napier Committee to proceed.*

*The meeting was reconvened at 11.30am*

# PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Councillors Taylor / Tapine

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

1. Land Acquisition & Road Stopping - McLeod Road

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. Land Acquisition & Road Stopping - McLeod Road	7(2)(i) Enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	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 moved into committee at 11.30am

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

Chairperson .....

Date of approval .....

# EXTRAORDINARY SUSTAINABLE NAPIER COMMITTEE

## Open Minutes

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Meeting Date:	Thursday 6 August 2020
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Time:	9.00am – 9.30am
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Venue	Ikatere Boardroom Capeview Building 265 Marine Parade Napier
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Present	Mayor Wise, Councillor Price (In the Chair), Deputy Mayor Brosnan, Councillors Boag, Browne [from 9.17am], Chrystal, Crown, Mawson [from 9.02am], McGrath, Simpson, Tapine [from 9.05am], and Wright
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In Attendance	Director Corporate Services, Director Infrastructure Services, Manager Communications and Marketing Communications Specialist
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Administration	Governance Team
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## Apologies

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Councillors Brosnan/ Wise

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That the apologies from Councillor Taylor and apologies for lateness from Cr Browne, Mawson, Tapine be accepted.

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Carried

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## Conflicts of interest

Nil

## Public forum

Nil

## Announcements by the Mayor

Nil

## Announcements by the Chairperson

Nil

## Minor Matters

Nil

## Announcements by the management

Nil

# AGENDA ITEMS

## 1. THREE WATERS REFORM PROGRAMME - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Contractual
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	951023
<i>Reporting Officer/s &amp; Unit:</i>	Adele Henderson, Director Corporate Services Jon Kingsford, Director Infrastructure Services

### 1.1 Purpose of Report

Provide information to Council on the Memorandum of Understanding being the first stage of the Three Water Services Reform Programme

#### At the Meeting

The Director Infrastructure Services spoke to the report noting that the environment is very fast moving.

There has been much discussion at both regional and national levels in relation to water which has culminated in new legislation at the national level intended to address regulatory issues. It is recognised that there has been underinvestment in infrastructure across the country in part due to lack of available funding to invest in smaller areas. The government has announced a post-COVID-19 recovery package which includes significant investment in 3 waters. Central government is looking to take a partnership approach with local government in implementing the proposed reforms. The proposed implementation is anticipated to take place over a three year period, which funding being released in tranches over the time period, from an immediate provision to address COVID19 recovery and outstanding needs through to funding for later works.

The MOU is intended to bring other councils to the point that Hawke's Bay is already at through the regional work undertaken over the last 18 months. The MOU is non-binding but outlines specific expectations as to how any funding provided would be used. It also requires that a delivery plan must be developed and lodged with the DIA within particular timeframes, and also provides for quarterly reporting against the plan.

In response to questions from councillors it was clarified that:

- It is ambiguous as to whether the funding can be used on currently planned works and clarification will be sought on this
- This is an extraordinary meeting of the Sustainable Napier committee to allow for the report to be brought to the Maori Committee on 14 August and Council on 27 August as the decision on participating in the MOU is required by end of August. Further decision making in relation to the funding will also be brought to Council.

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- It would be difficult to consult given the very tight time frames within which Council must make its decision. The outcomes of the changes are very aligned with the direction Council is already pursuing.
  - The other Councils in the region have yet to consider the MOU in a formal way.
  - The wording of the MOU has been provided to all councils and it is expected that government would not be making any adjustments given the expectation that any signatory councils will have completed this by 31 August 2020.
  - It is believed that the ability to provide for different and unique water supplies is recognised, and the ability to enshrine different levels of service is possible in most agreements where there is a regional aggregation/ shared ownership model being implemented.
  - A number of principles were enshrined in the Hawke's Bay regional review, one of which was protecting the interests of our communities. All the elected members and officers in the partner councils have ratified the principles, and central government have also been very interested in the regional work in Hawke's Bay in developing their own thinking. Hawke's Bay continues to take a leadership role in this space.

#### **Committee's recommendation**

Mayor Wise / Councillor Brosnan

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The Sustainable Napier Committee:

- a. Approve entering into the Memorandum of Understanding and associated Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan for the first stage of the Three Waters Services Reform Programme.
- b. Note the Reform Programme is part of the Governments programme to reform current water service delivery, into larger scale providers, to realise significant economic, public health, environmental, and other benefits over the medium to long term, and that signing this MOU does not create any obligation upon Council with regard to future steps of this reform programme;
- c. Note that details on the allocation of the funding will come back to Council as a separate paper. Details of the actual funding are only provided on the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding.
- d. Delegate signing of the MOU to the Chief Executive, noting the attached is a template.

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Carried

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# PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

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Mayor Wise / Councillor Chrystal

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

Draft Public Excluded Limited Distribution minutes prepared by Simpson Grierson from meeting 13 February 2020

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Carried

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The meeting moved into committee at 9.30am

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

Chairperson .....

Date of approval .....