



3 September 2020

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the **Ordinary Meeting of Council** will be held in the **Council Chambers, Stratford District Council, Miranda Street, Stratford** on **Tuesday 8 September 2020** at **4.00pm**.

Timetable for 8 September 2020 as follows:

11.30am	Councillor Meeting with LGNZ (Equip)
12.30pm	Lunch for Councillors
1.00pm	Councillor Meeting with LGNZ (Equip) continued
2.00pm	Councillor site visit
3.00pm	Subdivision Committee Meeting
3.30pm	Afternoon tea for Councillors
3.45pm	Public Forum - Sport Taranaki
4.00pm	Ordinary Meeting

Yours faithfully

Sven Hanne
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

2020 - Ordinary - September (08/09/2020)

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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 4.00 PM

A G E N D A

1. **WELCOME**
2. **APOLOGIES**
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
4. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTEREST**
Elected members to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda.
5. **ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE**
Attendance schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings.
6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
 - 6.1 **Ordinary Meeting – 11 August 2020**
D20/21553 (Pages 7-14)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 11 August 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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Moved/Seconded

- 6.2 **Extraordinary Meeting – 25 August 2020**
D20/22815 (Pages 15-24)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 25 August 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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Moved/Seconded

6.3 **Policy and Services Committee Meeting – 25 August 2020**
D20/23068 (Pages 25-36)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25 August 2020 be received.
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, including those in the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 25 August 2020 be adopted.

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Moved/Seconded

7. **DISTRICT MAYOR'S REPORT**
D20/20917 (Pages 37-43)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the District Mayor's report be received.
2. THAT Council approves the appointment of Philip Jones as the independent chair of the Audit and Risk Committee.
3. THAT Council approves the appointment of the Stratford District Mayor as trustee to the Ostler's Garden Trust.

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Moved/Seconded

8. **QUESTIONS**

9. **RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

RECOMMENDATION

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

Agenda Items No: 10

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason 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 are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution to each matter	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Acquisition of Land	The withholding of the information is necessary for commercial sensitivity	The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. Section 7(2)b(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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Moved/Seconded

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the open meeting resumes.

/_____
Moved/Seconded



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5. Attendance schedule for 2019-2020 Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings.

Date	29/10/19	12/11/19	10/12/19	11/02/20	10/03/20	14/04/20	12/05/20	09/06/20	14/07/20	11/08/20	25/08/20	08/09/20	13/10/20	10/11/20
Meeting	I	O	O	O	O	O (AV)	O (AV)	O	O	O	E	O	O	O
Neil Volzke	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Grant Boyde	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Rick Coplestone	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Peter Dalziel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Jono Erwood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Amanda Harris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Alan Jamieson	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Vaughan Jones	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Min McKay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
John Sandford	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Gloria Webby	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			

Key	
O	Ordinary Meeting
E	Extraordinary Meeting
I	Inaugural Meeting
✓	Attended
A	Apology/Leave of Absence
AB	Absent
S	Sick
(AV)	Meeting held by Audio Visual Link

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2020 AT 4.00PM

PRESENT

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairman), the Deputy Mayor A L Jamieson, Councillors G W Boyde, R W Coplestone, P S Dalziel, J M S Erwood, A K Harris, V Jones, M McKay, W J Sandford and G M Webby.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Director Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Executive Administration Officer – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Environmental Health Manager – Ms R Otter (*part meeting*), the Corporate Accountant – Mrs C Craig, two members of the public and two members of the media (Stratford Press and the Taranaki Daily News).

1. **WELCOME**

The District Mayor welcomed the Chief Executive, Councillors, staff and the media.

He reiterated the health and safety message.

2. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTEREST**

The District Mayor requested Councillors to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda.

The declaration of member's interest was circulated for updating.

There were no real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to the items on the agenda.

5. **ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE**

The Attendance Schedule for Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings was attached.

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6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

6.1 **Policy & Services Committee Meeting – 14 July 2020 – Control of Dogs Bylaw and Dog Control Policy Hearing**
D20/18857 (Pages 7-11)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the confirmed minutes of the Policy & Services Committee, to hear and consider submissions to the Control of Dogs Bylaw and Dog Control Policy, held on Tuesday 14 July 2020 be received. DALZIEL/BOYDE
DALZIEL/BOYDE
Carried
CL/20/69
2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy & Services Committee, to hear and consider submissions to the Control of Dogs Bylaw and Dog Control Policy, held on Tuesday 14 July 2020 be adopted.
SANDFORD/WEBBY
Carried
CL/20/70

It was noted that the updated bylaw and policy had both been pre-circulated to Councillors to highlight the changes had been made as requested including better clarity of defined areas on the maps.

6.2 **Ordinary Meeting – 14 July 2020**
D20/18831 (Pages 12-16)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 14 July 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

ERWOOD/DALZIEL
Carried
CL/20/71

6.1

6.3 **Audit & Risk Committee Meeting –21 July 2020**
D20/20660 (Pages 17-25)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21 July 2020 be received.

McKAY/DALIZEL
Carried
CL/20/72

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21 July 2020 be adopted.

McKAY/HARRIS
Carried
CL/20/73

The Environmental Health Manager departed the meeting at 4.06pm.

6.4 **Policy and Services Committee Meeting – 28 July 2020**
D20/12016 (Pages 26-35)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28 July 2020 be received.

BOYDE/JAMIESON
Carried
CL/20/74

2. THAT the recommendations in the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee meeting, including those in the public excluded section, held on Tuesday 28 July 2020 be adopted.

HARRIS/McKAY
Carried
CL/20/75

7. **DISTRICT MAYOR'S REPORT**
D20/20917 (Pages 36-39)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the District Mayor's report be received.

VOLZKE/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/20/76

2. THAT Council approves that an Extraordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday 25 August 2020 at 2.00pm.

BOYDE/JONES
Carried
CL/20/77

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The District Mayor noted that the visit from the Prime Minister during July had been a great opportunity for the group of civic leaders (including political leaders, Iwi leaders and some business leaders) to have a good discussion about issues affecting the Taranaki region. Also announced during this visit was \$10 million of funding for the Stratford District with \$8 million for the pool project and \$2 million for the children’s bike park.

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8. **INFORMATION REPORT – FARM AND AERODROME COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

D20/20224 (Pages 40-45)

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>	
1. <u>THAT</u> the report be received.	<u>JONES/BOYDE</u> <u>Carried</u> <u>CL/20/78</u>
2. <u>THAT</u> the amended Farm and Aerodrome Committee Terms of Reference be received and noted.	<u>HARRIS/JONES</u> <u>Carried</u> <u>CL/20/79</u>
<u>Recommended Reason</u>	
This report is to formalise the final updated Terms of Reference for the Farm and Aerodrome Committee, recommended by the Farm and Aerodrome Committee meeting in June 2020, and approved by Council at the Ordinary meeting on 14 July 2020.	

The Director – Corporate Services noted that this report was a formality to bring the changes made to the Terms of Reference by the Farm and Aerodrome Committee to Council. It was clarified that Council had approved these changes when the minutes of the committee came to Council on Tuesday 14 July.

9. **DECISION REPORT – PROPOSED LOCATION OF NEW AQUATIC CENTRE**

D20/20224 (Pages 46-78)

6.1

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report be received.

JAMIESON/ERWOOD
Carried
CL/20/80

- 2a. ~~THAT Council reiterate its earlier decision to co-locate the new aquatic centre with the TET Multi Sport Centre and instruct staff to proceed with seeking the Minister of Conservation’s consent pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977,~~

OR

- 2b. THAT Council take public feedback into consideration as well as the pros and cons of the various site options and instruct staff to bring back a further report in order to reconsider the location of the new aquatic centre.

ERWOOD/SANDFORD
Division
For 7
Against 4
Carried
CL/20/81

Recommended Reason

In view of the majority of the small number of submitters to the request for public feedback, Council may wish to reconsider its earlier decision to co-locate the new aquatic centre with the TET Multi Sport Centre.

The District Mayor noted that this process was different to a full consultative procedure with submissions usually being referred to the Policy and Services Committee for their recommendations. This process was seeking public feedback only and the summary of those received was available on page 56 and 57 of the report.

Points raised in feedback and noted:

- Disruption to the TET Multi Sports Centre during construction.
- Glare and natural light is a disadvantage to a pool complex affecting required chlorine levels and creating health and safety issues for lifeguards. A balance of background and artificial lighting would need to be reached rather than letting natural light in. It was noted that outdoor pools required heavier doses of chlorine and lifeguards wore sunglasses and used lifeguard towers to alleviate restrictions caused by glare.
- It was clarified that shovel ready definition had a longer time frame for projects to begin which had been a point of confusion in the feedback.
- The appearance of the park from the road.
- It was clarified there would not be any greater proximity for water supply at either location.
- Parking causing traffic congestion during school pick up and drop off times.
- Parking and distance to walk for members of the public to the entrance.
- It was noted that some feedback was more directed at what would be in the complex rather than the location.

- It was noted the location of the pool had not been a deciding factor in the construction of the Hub in Hawera this was related to the sports fields.
- It was noted Council was appreciative that the Cricket Club was accepting of the impending changes and that conversations were already occurring with officers regarding future options for cricket.

The Chief Executive noted the following points:

- The Reserve Act requires the Ministers consent for construction on a reserve and to apply for this it was required to seek community feedback but not the special consultative procedure.
- It was noted there had been no objection by the community for the construction of the complex on the reserve. Therefore this will be acceptable for the application to be submitted.
- This decision today was about the reserve and not about the construction of the complex.

Points noted in discussion:

- Councillor Erwood moved the resolution 2b to request a report be brought back to Council to consider an alternative location. He stated the biggest disadvantage with the proposed location was the relocation of the netball courts as this had not been accounted for and would be a significant cost, especially as extra facilities such as changing rooms and toilets would also potentially be required. He felt consideration of the disruption that would be caused to the stadium while construction was being undertaken had not been accounted for nor had the impact on the Malone Gates. He felt that tinted windows would be a good option to stop the complex becoming a cave and also that the land at the netball courts would cause issues for access for elderly and injured users due to it being multi levelled.
- Councillor Jones questioned the costs of relocating the netball courts and what distance between the pool and stadium would be considered too far away for synergies to be in play. The Chief Executive noted that local netball clubs had indicated that 4 courts would be sufficient and it was anticipated that it would be between \$600,000 and \$800,000 for construction of these – this did not include lights, dug outs etc. He noted that even a distance of 10meters between the buildings would lose any synergies between the facilities. Councillor Vaughn noted his support for option 2b until costs were known.
- The Deputy Mayor noted his opposition to option 2b due to the amount of consultation that had been undertaken including the long term plan and A&P show and previous conversations had shown everyone had been in favour of the proposed location at the netball courts. He felt the synergies available by co-location with the TET Multi Sports Centre outweighed locating the pool anywhere else. He noted the government funding of \$8 million was a huge bonus as Council would not have to ask rate payers to assist with the costs.
- Councillor Dalziel noted his support for option 2b. Initially he had been supportive of co-locating with the TET Multi Sports Centre due to the synergies that would present, however he had altered his thinking due to the layout looking squeezed and the restrictions on any further development at a later stage – e.g. hydrosides or an outdoor area. This is a 60-70 year investment and Council has the opportunity to build a very smart complex without the constraints of the current stadium. He noted he did not feel the issues at the stadium would be rectified by combining the facilities.
- Councillor Webby endorsed Councillor Dalziel's comments and noted that she felt the netball courts were in an ideal position with the tiered layout not having made a difference as injuries were suffered on courts and not from going up and down the levels. She did not think the underutilisation of the stadium would be solved with the addition of the pool.
- Councillor Boyde noted his support of the netball courts as the location. He noted the report stated that netballers felt the tiered courts were a health and safety hazard and this was reiterated when speaking with netballers in the weekend. He noted the small amount of submissions was less than 1% of the population and there had been much more engagement during the control of dogs bylaw and dog control policy process. He noted the Council had moved to combine the library and iSITE due to the tangible benefits and felt this was similar. He felt there would be plenty of natural light in the proposed location and that by combining it with the stadium Council would be looking long term and creating a real multi sports centre

– soccer could also be included as he noted complaints regarding soccer balls from households surrounding those fields. He was 100% in favour of co-locating the pool and TET Multi Sports Centre.

- Councillor Coplestone felt by using the grassed area suggested it would be taking away opportunity to build on the stadium in the future. The proposed plans for the pool had plenty of room to move in either direction in the future and he did not want to waste a field that could be utilised in the future. He noted moving the netball courts would get them out of the wind and could potentially include a roof. He did not feel there would be any negative impact on the Malone Gates.
- Councillor Sandford noted that netballers had not wanted anything over the courts when the stadium had initially been built. He stated that if moving the netball courts toilets would be a minimum requirement due to the high use of the ones at the TET Multi Sports Stadium during netball. He objected to the thought that Council would eventually run the stadium as this was not a core activity of Council and also noted the noise from the pool would be a hindrance on the users of the stadium. While there was a small amount of submissions he was appreciative of those who had something to offer and perhaps added a different perspective that there weren't that many users of the pool. He felt that Council had not gone out and said this is where the pool is going and that option 2b at least gave Council a chance to look at an alternative and see some facts and figures.
- Councillor McKay noted she had taken into account he opposing views and also spoken to members of the public. Her preference was to attach the complex to the TET Multi Sports Centre but would like to see a direct comparison before making a final decision.
- Councillor Harris supported the co-location with the TET Multi Sports Centre but noted the decision today was to give the ability to assess the options side by side. She agreed the stadium needed to be utilised more and felt the addition of the pool would help. She did feel the tiered courts were a health and safety issue and noted the courts had recently been resurfaced but felt there would be more longevity to be gained with new courts.
- Councillor Erwood noted he did not want to reinvent the wheel by mirroring what was already in the TET Multi Sports Centre and would prefer to see a coffee machine only at the pool to ensure lifeguards were not baby sitters. He noted only the netball courts location had been given as an option at the A&P Show and that the soccer fields had been turned around and were not creating an issue for the houses surrounding them now. He felt a simple solution at the current netball courts would be a netting fence.
- The District Mayor noted that should option 2 be carried then Councillors should give some clear indications of what they wish to be covered in the subsequent report – e.g. parking, appearance etc.
- It was noted the consent from the Minister of Conservation could not be sought until a decision had been made. The District Mayor noted that there is reasonable assumption the consent would be granted due to no objections having been received.

A division was called.

Those voting for the motion were: The District Mayor, Councillors: Erwood, McKay, Sandford, Dalziel, Jones, Webby

Those voting against the motion were: The Deputy Mayor, Councillors: Boyde, Coplestone, Harris

- The Chief Executive noted that due to the time restraints as a result of the shovel ready project this report would be brought to the Extraordinary Meeting on Tuesday 25 August that had been called earlier in the meeting.
- Council was instructed to discuss with the Chief Executive exact details they wished to be included in the report.

The Corporate Accountant departed the meeting at 5.09pm.

10. **QUESTIONS**

The meeting closed at 5.10pm.

N C Volzke
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 8th day of September 2020.

N C Volzke
DISTRICT MAYOR

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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 25 AUGUST 2020 AT 2.00PM

PRESENT

The District Mayor N C Volzke (the Chairman), the Deputy Mayor A L Jamieson, Councillors G W Boyde, R W Coplestone, P S Dalziel, J M S Erwood, A K Harris, V Jones, M McKay, W J Sandford and G M Webby.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Director Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland (*part meeting*), the Executive Administration Officer – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Community Development Manager – Mr Chade Julie, the Administration & Communications Support Officer – Ms R Vanstone, the Aquatic Services Team Leader – Mrs Holly Baker, the Community Development Officer – Mr P Boyd, the Community Development Officer – Mrs A Kingston, the Special Projects Manager – Mr N Cooper, the Roading Asset Manager – Mr S Bowden, the Health & Safety & Emergency Management Advisor – Mr M Bestall, the Environmental Compliance Officer – Mr K Best (*part meeting*), 13 members of the public and one member of the media (Stratford Press).

1. **WELCOME**

The District Mayor welcomed the Chief Executive, Councillors, staff, media, and members of the public

He read the health and safety message in full to reiterate its instructions in an emergency to those in attendance.

2. **APOLOGIES**

An apology was noted from the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chief Executive noted that during the discussion on item 7 – Proposed Location of new Aquatic Centre, the Customer & Leisure Services Manager – Mrs A Mathews had been approved to call in to listen to the discussion and outcome as she is currently on maternity leave but available if any operational questions arose.

The District Mayor noted that he would exercise his right of discretion as Chairman (Standing Order 21.1) which gives him ability to allow Councillors to speak more than once to any motion. He reminded Councillors to pull their microphones close when speaking so those in the public gallery could hear clearly.

He noted that the security fence erected at the netball courts were put there by Netball Taranaki to break the courts in to zones to be able to manage crowds under Level 2. There had been speculation that Council had put these in place to start construction and he clarified this was not the case.

Congratulations were noted for Kelly Jury, from Strathmore, who had had just been named in the Silver Ferns netball team.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTEREST**

The District Mayor requested Councillors to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda.

There were no real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to the items on the agenda.

5. **DECISION REPORT - AMENDMENT TO MEETING SCHEDULE**

D20/22209 (Pages 6-13)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report be received.

JONES/HARRIS
Carried
CL/20/82

2. THAT Council amend the 2020 Meeting Schedule to change the remaining two Audit and Risk Committee Meetings for the year to Tuesday 6 October 2020 and Tuesday 1 December 2020.

JAMIESON/McKAY
Carried
CL/20/83

Recommended Reason

The meeting schedule was adopted by Council in November 2019 which sets the dates for the coming year. Due to the appointment of the new External Chair for the Audit and Risk Committee amendments are required to be actioned.

The Executive Administration Officer noted the following points:

- This report is a formality to adopt an amendment to the meeting scheduled adopted by Council in November last year.
- The remaining two Audit and Risk Committee meetings for 2020 are being altered to accommodate the new Audit and Risk Chair.
- The Standing Orders allow for amendments to be made by Council but that any amendment constitutes notification to members of every meeting on the schedule. In order for transparency and consistency this report had been brought to Council for adoption and notification to its members simultaneously.

6. **DECISION REPORT - THREE WATERS REFORM PROGRAMME**
D20/21944 (Pages 14-63)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report be received.

BOYDE/WEBBY
Carried
CL/20/84

2. THAT Council note that:

- in July 2020, the Government announced an initial funding package of \$761 million to provide a post COVID-19 stimulus to maintain and improve water networks infrastructure, and to support a three-year programme of reform of local government water services delivery arrangements; and
- initial funding will be made available to those councils that agree to participate in the initial stage of the reform programme, through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Funding Agreement, and approved Delivery Plan.
- this initial funding will be provided in two parts: a direct allocation to individual territorial authorities, and a regional allocation. The participating individual authorities in each region will need to agree an approach to distributing the regional allocation
- the Steering Committee has recommended a preferred approach to the allocation of regional funding, being the same formula as was used to determine the direct allocations to territorial authorities

3. THAT Council:

- **Agree** to sign the MoU at **Appendix A** and Funding Agreement at **Appendix B**.
- **Agree** to nominate Sven Hanne, the Chief Executive of the Council as the primary point of communication for the purposes of the MoU and reform programme – as referred to on page 6 of the MoU.
- **Agree** to delegate decisions about the allocation of regional funding to Sven Hanne, the Chief Executive of the Council, with the understanding that the minimum level of funding to the Council be based upon the formula used to calculate the direct council allocations, and noting that participation by two-thirds of territorial authorities within the Taranaki region is required to access the regional allocation
- **Note** that the MoU and Funding Agreement cannot be amended or modified by either party, and doing so would void these documents.
- **Note** that participation in this initial stage is to be undertaken in good faith, but this is a non-binding approach, and the Council can opt out of the reform process at the end of the term of the agreement (as provided for on page 5 of the MoU).
- **Note** that the Council has been allocated \$1,194,945 of funding, which will be received as a grant as soon as practicable once the signed MoU and Funding Agreement are returned to the Department of Internal Affairs, and a Delivery Plan has been supplied and approved (as described on page 5 of the MoU).

- **Note** that the Delivery Plan must show that the funding is to be applied to operating and/or capital expenditure relating to three waters infrastructure and service delivery, and which:
 - supports economic recovery through job creation; and
 - maintains, increases, and/or accelerates investment in core water infrastructure renewal and maintenance.

COPELSTONE/DALZIEL
Carried
CL/20/85

Recommended Reason

Opting into the initial stage of the reform programme is a voluntary, non-binding commitment. It **does not** require councils to commit to future phases of the reform programme, to transfer their assets and/or liabilities, or establish new water entities. It does however enable access to a significant amount of government funding. The benefits outweigh the costs and risks associated with this proposal.

The Chief Executive noted the following points:

- There is a lot of detail to this report. The Government is embarking on a three stage water reform programme and have expressed a desire to remove the water functions from individual councils at the end of the three stages. There has been no talk about privatisation and so it is assumed they would still be controlled by a public entity but the exact form is yet to be decided.
- Stage 1 asks Councils to opt in by entering into a memorandum of understanding and is non-binding to continue to the next stages. If that wasn't the case the recommendation from Officers would look fundamentally different.
- The MOU requires Council to cooperate in good faith to form a database of what infrastructure looks like across New Zealand. This includes what is there and what the condition of the infrastructure is. This will require some significant staff time to produce but there is an offer of \$1.2 million to enter into the MOU and approximately the same again from a regional fund. Mr Hanne noted he was reasonably confident this would result in a total of \$2.38 million for the Stratford District.
- The report seeks authorisation for the Chief Executive to continue with the MOU and to negotiate on Council's behalf for the regional distribution.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The District Mayor noted this topic had been workshopped with Council and that a number of Councillors attended a half day seminar on the topic.
- The Deputy Mayor noted he felt Council would be pushed into Stage 1 if they didn't voluntarily enter into the agreement. He noted he did not want to hand Stratford's water over to another organisation given it has been kept fairly up to date and was fault free to a degree. But he felt Council should enter into this agreement given that it was in good faith and non-binding.
- Councillor McKay agreed that through the workshop, seminar and report the non-binding factor has been very clear. She supported entering into the agreement and provide the data required.
- Councillor Boyde agreed but noted that the details released later on could be concerning. Councillor Jones reiterated these concerns and Councillor Webby endorsed the comments made.
- It was confirmed that the amounts would be plus GST.
- The District Mayor noted that this is only tranche one. It was important to note it was non-committal past this point. There is funding to be accessed by agreeing to enter into the MOU and Council would need to enter into this in good faith while exploring other options for water delivery. He noted the funding was regarded as stimulus funding to get money out to the

community as part of the economic recovery rather than an infrastructure reform. He supported the Chief Executive having the authorisation to negotiate the apportionment of the regional fund.

Points noted in discussion:

- The Chief Executive noted that this decision had to be made by the end of this month and that the funding allocation (what this will be spent on) will need to be submitted by the end of September. A report will be brought to Council separately on what this funding will be spent on, although it is anticipated it will largely be spent on the planned work programme that has already been consulted on via the Long Term Plan process.

7. **DECISION REPORT – PROPOSED LOCATION OF NEW AQUATIC CENTRE**

D20/22233 (Pages 64-76)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report be received.

SANDFORD/WEBBY
Carried
CL/20/86

Recommended Reason

A decision in this matter is required as a matter of urgency to enable this project to move to the next stages.

It was agreed that the word “opt” was to be removed from the resolution as an error.

The Special Projects Manager noted the following points:

- This subject has been aired quite extensively in various media forms.
- The topic was brought before Council in April which led to the earlier decision to co-locate the new aquatic centre with the TET Multi Sports Centre. At that point the alternative location now being considered was not specifically included with the alternative being ‘other land owned by Council’.
- The disadvantages and advantages from the original report have been regurgitated into the current report with further commentary and extra points following feedback received from the community.
- Council is now required to weigh up the merits of both sites so a decision can be made and the project can get underway.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified if the pool was moved clear of the existing carpark there would not be enough room to retain four courts.
- It was noted that \$96,000 had been spent over three financial years to resurface the netball courts and that some structural work had been needed on the last court to be resurfaced. The resurfacing has an expected life expectancy of 10-15 years.
- It was noted the current courts were 68 years old, constructed in 1952. The contractors doing the resurfacing had noted the courts were not in the greatest condition and did not guarantee a lifespan of the resurfacing being 10-15 years due to the cracking in the courts.
- It was noted there were no known seismic issues that would effect the construction of the pool but that the cracks were due to the asphalt surfacing.
- The savings of \$90,000 - \$100,000 a year for management of both facilities was questioned and it was noted that the current tenants did manage the full facility – therefore only one

would be required to manage the complete facility and could possibly be run more efficiently if there was a dedicated resource rather than the restaurant management attempting to manage a sports facility. This would not be required to be attached to be undertaken.

- It was noted that it was unknown what the courts had been built on top of whether it be fill or natural soil.

Points noted in discussion:

- Councillor Coplestone noted he had spoken to a lot of people on this subject. He supported co-locating the facilities to utilise staff, facilities, creating future scope, replacing the ageing structures that are the netball/tennis courts and create a sports hub that will entice a range of sports to be undertaken in one building. He did not support extending on an open reserve in town, he did not want to duplicate utilities such as a gym or a café. He supported the addition of changing rooms and toilets for three different sporting codes (hockey, cricket and netball) and did not want to see the \$8 million grant jeopardised because Council was divided on where to located the pool. This was decided last year and he stated that Council should stay with the status quo; however he noted he was in favour of building a new pool for the District regardless of the decision today.

As two Councillors wished to move opposing motions the District Mayor requested the Chief Executive toss a coin to determine which motion would be put. He had sought legal advice on ensuring fairness should this issue occur.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2(a). THAT Council reiterate its earlier decision to co-locate the new aquatic centre with the TET Multi Sport Centre,

BOYDE/JAMIESON
Division
For 5
Against 6
Lost
CL/20/87

Points noted in discussion:

- Councillor Boyde noted his support of the new pool. He noted he had contacted some of the public that had signed the petition to allow him to make a well informed decision when voting. He found everybody had different concerns and there had been a lot of misinformation given for example new netball courts could cost \$2 million, the pool being on the field would only cost \$8 million, there were going to be no replacement netball courts and that the Malone Gates would be blocked. Some had then apologised for signing after learning the facts, he felt this was important to consider for how Council conducts itself in the future for big projects. A well informed community is a powerful community. He noted his decision had been based on whether the location had long term benefits, synergies for the community and did it meet the Government's Four Well-beings and he felt the TET Co-Location ticked all those areas particularly with potential synergies. He noted the costs were higher with this option but that the intergenerational and operational benefits for the community, district and region would make it a far better long-term location. He noted he had visited seven new pools around the country over the past year, six of which were mixed with a sports facility. He noted they all had seen advanced benefits from being a combined facility. He noted netballers had had health and safety issues with the current courts for a long time. Netball Taranaki supported the proposal for six flat courts all together and that this option would provide 25 years maintenance free. The TET Multi Sports Stadium is now owned by Council and therefore the community would want it to succeed and noted the potential savings of \$90,000 - \$100,000 per year. He noted the current pool is 81 years old and would see \$8 million in savings with

the new facility, that the existing café could be used as could the existing dry land space, there was more car parking availability with the existing parks and the War Memorial Carpark and there was the ability to have a shared facility reception for customer service. The existing site could remain operational while the build is being undertaken and this would not take any reserve land away from any other codes. It would make this area the destination choice for recreational options and become a centre of excellence for the future. He noted that regardless of the decision he supported the construction of a new pool 100%. He felt today should be celebrated as Stratford decides on the new pool location after 81 years.

- Councillor McKay supported the motion. She had carefully considered both options. She believed if there was nothing currently there then the facilities would be built together. Long term co-location would bring a strong facility for our District and Regional – locally, nationally and internationally and would bring long term operational savings which would be valuable to our ratepayers for many years to come.
- Councillor Harris acknowledged her respect for both options as well as the arguments for both. She noted she supported whatever the outcome would be and looked forward to moving to the next exciting stage. She supported the motion and when looking at both options felt the co-location would offer best outcome.
- Councillor Erwood noted his opposition to the motion. He noted there had been plenty of discussions on synergies but no definition and felt no one should leave their children swimming to go and get a coffee. He questioned the opening hours of the café having to match those of the pool. There is an assumption that Council will take over the management of the TET Multi Sports Centre and he noted this discussion with Councillors had not occurred. He felt it had been handed back to Council in a rundown state struggling to survive but it needed to be managed correctly as it was, by putting a pool in the front it would block off the Centre even further. He noted that the centre had not been designed to be added onto and felt costs would only grow. He questioned how much disruption would impact netball, tennis and the road beside it. He felt construction of the pool here would ruin the vista of the park and would clearly shade the Malone Gates. There would be limited options for solar heating in this position and felt Council should be looking at more energy efficient ways. He felt the sloping ground of the netball courts would cost more money to build on and that there was no budget for shifting the netball courts that Council had just spent \$96,000 on resurfacing. With option 2b there would be no limit on design, shape or size. It would provide options to expand the pool in the future for hydrosides or an outdoor diving board. Construction on the field would have little impact on other codes. Stratford Primary School are looking at getting an artificial wicket and Stratford High School is happy to share theirs as is the Stratford Cricket Club – a new artificial wicket would cost \$15,000. He noted Councillors had not heard anything from Netball. Building on the field would allow access way for the delivery of services, staff access, access for disabled users and provide facilities for Hockey to use at the back of the building. He noted hockey hardly used the Centre and even held their prize giving at another location. If the pool was north facing then solar heating could be used. It would be good to walk out onto flat grassy ground. He noted Council had changed elements of the Control of Dogs Bylaw based on public feedback and with the feedback from the community he asked Councillors to support option 2b. He did not want to waste \$1.3 million plus to build on sloping ground based on assumptions and estimates and decisions not yet made or to shift the netball courts. These costs will only increase the rates on our ageing rate payer.
- Councillor Sandford spoke against the motion. He noted he had not supported this option from the start and now the community had come forward to stand with them as well. He noted that the leasees' of the TET Multi Sports Centre had always said there was not enough room, as had various sporting codes. He could not work out where the proposed extra space would be coming from. He did not support the suggestion that Council would manage the stadium and noted the public perception of competing against local providers when Council ran the Holiday Park. He supported the blank canvas on the field so facilities could be added to help codes rather than exposing the netballers to the elements on a flat field. He noted his disappointment that Netball Taranaki had not put forward what they want to Council. This is the biggest project he has ever seen and he did not want to miss the opportunity to do this

right. He did not feel the public had been given a decent opportunity to have their say on this matter. He did not think taking green space away was an issue due to the amount of parks within the District that were totally underutilised and suggested a wicket could be put at Page Street. The grassed area has been underutilised since Hockey moved to the artificial turf.

The Director - Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland and the Environmental Compliance Officer – Mr K Best joined the meeting at 3.00pm.

6.2

- Councillor Dalziel did not support the motion. He felt the synergies outlined could be achieved with the pool located on the north side against the hockey turf and not on Regan Street. He noted his concern that by co-locating with the TET Multi Sports Centre any additions in the future would be constrained. With the pool on the field he saw the entire area as a recreational campus with the pool, tennis, netball, hockey and the stadium providing an entire campus for sport and recreation to take place. It will make a fantastic facility for the town.
- Councillor Webby noted she did not support the motion. There are aesthetic qualities that would be lost with the pool being built there. One of the major attraction to visitors, and our community, were the parks. The entrance to the park is natural and one of the best parts of the walk. There is also a wonderful view through from Prospero Place. She felt that the funding that has been allocated, and that which is still to be raised, should all go on a new complex. She noted the estimates presented were vague and was really concerned about the real costs of this complex moving forward.

The Health and Safety and Emergency Management Advisor departed the meeting at 3.01pm.

- Councillor Jones noted he had been undecided with so many good points raised for both options. He had concerns around the true synergies with co-locating as it will be a total sports area with either option. He questioned the lack of input from netball as Council had approached them and cricket had been forthcoming. He felt the cost of shifting the courts could be put into the new pool while starting on a clean slate as this option seemed a lot cheaper than renovating. He didn't feel that moving one client to another space to put another client in that space would achieve anything.
- The Deputy Mayor noted he was very happy that Council would be building a new pool which would make a huge difference to the community. Wherever this is built it will be a new purpose built facility for our community. He thought solar heating could be achieved at both sites but that this part hadn't been discussed yet. He was in favour of supporting the synergies of a joint complex, there would still be multiple access routes and disability access if co-locating and felt the view from Prospero Place of the mouna would be hindered with the complex on the field. Cricket will be moved regardless of the decision and noted that management of the whole facility had not been discussed by Council.
- The District Mayor noted he had considered both arguments over the whole process and felt there was no right or wrong with both locations having strong advantages and disadvantages which have collectively been expressed very well. He noted the Stratford Cricket Club are an affected party who will lose the use of the field but have agreed to this with a commitment that Council will reinstate a wicket somewhere else for them. Parking has been raised as an issue before but felt this had arisen due to misinformation with some concerns that the pool co-locating with the TET Multi Sports Centre would take out the parking in front of the current centre. He noted this was not the case but regardless of which option the central point for parking at the War Memorial Centre would solve these concerns. He noted he had asked himself what the initial plan had been and that was to construct a new pool. \$12 million of borrowed funds were allocated in the budget with the next \$3 million to be raised by way of grants making a total budget of \$15 million. This had increased since then to \$20 million and Stratford had been fortunate to receive \$8 million of Government funding towards this project. He felt that any savings Council could make was of benefit to its rate payers and the report indicates savings in excess of \$1 million could be made with indications that building the pool on the field would save approximately \$2 million. The financial consideration was the key factor for him and therefore he would not support the motion.

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- Councillor Boyde noted that the decision made today was a long term one. He noted the TET Multi Sports Centre was a \$6.6 million asset that Council needed to look after. He reiterated that wherever the pool was located he supported the project 100% but felt that the short lifespan left at the current netball courts that the right option was co-location with the TET Multi Sports Centre. He acknowledged the \$2 million difference in costs but noted that was a possibility and made from assumptions with architects and felt at the end of the day there could be this variance with the field option as well.

6.2

A division was called for resolution 2(a):

Those voting for the motion: Councillors Boyde, Coplestone, McKay, Harris and the Deputy Mayor.

Those voting against the motion: Councillors Erwood, Dalziel, Jones, Sandford, Webby and the District Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2(b). THAT Council rescind its earlier decision and ~~opt~~ agree to locate the new aquatic centre on the sportsfield to the north of the hockey turf.

ERWOOD/SANDFORD

Division

For 6

Against 5

Carried

CL/20/90

Points noted in discussion:

- Councillor Erwood moved that “*at the southern end of the sports field at the Architects discretion*” be added to resolution 2(b) Councillor Sandford seconded this motion.
- Councillor Erwood noted the synergies with the complex on the field for hockey to utilise and to provide an access/service lane for use by staff and disabled people to mean a north-facing complex with provision for the lane between the complex and the turf.
- The amendment was altered to “*to the more southern end of the sports field to the north of the hockey turf*”.

RECOMMENDATION

- THAT “*to the more southern end of the sports field to the north of the hockey turf*” be added to resolution 2(b).

ERWOOD/SANDFORD

Carried

CL/20/88

- Councillor Jones did not support the motion and noted he would rather see what the architects produces.
- The Deputy Mayor agreed the architects should be given more free range and noted concern of shading the hockey turf should it be moved to be placed against it. He said there were too many unknowns without having seen designs yet.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the amendment to resolution 2b be removed.

JONES/JAMIESON
Carried
CL/20/89

6.2

- Councillor Boyde noted that this decision should be celebrated as the community would be getting a new pool and that is fantastic news.

A division was called for Resolution 2(b)

Those voting for the motion: Councillors Erwood, Dalziel, Jones, Sandford, Webby and the District Mayor.

Those voting against the motion: Councillors Boyde, Coplestone, McKay, Harris and the Deputy Mayor.

The meeting closed at 3.24pm.

N C Volzke
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 8th day of September 2020.

N C Volzke
DISTRICT MAYOR

MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL, MIRANDA STREET, STRATFORD ON TUESDAY 25 AUGUST 2020 AT 3:37PM

PRESENT

The Deputy Mayor A L Jamieson (the Chairman), the District Mayor N C Volzke, Councillors M McKay, V R Jones, R W Coplestone, P S Dalziel, G W Boyde, W J Sandford, A K Harris, J M S Erwood, and G M Webby.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Executive – Mr S Hanne, the Director – Community Services – Ms K Whareaitu, the Director – Assets – Mrs V Araba, the Director – Environmental Services – Mr B Sutherland, the Director Corporate Services – Mrs T Radich, the Executive Administration Officer – Mrs E Bishop, the Communications Manager – Ms G Gibson, the Community Development Manager – Mr C Julie (*part meeting*), the Environmental Compliance Officer – Mr K Best (*part meeting*), the Special Projects Manager – Mr N Cooper (*part meeting*), the Roading Assets Manager – Mr S Bowden, V Fairly, M Jordan, J Conner-Patterson and L Grayling (Venture Taranaki, *part meeting*) and one member of the media (Stratford Press).

1. **WELCOME**

The Deputy Mayor welcomed the District Mayor, the Chief Executive, Councillors, staff, and the media. He reminded Councillors to ensure they are familiar with the health and safety message including evacuation procedures. He reiterated the main points for those members in attendance.

2. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chief Executive noted that the financial assistance rate (FAR) had been reviewed and Council was notified today that this had increased from 57% to 61% which means Council's investment will go down to 39 cents per dollar which will result in almost \$250,000 more to invest in the District's roads or to come off rates.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTEREST**

The Deputy Mayor requested Councillors to declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest relating to items on this agenda.

There were no declarations of interest relating to items on this agenda.

5. **ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE**

The Attendance Schedule for Policy and Services Committee meetings was attached.

6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

6.1 **Policy and Services Committee Meeting – 28 July 2020**
D20/20513 Pages 10-21

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Policy and Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 28 July 2020, including the public excluded section, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

WEBBY/SANDFORD
Carried
P&S/20/115

6.3

7. **MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

D16/47 Page 22

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the matters outstanding be received.

ERWOOD/HARRIS
Carried
P&S/20/116

The Chief Executive noted the following points:

- An update has been provided in the Environmental Services monthly report (Item 14.3) on the street numbering matter.
- The Percy Thomson Investment matter will be brought to Council next month.
- The details of the reserve balances will be completed when the Annual Report has been audited. Audit NZ were currently onsite completing this task.
- The support for heritage structures would be moved from this list to a dedicated Long Term Plan projects list to ensure it is addressed as part of that discussion.

8. **INFORMATION REPORT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
QUARTERLY REPORT – QUARTER FOUR**

D20/19961 Pages 23-57

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

BOYDE/VOLZKE
Carried
P&S/20/117

The Community Development Manager noted the following points:

- This report covers the previous quarter and closes off the last financial year.
- Updated project statuses are as follows:
 - Subdivision – 11 parcels of land have settled, two more are unconditional with a further 10 conditional.
 - Funding had been granted for the Children’s Bike Park. A design has been circulated to Councillors.
 - A number of quotes have been received for the iSITE relocation for the layout and desk design with a final one due in on Friday.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified that the current DOC display, brochures and promotional material would be transferred to the library space, however there were no plans at this stage for an additional DOC display or Stratford themed story boards. It is planned to develop the Stratford Story/History online and with brochures.

Ms Fairly and Ms Jordan presented the Quarter 3 Venture Taranaki Report to Council. Points noted in discussion:

- An apology from Chief Executive Justine Gilliland was noted.
- It was clarified that unemployment data was received retrospectively. Job seeker numbers are escalating and this data will be shared with Council when received by Venture Taranaki.
- There has been a noticeable shift with businesses and their way of working with an increased focus on digitisation and a necessity to look at things differently and implement improvements. Some organisations are becoming more comfortable with the prospect of remote working or flexi work as evidence proves it productive.
- The regional skills leadership group meets next week for the first time and one its first tasks will be determining what skills are going to be needed short and long term and what skills are transferrable to be redeployed into other forms of employment. There is a mix of businesses that have been taking on staff and having to let staff go.
- Biodiversity and capitalising on this is being targeted by highlighting a number of initiatives that are available in Taranaki such as the trapping programme on the mouna and other experiences such as Purangi. Taranaki's goal to be the first predator free region creates opportunities that have been realised and could be capitalised on. Venture Taranaki has received funding for tourism transition programme and it will be looking at product development and what can be grouped or brought together and one of these areas will be biodiversity.
- It was clarified that with the journey to lower emissions and the Ara Ake centre that it will be looking at the eco system and making decisions or forward planning for various structures in the region and how they can be utilised.
- The Enterprise team is working full force with the COVID-19 response. As at the end of last week there has been a demand in support requests around impacts due to COVID-19. During lockdown and the month following there was around three times the normal level of advisory support from the same time the previous year, this is still at around double the usual amount. Businesses are thinking about forward movement, digitisation and how to transition from manual approach. There has been up to \$1 million of additional funding going to support in negotiating the impacts and this has largely been allocated to professional services advice – with over half into financial management advice. The remainder of the support has been towards digital strategies, marketing and building awareness in changing markets. This funding is available for any business up to 100 full time employees which is the vast majority of businesses within Taranaki. There is also additional support around loan schemes that staff are working through the processes with businesses and banks.
- The Taranaki Business Community is made up of amazing resilient individuals and entities and have come out fighting and will continue to do so. There has been a limited number of closures and some redundancies but there have also been some real positives coming out.
- The Central Government funding support has been replenished and we are encouraging businesses to take advantage of this. The wage subsidies are coming to an end and the heightened alert levels will mean businesses will continue to require support. Infometrics have forecast job losses to spread until March 2021.
- Stratford businesses have accessed just over \$32,000 of the funding support – it is unsure if this because those businesses are navigating through ok or if the business community has not had overall impact or are just not taking up the support. More awareness of this fund needs to be pushed out in the community.
- Ahead of the Curve webinars have been extremely popular and have dealt with a range of topics. The next one is a live event and will be focused on wellbeing and will give people the

opportunity to share stories on how they are navigating through this time and provide practical tips and advice.

- The Go Local was brilliantly taken up around the region, Stratford was fantastic and very successful. There is a domestic campaign that will be launched later this month as there is a large ‘visiting friends and family’ market. A competition has been launched to make sure residents share hidden gems or activities and encourage visitors to come over the next few months.
- Ara Ake was launched and a Chief Executive appointed. This will be housed with Venture Taranaki until a venue is found.
- It was proposed that Venture Taranaki host a workshop with Councillors to introduce them to staff and the various roles undertaken by Venture Taranaki.

Venture Taranaki staff departed the meeting at 4.07pm.

9. INFORMATION REPORT – DOG CONTROL POLICY & PRACTICES REPORT – YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

D20/19677 Pages 58-62

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices for the year ending 30 June 2020 be received and contents noted.

BOYDE/McKAY
Carried
P&S/20/118

Recommended Reason

The report is required under section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996.

The Director – Environmental Services noted the following points:

- This annual report is required to be produced every year.
- Page 62 – Numbers of Dogs Destroyed 2018/19 should be 16 not 61.
- Page 62 – number of infringement notices issued – 220 in 2018/19 and 128 in 2019/20 – the previous year was largely registration based infringements the total number of infringements is largely driven out of registration issues rather than behavioural matters but there is no clear reason why there is such a difference in the two years. There has been a better run of dog registrations this year compared to the previous year.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- The number of menacing dogs was down by four from the previous year. It was noted that this classification is either by breed or by deed. This number may have been affected by registrations not disclosing the breed entirely (E.g. a Labrador cross with a pit bull registered as a Labrador cross). Dogs are not sighted when registering.
- The number of total registered dogs is trending down, it was noted that the key performance indicator was to have 98% of all known dogs registered and that there would always be dogs that were not known about.
- It was noted that there was one dangerous dog. This is classified by deed. There have been prosecutions over the past year and some have resulted in the dog being euthanized which would have been classed as a dangerous dog otherwise. Dog attacks on people were not graded.

The Environmental Compliance Officer departed the meeting at 4.13pm.

10. **INFORMATION REPORT – SUMMARY OF THE 2020 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS**

D20/21027

Pages 63-77

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

McKAY/HARRIS
Carried
P&S/20/119

Recommended Reason

This is an information report only. It gives a summary of the results of the 2019/20 Customer Satisfaction Survey.

6.3

The Communications Manager noted the survey had been conducted later than usual due to COVID-19 but this did not affect the response rate compared to previous years. Online completions have tripled from last year.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was clarified that every hard copy survey that was received was entered into survey monkey to be collated and reviewed as one summary. Answers were entered exactly as they were received.
- It was noted there was a common theme with the round-a-bouts and the comments regarding these.
- It was noted there was some really good feedback regarding the parks and walkways and queried if this had been as a result of higher usage.
- Overhanging growth from properties and overgrown grass on verges were raised as concerns. There are provisions to control this and noted that public notification is done throughout the year on how to pass this information onto Council. It is important to note the surveys cannot be responded to and residents are encouraged to put complaints through the proper channels for it to be recorded and actioned quickly. The surveys are also often not specific about areas that were of concern.
- It was noted the District Mayor thought the rating of 6.19 for Midhirst Cemetery was high and encouraged Councillors to go and have a look at it.
- It was noted that 96% stated that they did know how to get council information. This is especially pleasing due to comments regarding transparency made at the last election.

The Special Projects Manager joined the meeting at 4.19pm.

- It was also pleasing to note the high results for community ranking of Stratford.
- The Deputy Mayor noted that 69% of respondents got their information through the newspaper and that 64% of respondents were over 65 so it was important to keep the newspaper and not go just online.
- It was noted that if the public toilets were not broken down to the individual blocks then it would not be possible to identify a problem.
- Elected Members were currently participating in activity workshops for the planning of the Long Term Plan. This survey would help them identify areas to focus on or to review levels of service.
- It was noted that a minor change within the document could jeopardize the statistical integrity hence where possible questions were kept as-is long term. .
- Councillor Harris noted Customer Service had ranged overall as 99% helpful and friendly and that this was incredible and important to note.

- The District Mayor noted the comments regarding the cemetery were reflective of complaints he received and needed to be considered when discussing levels of service. This included the frequency of mowing and mowing without a catcher creating a mess.

11. **INFORMATION REPORT – LONG TERM PLAN UPDATE**

D20/21698

Pages 78-82

6.3

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

ERWOOD/SANDFORD
Carried
P&S/20/120

Recommended Reason

Elected Members are updated on the status of the Long Term Plan (LTP) 2021 – 2031.

The Chief Executive noted the following points:

- This report was to reassure Council that the Long Term Plan was on track despite the COVID-19 disruptions.
- There is a push from Councils to delay the Long Term Plan by one year due to uncertainties and the 3 Waters Reform. He did not think that the positions would be any clearer in 12 months time.
- Officers have used the SOLGM document to produce a project plan that is in four stages – Planning, Assumptions and Stocktake, Information and Direction and Finalise.
- Council has completed state 1 and 2 and are currently working through the third stage with workshops on the different activities to present preliminary options for projects to go into the Long Term Plan.
- This process is currently on target but will require some half or full day workshops to keep on track.

13. **DECISION REPORT – ELECTORAL SYSTEM REVIEW**

D20/21027

Pages 93-108

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report and the attached report titled “Electoral Decisions” be received.

COPLESTONE/DALZIEL
Carried
P&S/20/123

2. THAT pursuant to section 27 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 Council resolves for the 2022 Stratford District Council triennial elections to *Retain the First Past the Post electoral system*.

And that public notice be given by 19 September 2020 of the decision and of the right of electors to demand a poll on the electoral system to be used.

VOLZKE/SANDFORD
Carried
P&S/20/124

3. THAT pursuant to section 19ZA of the Local Electoral Act 2001 Council considers whether or not to introduce Maori representation for the Stratford District Council for the 2025 elections; and

4. THAT Council not undertake a representation arrangements review, as such a review is not legally required.

DALZIEL/McKAY
Carried
P&S/20/125

Recommended Reason

Consideration of the electoral system is required by 12 September 2020 under the Local Electoral Act 2001.

The Director – Corporate Services noted that there are three decisions to be made with the key one being the electoral system. As the decision is up to Councillors to decide only options were inserted as the resolutions. There is a lot of information on each of the options within the report.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- It was noted the Representation Review was done every 6 years and would be required before 2024.
- The District Mayor noted his support to retain the First Past the Post system as this is the most commonly used and most easily understood method. He had not had anyone request a change and noted that this serves the need.
- Councillor Sandford did not support the establishment of a māori ward as it is local government not central, and he felt that Stratford residents had the right to say who they want around the table.
- Councillor Dalziel felt a lot of local bodies had failed to get māori onto Council and was of the view that the establishment of a māori ward was a good thing so that the candidate would represent māori specifically and not urban or rural. This would be of benefit to the māori in the District and would provide a deeper understanding and a good move for the future.
- Councillor McKay clarified that the decision today was whether or not the māori ward would be considered. This was confirmed and noted that a decision would need to be made by November which is very short timeframe.
- It was noted that every six years a decision must be made but a decision could also be made in the three years in-between.

- It was agreed to remove the '2022' election from the resolution and work with Iwi to get their input into representation and participation and then aim to have a decision for māori representation for the 2025 election.

The Special Projects Manager departed the meeting at 4.37pm.

14. MONTHLY REPORTS

14.1 ASSETS REPORT

D20/20696 Pages 109-131

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the reports be received.

McKAY/HARRIS
Carried
P&S/20/126

The Director – Assets noted the following points:

- Changes to the report to be noted:
 - Page 118 the 2020/21 to date value for quality of waste should be 44kgs and not 634. The percentage of recycling is achieved and should read 28.7%.
 - Page 123, section 3.2.3 – the performance measure of >200 was achieved.
 - Page 126, Whangamomona Camping ground ha 8 powered sites and not 6 as reported.
- There have been no disruptions to operations this month.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor Boyde noted the Council farm had 250 cows that had calved with 125 to go.

14.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

D20/20343 Pages 132-140

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the reports be received.

ERWOOD/JONES
Carried
P&S/20/127

The Director – Community Services noted the following points:

- There were not many changes to the iSITE and Library with the return to Level 2 but the pool has returned to reduced hours and is closed on Sunday.
- The first quarterly update was included with the rates notices. This was one of the identified actions in the communications strategy and she acknowledged the work of the Communications Manager in getting this actioned.
- Council was successful in an application for funding of \$500,000 to help young people get into jobs. This is a partnership with Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs and MSD to get 50 young people into employment. There are incentives for businesses to take them on and it includes budget to employ a coordinator to run the programme. The District Mayor noted this was an extremely positive result for the community and the funds will be able to be spent in a number of ways as well as highlighting the opportunity for partnerships. He noted he had met with representatives from Ngāti Maru and discussed the training schemes run via Feats and that they were discussing training opportunities with the Department of Conservation. To qualify

for this scheme it was required to be a new and sustainable position with a minimum of 30 hours per week.

Council Organisations and Council Representation on other Organisations

- Councillor McKay updated Council that the Farmers Market had been cancelled due to Level 2 restrictions. She said there was a need for produce sellers when the markets return. The next shop local campaign will launch in early September and there will be no cost for members to get involved. Committee members will ‘catch’ shoppers and give a voucher. There will be no BA5 this morning with no host coming forward, a coffee catch up on Friday will be held instead at Azure. There is a ladies lunch being planned for September to provide a platform for women in business in the Stratford District.
- The Deputy Mayor noted the Waste Minimisation Committee had recently met. \$124 million has been allocated by the government for community recovery but it is unsure how much of that will come to the region. The cost of rubbish collection will be increasing with an increase to waste levies being introduced. Reminded Councillors that the new plastic recycling will be items that are 1, 2 or 5.

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14.4 **CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

D20/21693 Pages 148-159

<p><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></p> <p><u>THAT</u> the reports be received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>McKAY/DALIZEL</u> Carried P&S/20/128</p>

The sequence of items was amended with the Corporate Services report being received before the Environmental Services Report.

The Director – Corporate Services noted the following points:

- This is the first month of the financial year so information on the attached statements is a bit light. There will be more detail from next month onwards.
- The draft Annual Report is now with Auditors. She noted this was the earliest the document had been completed for audit and acknowledged the work put into this by the Finance team, the Corporate Accountant and the Executive Administration Officer.

14.3 **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT**

D20/20502 Pages 141-147

<p><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></p> <p><u>THAT</u> the reports be received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>HARRIS/WEBBY</u> Carried P&S/20/129</p>
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The Director – Environmental Services noted the following points:

- July was another month of strong activity for the Environmental Services team being the third consecutive month of high application numbers post lockdown.
- There are good enquiries coming in for things such as subdivisions and there is still a reasonable number of LIMs being requested.

- The IANZ Audit is now complete and Council has retained its building control accreditation. There is a list of non-compliance items to work through and an action plan has to be completed by 12 September and the actions completed by mid November.

Questions/Points of Clarification:

- Councillor McKay noted she had received feedback that the LIM process was very easy and affordable through Stratford District Council.
- The District Mayor noted there had been an increase in new dwellings of 10 for this year. This is a positive sign. Prices in Stratford are around 50% less than the median house price in New Plymouth which means Stratford is a very affordable place to purchase. He was also pleased to see others looking into private subdivisions. Good growth is occurring at increased levels.
- It was noted that the District Plan was a very long process and could be expected to take between six and seven years. The next part will be a discussion as part of the Long Term Plan process. Meanwhile the one in place will remain in force until the new one is notified and then there will be a gradual switch of emphasis from the current plan to the new one.

15. **QUESTIONS**

- Councillor Webby questioned when the learnings from Tikanga Training could be introduced to Council meetings. The Chief Executive noted that as part of the Tikanga training discussions were noted on the best way to introduce this into our processes and to continue using Te Reo. Will discuss during a workshop how this can be incorporated.

The Director – Corporate Services departed the meeting at 5.11pm.

16. **RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

RECOMMENDATION

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

Agenda Items No: 17

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason 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 are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution to each matter	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Acquisition of Land	The withholding of the information is necessary for commercial sensitivity	The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. Section 7(2)b(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

BOYDE/McKAY
Carried
P&S/20/130

The media departed the meeting at: 5.13pm

17. **PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEM**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the open meeting resumes

DALZIEL/COPLESTONE
Carried
P&S/20/133

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The meeting closed at 5.19pm.

A L Jamieson
CHAIRMAN

Confirmed this 25th day of August 2020.

N C Volzke
DISTRICT MAYOR

MONTHLY REPORT



F19/13/04-D20/23424

TO: District Council

FROM: District Mayor

DATE: 8 September 2020

SUBJECT: REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the District Mayor's report be received.
2. THAT Council approves the appointment of Philip Jones as the independent chair of the Audit and Risk Committee.
3. THAT Council approves the appointment of the Stratford District Mayor as trustee to the Ostler's Garden Trust.

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Moved/Seconded

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year the Annual General meeting of Local Government was held via a zoom gathering of delegates from across the country. It was notable as a first using this technology and an electronic voting app to add to the challenges of the day. Following the retirement of Dave Cull from the position of president, Stuart Crosby from Tauranga was elected as the new president and Mayor Hamish McDouall from Wanganui was elected as the vice president.

There were ten remits considered at the meeting and of those nine were adopted. Of interest to this council was the fact that our voting, as discussed earlier by council, was in line with all the final outcomes.

The meeting was also the last for Chief Executive Malcolm Alexander who has resigned from this position and will take a very well earned break. On behalf of the Stratford District Council I thank Malcolm for his outstanding service and the positive contribution he has made to Local Government New Zealand.

2. DAWSON FALLS

We recently met with representatives from the Department of Conservation and Te Korowai o Ngāruahine and discussed the significant issues around the facilities at the Manaia Road end and site at Dawson Falls Lodge. Our three organisations have a common interest in resolving the issues as the council maintains the access road, DOC operates the visitor centre and the lodge is owned and operated by Te Korowai.

It was agreed that with visitor numbers set to increase markedly in future years as a result of the track development occurring on the Taranaki Crossing, corrective actions need to be initiated now to avoid further shortcomings and criticism in the future. Issues included the haphazard car parking facilities, very outdated visitor centre, poor quality public toilets and very narrow and at times congested road access.

As all parties were of a similar view, it was relatively easy to find a consensus and agree that we would work collaboratively to plot a course of action to address these issues and others. All improvements will enhance the visitor experience which in turn will have positive flow on effects for the broader community.

It is also pleasing to note that the government through “shovel ready” infrastructure fund has recently granted \$3 million to Te Korowai o Ngāruahine for re-development of the Dawson Fall Lodge. Again this very welcome funding and confirms a strong level of support from within government circles to ensure that the start point for the Taranaki Crossing is fit for purpose and of an appropriate standard.

3. CHUNUK BAIR COMMEMORATIONS

A small crowd braved the weather elements to attend a short service on Saturday 8 August to commemorate the Battle of Chunuk Bair. The service reflected on the sacrifices made by New Zealand soldiers during this bloody battle and the heroism shown by their commander Lt Colonel William Malone. The memorial gates at the entrance to King Edward Park, Stratford are a tribute to him and were erected by his regiment in 1923. In recent years, a life sized, bronze statue of Malone was donated to the community and stands tall next to the Patea River on Broadway South.

The New Zealand History website says this of William Malone:

“William George Malone was one of New Zealand’s outstanding soldiers of the Gallipoli campaign. Born in Kent in 1859, Malone was 21 years old when he arrived in Taranaki to join his elder brother. He served with the New Zealand Constabulary Field Force at Ōpunake and Parihaka before taking up a farm near Stratford.

Malone was active in local affairs as chairman and member of several boards and councils. In the early 1890s, with his family expanding, Malone studied law at night after farming during the day. He was admitted as a solicitor in 1894.

It is for his military achievements that William Malone is best known. During the South African War he helped raise the Stratford Rifle Volunteers and served as captain. By 1910 he was a lieutenant-colonel and commanding officer of 4th Battalion, Wellington (Taranaki) Rifle Volunteers.

On the outbreak of war in August 1914 Malone was appointed to command the Wellington Battalion of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. The oldest man in the battalion, he was 'fit, hard & well', almost six feet tall and of solid build. He had spent 15 years reading military history and strategy, and was achieving a lifelong ambition by going to war. In training in Egypt in late 1914 and early 1915 he drove his battalion mercilessly, working his men harder and longer than those of any other battalion in the New Zealand infantry brigade.

Following the mismanaged landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula on 25 April 1915, Malone immediately began to impose order. He consolidated and secured the ANZAC Corps perimeter whenever it was threatened. His diaries over the course of the campaign chart a growing disenchantment with impractical British regular officers, and a growing love for his men.

On 8 August 1915 Malone's battalion seized the strategic heights of Chunuk Bair. There Malone was accidentally killed by supporting artillery fire. The tenacity displayed by the Wellington Battalion in the face of the overwhelming odds they were up against that day embodied the spirit of their commanding officer."

4. APPOINTMENT OF AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE CHAIR

It is my pleasure to confirm the appointment of Philip Jones the independent Chairperson of the councils' Audit and Risk committee. Philip is very experienced in this field and has similar roles with several other councils' across New Zealand. This appointment is for a fixed term of three years. We look forward to working with him on this very important regulatory committee.

I also take this opportunity to thank the chairperson of the last three years Kura Denness who has helped guide us through the establishment phase of this committee and contributed to the sound governance of the District by providing good professional advice and stewardship.

5. OSTLERS GARDENS CHARITABLE TRUST

One of Stratford's most beautiful and most visited gardens over the last few decades was Ostler's Gardens on Hills Road, Stratford. The gardens were owned, developed and maintained by Arthur and Maureen Ostler. Sadly Maureen passed away in 2018 and her husband, Arthur, had passed some years earlier. Maureen's gift to the Stratford community was to create a trust that will administer and invest any funds from her Estate and use the resulting dividends to support a range of activities including assistance to those studying in the horticultural area.

In accordance of Maureen's wishes the Mayor of Stratford or nominee was to take up a position as a Trustee of the Ostler's Garden Trust. I am willing to take on this role as a Trustee in my capacity as the current Stratford District Mayor. The Trust held its Annual General meeting in August and adopted annual accounts and reports, appointed office holders and attended to general business. No grants were made by the Trust in the current year.

6. CORRESPONDENCE - See attached.

7. SOME EVENTS ATTENDED

- Attended a meeting with Department of Conservation and Dawson Falls Mountain Lodge representatives
- Attended meeting of the Stratford Combined Sports Society Stadium Committee
- Attended meeting of Te Kōpuka nā Te Awa Tupua committee
- Hosted Citizenship Ceremony
- Attended Chunuk Bair Commemoration Ceremony
- Attended Positive Aging committee meeting
- Attended Citizens Awards committee meeting
- Attended Ostler's Gardens Charitable Trust Annual General Meeting
- Attended TDHB Covid-19 response meeting
- Attended Stratford Justices of the Peace meeting
- Attended a meeting of Tapuae Roa and Taranaki 2050 leadership groups
- Attended a meeting with Scott Necklen of LGNZ
- Attended a meeting with Ngāti Maru representatives
- Attended Regional Mayors and Chairs meeting
- Attended Venture Taranaki launch of the Regional Events Strategy
- Attended Local Government New Zealand Annual General meeting
- Attended Regional Civil Defence Covid -19 response meeting (x3)
- Met with representative of the Stratford A & P Association
- Attended multiple video meetings of the regional Mayors and Chairs (x 4)
- Daily News Interviews (multiple)
- Stratford Press Interviews (multiple)
- Radio Interview More FM (x2)
- Attended Council Meetings (x5)
- Attended Council Workshops (x4)



N C Volzke JP
DISTRICT MAYOR

Stratford Volunteer Fire Brigade Call Outs August 2020

The Stratford fire brigade responded to nine calls in August 2020

04-08-20 Special Service, child's knee stuck in fire guard Cloten Road

08-08-20 Chimney fire Celia Street

11-08-20 Assist ambulance with medical call York Road

11-08-20 Assist ambulance with lifting on the western loop walkway

15-08-20 Investigate smoke logged lounge Oberon Street

16-08-20 Alarm activation Taranaki Pioneer Village

18-06-20 Assist ambulance with lifting Falstaff Street

20-08-20 Investigate fires on lawn Miranda Street

29-08-20 Meter board on fire Waingongora Road

Press Release



24 August 2020

Sport NZ's new \$68 million community fund opens today

Applications are now open for Sport NZ's new fund – Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa – for community-based programmes and projects targeting those tamariki and rangatahi (young people aged 5 to 18) at most risk of missing out or being less active.

Tū Manawa replaces and improves on Sport NZ's existing Kiwisport Regional Partnership Fund and now has double the funding available – \$68 million over four years, of which half is from the \$265 million Sport Recovery Package. Where Kiwisport only focused on organised sport, Tū Manawa will also fund play and active recreation. It also has a distinct assessment process for Kaupapa Māori organisations.

We really want Tū Manawa to make a difference for those missing out, and that means ensuring this funding is supporting programmes and projects operating in local communities, based on the needs of those communities," says Sport NZ CEO Peter Miskimmin.

"In the first year we have placed special emphasis on those whose physical activity levels have been impacted most by COVID-19, which we know from our research are girls and young women, disabled people, those in higher deprivation communities and a slightly higher age bracket of young women aged 19 to 24."

To ensure it reaches these groups, Sport NZ is partnering with the county's network of 14 Regional Sports Trusts to manage and distribute Tū Manawa, and has allocated funding to them based on both population and deprivation modelling.

The priority groups and funding modelling will be reviewed before 30 June 2021 to help inform the second year of investment.

Tū Manawa is available for both new and existing programmes and projects, and funding will be provided for up to 12 months.

Applications can be made through the Regional Sports Trusts. A list of these, together with funding criteria and application details, is available at sportnz.org.nz/tū_manawa.

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17 August 2020

Ngāti Maru set to vote on Treaty of Waitangi settlement

Te Runanga o Ngāti Maru (Taranaki) Trust is a step closer to finalising its Treaty of Waitangi settlement claim with the Government.

Trustees of Ngāti Maru and the Minister of Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations Andrew Little initialed the Deed of Settlement this week.

This milestone signals the end of negotiations and the start of the ratification process – an iwi-wide voting process where adult registered members of Ngāti Maru vote on whether or not to approve the settlement package.

The deal, which will benefit about 3000 Ngāti Maru descendants, includes a Crown apology, completion of its \$30 million financial redress, a cultural revitalisation fund, relationship agreements with Government agencies, and 16 cultural redress properties being returned to the iwi. This includes Tarata and Matau School properties, part of Tarata cemetery and sections of conservation land. Other significant properties include Te Wera Forest, three schools that are currently in operation and the Stratford Police Station will also be acquired and leased back to the Crown. This package will be managed by the iwi's post-settlement governance entity Te Kāhui Maru.

Lead Negotiator Anaru Marshall says Trustees are pleased to finally see this milestone reached before the upcoming New Zealand general elections.

"We are delighted to release the Deed to our people for consideration," says Anaru. "Our whānau have waited over 20 years and we are now at a significant step, which can be ratified by uri before it becomes legislation."

The iwi rohe (tribal area) of Ngāti Maru stretches from the eastern side of Mt Taranaki to the source of the Waitara River, across to the Heao Stream and down to the Whanganui River and back across the Matemateaonga Ranges to Stratford.

In 1865, the iwi had 220,000 hectares of land, the vast majority of this was illegally confiscated by the Crown or sold through dubious deals done without the permission of iwi members.

The Deed will be discussed with uri at Ratification Hui to be held in Waitara, New Plymouth, Auckland, Wellington and Taumaranui from mid-September. Alternative online options to engage uri are also being considered.

Ngāti Maru is the final iwi of Taranaki to complete its Treaty of Waitangi settlement. It is also part of the collective Taranaki Maunga negotiations.

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