## **Waitaki District Council**

# Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES of a meeting of the Waitaki District Council held in the Council Chamber, Waitaki District Council Building, Third Floor, 20 Thames Street, Oamaru on Tuesday 29 May 2018 beginning at 10.20am

Present Mayor Gary Kircher (Chair), Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale, Cr Craig Dawson,

Cr Peter Garvan, Cr Jeremy Holding, Cr Jim Hopkins, Cr Guy Percival,

Cr Hugh Perkins, Cr Jan Wheeler, and Cr Colin Wollstein

**Apology** Cr Bill Kingan

**In Attendance** Fergus Power (Chief Executive)

Paul Hope (Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager)
Lichelle Guyan (Heritage, Environment and Regulatory Group Manager)

Lisa Baillie (People and Culture Group Manager

Ian Wells (Accounting Manager)

Mike Searle (Policy and Strategy Manager) Erik van der Spek (Recreation Manager)

Martin Pacey (Water Services and Waste Manager)

Richard Maher (Programme Manager) Victoria van der Spek (Consultant – LTP) Ainslee Hooper (Governance and Policy Advisor)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.20am, and welcomed everyone present. He also welcomed back Cr Colin Wollstein after his period of absence on leave.

## 1. Apologies

RESOLVED

WDC 2018/085 Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale / Cr Jim Hopkins

That Council accepts an apology for absence on leave from Cr Bill Kingan.

**CARRIED** 

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 3. Public Forum

There was no member of the public present who wished to address Council in the Public Forum.

## 4. Key Directions for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan

The report, as circulated, summarised that today's Council meeting brought together almost eighteen months' work on the 2018-28 Long Term Plan and associated policies and strategies. It stated that the meeting was critical in the development of the Plan. While the final version of the Long Term Plan would not be adopted until 26 June 2018, Council needed to make any final decisions on operating budgets, proposals and any other matters at this 29 May 2018 meeting. The report included officer advice (which also took account of submissions) prepared in response to issues raised by Councillors at the hearings on 14 and 15 May and considered at the deliberations workshop on 22 May. That officer advice was intended to help Council decide whether to progress, stop, or defer any proposal. A number of matters and recommendations were set in out in the tables of the report.

Group Manager Paul Hope addressed the meeting, and confirmed that this was the last day that any changes could be made to the information that feeds into the Long Term Plan. The Plan itself would need to be formally adopted on 26 June, after it had been accumulated and audited earlier in June, so that it could come into effect on 1 July 2018. Immediately after its formal adoption, the rates for the 2018/19 year would be set at the same 26 June Council Meeting. In order to meet those deadlines, today had to be the last decision day for LTP-related information.

Mr Hope advised that, over the last few weeks,

- Council had received 153 submissions related to the Long Term Plan
- 16 had been received on other matters that were being consulted on in parallel
- 58 submitters had been heard during the LTP Hearings on 14 and 15 May 2018
- All matters raised in the submissions had been considered.

There were four potential outcomes for the issues that had been raised, namely:

- (a) Some had been treated as CRMs and recorded and actioned accordingly.
- (b) Some had been considered for inclusion in other workstreams and will be addressed there.
- (c) Some had been considered, and there was no need for further information.
- (d) The fourth group of issues were those covered by this report. Further information had been requested from officers so that they could be considered further, and that additional information is included on pages 7 25 of the agenda report.

As a final item, officers have continued to review budgets and the underlying information that was proposed in the consultation documents, and adjustments and amendments had been made. The most significant of these was the exact calculation relating to the roading depreciation. To that end, the starting position for today's meeting was a slightly smaller rate requirement than was initially thought.

By way of a suggested process for this agenda item, Mr Hope proposed that Councillors go through the items in table four and make a decision about whether each should proceed, stop or be deferred. Table three was simply a reference document. The next step would be to consider the two additional items – the Revenue and Financing Policy and the Development Contributions Policy – because they needed to be finalised before the Long Term Plan could be adopted.

It was AGREED to follow the process suggested above.

For ease of reference, an appended version of Table Four from the agenda report has been copied below, and the decisions at this meeting for each line item recorded in the additional column on the right-hand side. Discussion points which culminated in the decisions on Table Four items then follows, to complete the meeting record.

# Table Four: Recommended new proposals as raised by submitters for inclusion in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan

Special Note: All items except 3, 9 and 11 had one or more discussion points (which are recorded at the end of the table).

Topic	#	Recommended new proposals to include in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan	Decisions in 29 May Council Meeting
Waste	1	Develop a community waste survey at a cost of \$10,000, with the content of the survey to be approved by Council to be funded from the Ministry for the Environment waste levy.	AGREED
	2	That current operating hours are retained to enable increased cost recovery of up to 27% (noting that Council's current policy is 40-60% cost recovery from user charges).	AGREED to retain current hours)
	3	Increase the number of litter bin servicing collections (Waihemo, Ahuriri and Oamaru), to be funded from the individual ward reserve accounts.	AGREED

Topic	#	Recommended new proposals to include in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan	Decisions in 29 May Council Meeting
	4	Include a budget of \$10,000 from year 1, to undertake a three- yearly SWAP analysis of the waste stream to support more targeted waste minimisation education and initiatives, to be funded from general rates.	AGREED
		Include an additional annual budget of \$10,000 (in addition to available Ministry for the Environment levy funding) to increase education and initiatives, and increase support to community providers, to be funded from general rates.	AGREED
Roading	5	Fund \$150,000 per annum towards road seal extensions, to be funded from a separate roading reserve for years 1 and 2, and roading rate from year 3.	AGREED
Planning for growth and increased tourism - integrated	6	Allocate \$50,000 for the development of a Masterplan for Oamaru Harbour and historic area (including lower Thames Street), to be funded from ward service rates reserve.	AGREED
infrastructure and planning		Allocate \$20,000 each for Otematata and Omarama for the development of a Masterplan (including confirming and the deliverability of existing zoned land over the Plan period and exploring possibilities for its release / disposal) to be funded from ward service rates.	AGREED
Alps to Ocean	7	Increase the annual maintenance budget to \$150,000 for years 1 to 3 of the Long Term Plan, to be funded by district rate.	AGREED
Mountain biking	8	Increase the grant to Mountain Bike North Otago to \$15,000 per annum for spraying of Cape Wanbrow tracks, to be funded by the ward services rate.	AGREED (grant is currently \$5k, so the increase is \$10k)
	9	Allocate \$20,000 towards jump / pump infrastructure in year 2 of the Long Term Plan, funded from RMA Financial Contribution Reserve.	AGREED
Cycle safety	10	Add \$6,750 to the current road safety programme over three years for the Onya Bike safety pilot programme, to be funded by rates.	AGREED
Walkways	11	Allocate up to \$10,000 for each ward towards establishing an improved pathway network, to be funded from ward reserves.	AGREED
Recreation centre	12	Provide a \$70,000 ten-year loan to fund 50% of the repair costs to the Waitaki Community Recreation Centre.	AGREED
Palmerston amenity	13	Increase Palmerston amenity rate to \$30,000 per annum.	AGREED
Heritage	14	That Council funds a three-year fixed term heritage advisor position with a review of the ongoing value of this role within 18 months of the appointment, to be funded from surplus for year 1 and general rates from year 2.	PARTIAL AMENDMENT; now to be a permanent role (not fixed term); review period and funding formulae to remain the same (with extra funding options to be investigated)

Topic	#	Recommended new proposals to include in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan	Decisions in 29 May Council Meeting
Geopark	15	Allocate \$10,000 per annum for three years to meet UNESCO Global Geopark membership obligations, to be funded from rates.	AGREED
Harbour dredging	16	That the initial dredge in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan be increased to \$500,000, with the additional \$300,000 funded by a loan to be repaid over 10 years.  Reduce the dredging budget to \$150,000 every second year from Year 3 of the Long Term Plan.	AGREED, but AMEND to state that survey costs are included in the budget allocations
Oamaru Steam and Rail	17	Grant Oamaru Steam and Rail \$6,000 per annum towards maintenance costs of the railway, to be funded from rates.	AGREED, but ADD at the end "of the railway, to be funded from rates"
St Luke's Church Oamaru garden maintenance	18	Add \$1,500 to the Oamaru township maintenance budget for the maintenance of St Luke's gardens at the intersection of Itchen and Thames Streets, Oamaru.	AGREED

plus additions to Table Four (as agreed – refer bottom of this page for summary)

## Key discussion points on Table Four items were as follows:

#### Item 1 - Waste (community waste survey)

• The survey in this item would be a survey of residents. It differed from the survey in item 4, which was a SWAP analysis on rubbish.

## Item 2 - Waste (operating hours)

- Weekend opening hours seem to be the key and that is not being addressed at all by this proposed response. Is there a mid-point to be found?
- The difficulty is the logistics involved in having the same operators drive to these smaller towns
  one after the other and collect the waste; that is different to a local person going round the road
  to open up premises. Resource consents require weekly collection of waste. It might be
  possible to modify some of these processes, but the overall problem will not be easily fixed
  without more investment of capital and resources.
- The current hours are where the community boards wanted them originally. Their submissions are now asking for different hours. Extending hours could not easily be done, given the staffing and location logistics and consents issues raised above. But the hours could be moved around if that is what the boards want. That too could create issues for example, a swap of hours between Otematata and Omarama could be possible, but whilst it may help one town, it might detrimentally affect the other.
- Given the complexity of these issues, there is unlikely to be a solution found today. Therefore, a decision to stay with the current operating hours will need to be taken. This was AGREED.

#### Item 4 – Waste (SWAP analysis and education and initiatives)

- There was a suggestion to postpone the \$10k spend until the second year so that the survey results in the first year could be incorporated into the education programme. This raised the question of whether the survey was needed first to know what was required for the education component. The idea of allocating \$10k for education and initiatives was mooted, with the question asked if it would be possible to spend that well from year 1?
- In response, officers advised that the expectation was to include the survey itself as part of the education component, hence the way the items had been proposed.

## Item 5 - Roading

Clarification: This is about sealing unsealed roads, not about widening roads.

## Item 6 - Planning for growth and increased tourism-integrated infrastructure and planning

- A correction was required to this item in Table Four the first initiative should read "to be funded from ward services rates reserve" [addition of the word "reserve"]
- These were at the core of the community boards' submissions and would enable the communities to be involved in their future.

## Item 7 - Alps 2 Ocean

- Clarification: This was not about adding \$150k; it was about adding \$50k for regular maintenance.
- A \$100k budget was set initially, before there was a good understanding of how much track
  maintenance would be required. In addition, the length of the track keeps increasing, and the
  more it goes off-road, then the more it will cost to maintain it.
- MBIE has signalled its intention to consider funding money for repairs of tracks like these through provision of a business case. But it will be instead of funding capital.

## Item 8 - Mountain biking

- Council currently provided \$5k to this project, so this was an increase of \$10k to reach the total
  of \$15k.
- There were views for and against this allocation, and the Chair called for an indication via a show of hands.
- The Chair declared the vote for the item as proposed as AGREED. Cr Jan Wheeler asked for her vote against to be recorded.

## Item 10 - Cycle safety

- Some Councillors were of the view that this item should be incorporated into existing budgets.
- From a different perspective, it was noted that the existing road safety budget covered personnel costs, and a lot of the costs in this item were for materials. If they were not covered through funding, then the level of service could be cut.
- It was also argued that the item should be supported because road safety is a growing problem.
- The Chair called for an indication via a show of hands, and declared the vote for the item as proposed as AGREED. Cr Jan Wheeler asked for her vote against to be recorded.

#### Item 12 - Recreation Centre maintenance

- The proposal is to provide a grant, which Council will loan fund over ten years. The repayments will be a cost to Council, with no interest payable.
- There may be some questions about why Council is funding this when there is also a proposal
  to have a new Recreation Centre. To clarify we are not saying yes or no to the recreation
  centre yet; it is too early. If it does go ahead, it would not be for another five years, and this
  centre would still be needed.

## Item 13 - Palmerston amenity rate

• There was a lesson in this situation, in that it is better to keep rates even over time, as there will always be work to do. This is returning the rate to \$30k where it used to be.

## Item 14 - Heritage

- Some Councillors expressed concern that his proposal had originally been for a permanent
  position, and had then become a fixed-term role. In their view, because Oamaru is a heritage
  town, looking for World Heritage status, it was time to have faith in such a position and just get
  on with it. To get someone with the right calibre of expertise and the ability to deal with people
  constructively and make a real difference to the heritage sector, it will be important to offer a
  length of service that would entice such a person to move here and 'hit the ground running'.
- One Councillor felt that there should be caution until a detailed report was provided on the role, and a position description that stated its responsibilities and benefits to the community.
- Another view expressed was that it was time to change attitudes Waitaki is a heritage region
  and it was time that it was seen to be doing all it can to protect and preserve it. If Waitaki
  became a landmark area in the next six months, there could be significant funding options
  opened up as a result and a qualified person would be needed to advocate for them.

- Those who did not support the suggestion of a return to a permanent position shared the view that existing planning staff should be able to provide heritage advice and there were better ways to spend heritage money.
- The opportunity for a permanent position to bring in external funding was considered by one Councillor to be the "core principle" for this argument, because ultimately that would save ratepayers money.
- When asked, Planning Manager Hamish Barrell confirmed that consultants were currently used in the planning department to establish the right systems and to look more broadly at funding sources and working with owners of heritage buildings. There would be some displacement of consultants if this position was approved, but the consultancy budget was not huge and was currently needed for the district plan review. There were also other aspects (including but not limited to heritage) that needed to be covered from the district plan budget. Group Manager Lichelle Guyan added that the focus of this role would be to bring specialist heritage advice into the team. People were seeking help with the very complex heritage process, and this role would help Council promote and provide a better customer service experience to those dealing with heritage issues.

The Chair then called for an indication on three options, as follows:

Option 1 – to have no heritage advisor at all.

Vote FOR: Two Councillors

**DECLARED LOST** 

The Chair noted that those who had voted for Option 1 could now also vote for Option 2 (permanent position) or 3 (fixed term role).

Option 2 – to have the Heritage Advisor as a permanent position

Vote FOR: Four Councillors

Option 3 – to have the Heritage Advisor as a fixed-term role for three years

Vote FOR: Three Councillors

The Chair declared the vote AGREED FOR A PERMANENT POSITION, and asked that officers come back with more information about whether the role would be part subsidised for a particular term or forever via contributions from other budgets which may include the consultants' budget. Table Four would reflect that the funding formula proposed would not change, but that additional extra funding options would be investigated.

The Chair left the meeting at 11.42am, and the Deputy Mayor assumed the role of Chair.

#### Item 15 - Geopark

Next steps in the process included the need to submit a Letter of Intent by 1 July, and a full
dossier by 30 November if the bid was successful. A decision by the Secretariat would be
made after that. Indications are very favourable that future funding will be considered.

Mayor Gary Kircher returned to the meeting at 11.45am, and resumed the role of Chair.

- A comment was made that, although indications seemed to be good, Waitaki ratepayers would still need to pay for United Nations officials to come to Waitaki to assess the Geopark site. It was imperative that the business case for it stacked up.
- Other Councillors noted that they did not have a problem with that view, but Council still
  needed to plan for the next ten years and so the opportunity for a Geopark needed to be
  included. The production of a business case was something that would follow if the bid was
  successful.

## Item 16 - Harbour dredging

- It was clarified that the dredging would be a two-step process, with details to be confirmed.
- The request was made that the cost of the hydrostatic survey be added into the proposed budget. This was AGREED.

ACTION POINT: LTP Project Team (to amend the Table Four entry to include the survey in the project cost)

#### Item 17 - Oamaru Steam and Rail

It was AGREED that this item should be funded from rates.

ACTION POINT: LTP Project Team (to add the funding source to Table Four)

## Item 18 - St Luke's Church Oamaru garden maintenance

- It was clarified that this was about work on the Garden and Itchen Street walls.
- It was noted that this is a specific garden that was very public, and would provide a public benefit. There was also support for the proposal because the church opened up for visitors at certain times of the year, and had done so for about 10 years. In this way, it made a contribution to tourism, and this was a way to acknowledge that by helping them.
- The Chair called for an indication, and declared the vote for the item as proposed as AGREED.

Group Manager Paul Hope advised that a couple of Water and Hall Committees had asked about changes to their water rates, and these were currently missing from the list in Table Four. He sought decisions from Councillors in response to the Committees' requests.

After brief discussion, it was AGREED to comply with the requests of the committees. ACTION POINT: LTP Project team to add to Table Four with AGREED as the decision taken

## Other points of clarification:

- With regard to Henburn, there were a number of options, and these were just "on the list"; no
  decision had been taken about whether they would go ahead or not. If a decision was taken to
  proceed, then funding would need to be worked out, and there were good possibilities because
  of its association with the Geopark bid and the huge public use component.
- The balance of reserve was available for any projects that came up within the ten year plan.

## Discussion then moved on to the spreadsheets (pages 30 – 32 of the agenda papers).

The Chair proposed that Council AGREES to allocate \$150k from unneeded property depreciation and/or cash surpluses to go towards rates in years 2 and 3. Cr Jim Hopkins said he was happy to second the proposal but with the word "unneeded" removed. When asked, Group Manager Paul Hope advised that he was comfortable with the proposal, and it was appropriate to make the allocations in years 2 and 3. The Chair's proposal, without the word "unneeded" was AGREED.

At 12.13pm, Cr Hugh Perkins excused himself from the meeting, and submitted an apology for the rest of the day. He advised that he was very happy with the work of the meeting thus far.

Accounting Manager Ian Wells displayed the spreadsheet on the large screen, and highlighted the indicative impact of the decisions at this meeting on the increase in the total rate required in Years 1-3, namely:

- Year 1 3.23%
- Year 2 4.03%
- Year 3 4.30%.

Mr Wells also clarified that the tables on page 32 had not been updated with some of the newer information, but what was displayed on the large screen at the meeting was correct and included all of the changes agreed to date. In addition, Group Manager Paul Hope advised that any changes made to the Revenue and Financing Policy in the next agenda item (item 5) would also impact on the final rate figures.

## Summary of AGREED additions to Table Four:

- Allocation of \$150k for years 2 and 3 funded from unneeded property depreciation funds, or general surpluses.
- Kauru Hill water scheme is reduced by \$30 including GST per unit
- Totara Hall rate remains the same

## Other related matters:

The meeting heard that responses to individual submissions were now being drafted by the LTP Project Team. Each one was being produced to ensure all issues raised in them were addressed in the responses. The Mayor would be signing the letters, and he confirmed that he too would be making sure that individual issues were responded to as appropriately as possible given time constraints.

The Chair advised that he now proposed to call for movers and seconders of the recommendations in the agenda report.

RESOLVED WDC 2018/086

Cr Jim Hopkins / Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale That Council:

- 1. Notes the starting position for the proposed rate requirement for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan as adopted on 27 March 2018, and as consulted with the community, in **Table One**.
- 2. Confirms the revised proposed rate requirement for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan as at 22 May 2018, as disclosed in **Table Two**, and notes officer feedback on issues raised by submitters through the hearing of submissions in **Table Three**.

**CARRIED** 

RESOLVED WDC 2018/087

Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale / Cr Craig Dawson That Council:

 Confirms, amends or removes new proposals raised by submitters through consultation on the contents of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan in **Table Four**, including the additions and changes made at this meeting as recorded above.

CARRIED

AGAINST: Cr Jim Hopkins

RESOLVED WDC 2018/088

Cr Jim Hopkins / Cr Colin Wollstein That Council:

- 4. Confirms proposals previously agreed by Council on 27 March 2018 and consulted with the community in **Table Five**.
- 5. Agrees any final changes to the 2018-28 Long Term Plan in advance of its adoption on 26 June 2018.
- 6. Instructs officers to make final changes to the 2018-28 Long Term
  Plan based on the resolution of recommendations 1-5 above.
- 7. Notes that:
  - a. Officers will prepare the 2018-28 Long Term Plan for Audit New Zealand review between 13 and 22 June 2018.
  - b. Once the Audit New Zealand review has been completed, Council will be unable to make any further changes without missing legislative timeframes.
  - The 2018 Development and Financial Contributions Policy will be presented to Council for adoption under cover of a separate report to the 29 May 2018 meeting.
  - d. The Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 will be presented to Council for adoption in a separate report to the Council Meeting to be held on 26 June 2018.
  - e. The 2018-28 Long Term Plan will be presented to Council for adoption on 26 June 2018.

CARRIED

## 5. Consideration of Matters in Relation to the Revenue and Financing Policy

The report, as circulated, considered the matters that arose during the consultation on the Draft Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 which occurred during April 2018 in parallel with the Long Term Plan consultation process.

Group Manager Paul Hope advised that Council had considered the seven submissions received on the Revenue and Financing Policy during the hearings on 14 and 15 May 2018. They were further discussed at the LTP deliberations workshop on 22 May 2018.

## RESOLVED WDC 2018/089

Cr Jim Hopkins / Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

That Council amends the Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 and any related Policies and Information based on the feedback received on the material consulted on, as set out below:

- Confirms the funding of the rates share of the Waitaki Lakes
   Camping activity through the District Services Rate and confirms
   the decision to cease the use of the Lakes Camping Rate as a
   funding tool.
- 2. Confirms the funding of 100% of rates share of the Civil Defense activity through the Uniform Annual General Charge and confirms the removal of Civil Defense from the Roading and Civil Defense Rate and renames this rate the Roading Rate.
- 3. Confirms the funding of the rates share of the District Libraries activity on the same basis as other similar services, being
  - a. Ward Services Rates 90% on the ratio of
    - i. Oamaru a factor of 5
    - ii. Corriedale a factor of 3
    - iii. Waihemo a factor of 1
    - iv. Ahuriri a factor of 1
  - b. Oamaru Business Area Rate 10%.

CARRIED

#### RESOLVED WDC 2018/090

Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale / Cr Craig Dawson

That Council amends the Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 and any related Policies and Information based on the feedback received on the material consulted on, as set out below:

4. Confirms the funding of 100% of rates share of the Public Toilet activity through the Uniform Annual General Charge.

CARRIED

## RESOLVED WDC 2018/091

Cr Jim Hopkins / Mayor Gary Kircher

That Council amends the Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 and any related Policies and Information based on the feedback received on the material consulted on, as set out below:

5. Confirms the creation of a Roading – Forestry differential for rating units used predominately or exclusively for commercial forestry purposes and sets the differential as a four times the Roading – Other rate.

**CARRIED** 

## RESOLVED WDC 2018/092

Cr Jim Hopkins / Cr Jan Wheeler

That Council amends the Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 and any related Policies and Information based on the feedback received on the material consulted on, as set out below:

6. Confirms the changes to the Roading – Electrical Generation differential percentage to be collected of 6% in 2018/19, 7% in 2019/20 and 8% in 2020/21, with a further review following the next District revaluation.

CARRIED

Cr Jim Hopkins sought to move an amended motion in relation to the report's recommendation 7, by adding the words "for one year" after "postpones".

The Chair called for a seconder, and no one spoke.

The Chair declared the amended motion LAPSED for lack of a seconder.

Another revised recommendation 7 was then put to the meeting, which removed the previously suggested inclusion of "for one year" and instead added the words "regarding consent conditions around road maintenance obligations" to the end. It was RESOLVED as follows:

## RESOLVED WDC 2018/093

Mayor Gary Kircher / Cr Jan Wheeler

That Council amends the Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 and any related Policies and Information based on the feedback received on the material consulted on, as set out below:

7. Postpones any change to the Roading – Mineral Extraction differential until further information can be obtained regarding consent conditions around road maintenance obligations.

**CARRIED** 

## RESOLVED WDC 2018/094

Cr Jim Hopkins / Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale That Council amends the Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 and any related Policies and Information based on the feedback received on the

material consulted on, as set out below:

8. Changes the funding of the rates share of the Economic Development Services from the General Rate to the District Services Rate, based on a funding analysis of the revised scope of this function.

- 9. Confirms the changes to the funding mixes for Roading and Waste Management activities and the removal of the Rural Fire analysis.
- 10. Instructs officers to update the Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 for adoption.

CARRIED

## 6. Adoption of 2018 Development and Financial Contributions Policy

The report, as circulated, sought to confirm the changes proposed in the Draft 2018 Development and Financial Contributions Policy following consideration of submitter feedback, and Council's decision to adopt the policy so that it is in place prior to the adoption of the Long Term Plan on 26 June 2018.

Group Manager Paul Hope advised that only two submissions had been received on this policy. After considering the issues raised, officers were proposing that Council adopt the policy with only minor amendments to meet legal requirements.

Cr Jim Hopkins said he was happy to move the report's recommendations but also wanted to speak to it. Cr Craig Dawson seconded the motion, which was then opened up for discussion.

## Discussion on the motion:

Cr Jim Hopkins asked that, before the policy came back to Council for adoption on 26 June, an explicit reference be included in the policy of a targeted rate of the DC as an option; he suggested it could be added on page 52.

In response, Group Manager Paul Hope advised that this policy was being adopted today, and would not be brought back to the 26 June Council Meeting. He suggested that a minor amendment could be made without affecting the proposed resolution. This approach was AGREED, and the motion was then put to the meeting and resolved as follows:

## RESOLVED WDC 2018/095

Cr Jim Hopkins / Cr Craig Dawson

That Council:

- Confirms the changes proposed in the Draft 2018 Development and Financial Contributions Policy following consideration of submitter feedback.
- 2. Adopts the 2018 Development and Financial Contributions Policy with any minor corrections and changes made in accordance with legal advice.
- 3. Instructs officers to communicate the outcome of the process to submitters.

**CARRIED** 

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.45pm.
CONFIRMED at the Council Meeting held on the 26 <sup>th</sup> day of June 2018 in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, Waitaki District Council Headquarters, 20 Thames Street, Oamaru.
(signed) Chairperson