

## **Council Briefing Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday 04 July 2019

**Time:** Meeting started at 10.35am  
Meeting concluded at 2.07pm

**Venue:** Northern Wairoa War Memorial Hall – 37 Hokianga Road, Dargaville

	<b>Briefing Report</b>
1	Significant Natural Areas Mapping
2	Policy status report
3	Contract 918 Mangawhai Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade 2018

## **Present**

Deputy Mayor Peter Wethey (Chair), Councillor Anna Curnow, Councillor Victoria del la Varis-Woodcock, Councillor Libby Jones, Councillor Karen Joyce-Paki, Councillor Jonathan Larsen, Councillor Andrew Wade

## **Apology**

Mayor Jason Smith, Councillor Julie Geange

## **1 Significant Natural Areas Mapping**

Paul Waanders (District Planner) and Nick Goldwater (Wildland Consultants Ltd) gave a presentation<sup>i</sup> and answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- Engagement with the community and landowners
- Unfenced areas
- Wetlands
- Policy development
- Transparency around the budget
- Communication around District Plan
- Māori-owned land.

**The meeting adjourned at 11.50am.**

**The meeting reconvened at 11.55am.**

## **2 Policy Report**

Fran Mikulicic (General Manager Regulatory, Planning and Policy) and Kathie Fletcher (Policy manager) gave an oral presentation and answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- Order of priority
- Organisational structure
- Fixed-term contracts
- Cultural competency.

**The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.20pm.**

**The meeting reconvened at 12.55pm.**

### **3 Contract 918 Mangawhai Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade 2018**

Jim Sephton (General Manager Infrastructure) and Donnick Mugutso (Waters and Waste Manager) gave a presentation<sup>ii</sup>, provided further information<sup>iii</sup> and answered questions from elected members.

- Cyclic Activated Sludge System capacity
- Pollution including stormwater dilution
- Farm development capacity
- Sludging costing
- Long Term Plan allocation
- Additional costs
- Houses in the connectable areas
- Volumes during peak season
- Standard of effluent after treatment
- Recommendations from the Mangawhai Community Wastewater Advisory Panel
- Series of decisions to be made to meet future requirements

Council provided direction for staff to:

- Report back to another council briefing with additional information from the discussion including the scope for the 2019 Asset Management Plan update which will address discussion points.

#### **The meeting concluded at 2.07pm**

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<sup>i</sup> Significant Natural Areas Mapping presentation

<sup>ii</sup> Contract 918 Mangawhai Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade 2018 presentation

<sup>iii</sup> Mangawhai Community Wastewater System upgrade notes presentation