

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2023 COMMENCING AT 3.30PM**

PRESENT

Mayor Sam Broughton, Councillors, P M Dean, L L Gliddon, D Hasson, M B Lyall, S G McInnes, G S F Miller, R H Mugford, E S Mundt & N C Reid

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs. D Ward (Chief Executive), K Mason (Group Manager Enabling Services, R Raymond (Communications Advisor), and Mesdames D Kidd (Group Manager Community Services & Facilities), J Nicholson (Head of Programme and Performance), K Johnston (Senior Communications Advisor) and N Smith (Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive)

OPENING COMMENTS

Mayor Broughton welcomed all to the Extraordinary meeting, noting the agenda and paperwork had been pre-circulated.

He said that the reason for today's Extraordinary Meeting is to approve the Draft 2023 / 2024 Annual Plan in time for release to the public for information this Friday from which date the public can review the Plan and provide feedback. Following this, the Council will hear the submissions, consider all written feedback, and then deliberate.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence on behalf of Councillor Epiha were received.

Moved – Councillor Gliddon / **Seconded** – Councillor McInnes

“That Council receive the apologies of Councillor Epiha for absence.”

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

REPORTS

1. **Group Manager Enabling Services**

Adoption of Draft Annual Plan

The Group Manager Enabling Services spoke briefly to his report.

Councillor McInnes noted the use of the term consultation and engagement and that consistency is required. To this the Group Manager Enabling Services confirmed that these references have already been amended in the draft Annual Plan documentation, together with some budgetary figures.

Mayor Broughton expressed his thanks to staff for the work they have undertaken on developing for Plan for release to the public. He noted that Council is aware of the need to understand the cost pressures on people. He said that staff have responded to this while balancing with also wanting to provide great services to the community. Mayor Broughton said it was pleasing to see that projects have been able to be brought forward - particularly those which are being funded or part-funded.

The Group Manager Enabling Services spoke to some important factors which have fed into the delivery of the Draft 2023 / 2024 Draft Annual Plan, noting in particular the proposed increase to rates for the average property in the district is 5.9% (equating to an average lift of \$3.36 per week) which is 0.4% higher than what was set out as an expectation in the 2031-2031 Long Term Plan.

He also said that in an environment of high inflation and an increased cost of living, the ability to keep the rate down was a priority whilst maintaining services. It was pleasing to keep the average rate increase below the current rate of CPI (7.2%).

The Group Manager Enabling Services also referenced additional external funding from the DIA Better Off Fund through the Three Waters Reform package, and road funding from Waka Kotahi, has benefited this plan and enabled some projects to be brought forward.

The Group Manager Enabling Services referred to the community engagement for this Plan, saying that the approach would be slightly pared back from previous years. There will still be advertised drop-in sessions. He noted that a video of Mayor Broughton speaking to the Draft Plan was filmed this morning; and that Council is using a new engagement platform for this Plan.

The Group Manager Enabling Services finished his report by saying that the final version of the Draft 2023 / 2024 would be ready for circulation on Friday 31 March 2023, as well as being made live on Council's website.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved – Councillor McInnes / **Seconded** – Councillor Lyall

'That the Council:

- a) *adopts for public engagement the draft Annual Plan for the year ending 30 June 2024, prepared in accordance with section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002;*
- b) *approves public engagement from 31 March 2023 to 30 April 2023; and*
- c) *delegates to the Council's Chief Executive the authority and responsibility for agreeing to minor editorial changes to the draft Annual Plan for engagement.'*

CARRIED

The meeting closed with a karakia.

With no further business being discussed, the meeting closed at 3.32pm

DATED this 19th day of April 2023



CHAIRPERSON