

# SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

19 AUGUST 2020

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## EXTRAORDINARY ITEM

### REPORT FROM HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR ON LGNZ REMITS DELEGATIONS

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To seek Council approval for the Mayor to vote on the Local Government NZ (LGNZ) remits on behalf of Council.

#### **Recommendations**

His Worship the Mayor recommends that Council:

1. *Receives the Report from His Worship the Mayor.*
2. *Delegates to the Mayor to vote on the eleven LGNZ remits on behalf of Council.*

#### **1. Local Government NZ Remits**

Eleven remits have been set down for debate and voting at the 2020 Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held this Friday 21 August.

The AGM, postponed from July, will be held remotely and will enable all 78 member councils to vote on both the remits, as well as a new LGNZ president and vice-president. The remit process is important as it enables ground-up policy making to address a range of issues affecting New Zealand's communities.

Remits are voted on in a secret ballot, and once passed become official policy to be actioned by LGNZ.

New remits are:

- Public transport support
- Housing affordability
- Returning GST on rates for councils to spend on infrastructure
- Natural hazards and climate change adaption
- Annual regional balance of transfers
- Local Government electoral cycle
- Water bottling
- Quorum when attending local authority meetings

- Use of macrons by use of local authorities
- Rates rebates for low income property owners
- Local Governments CO2 emissions

Full details of the remits can be found on the [LGNZ website](#).

The remits have been circulated to councillors for comment. I am seeking Council endorsement to vote on behalf of Council. Before voting I will consider feedback from councillors, council officers, as well as the discussion that takes place on the day.

I will report back to Council how I voted and the outcome of the remits. Remits are voted on in a secret ballot, and once passed become official policy to be actioned by LGNZ.

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