

# SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL Summary of Business from Extraordinary Meeting 20 May 2020

Present: (via audio/tele conference)	Mayor Alex Beijen (Chair), Deputy Mayor Garrick Emms, Councillors Pam Colenso, Rebecca Fox (from 9:34am), Leigh Hay, Brian Jephson, Pip Maynard, Alistair Plimmer, Ross Vickery, and Brenda West.
In Attendance: (via audio/tele conference)	Harry Wilson (Chief Executive Officer), Karen Yates (Group Manager Policy and Governance), and Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor).
Conduct of Business:	Due to current COVID-19 restrictions Council are holding this meeting via video conference which means elected members and members of the public could not be physically present. This meeting was held in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002 in accordance with clause 47A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. The meeting was held between 9:30am and 10:30am.

## B Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

## B1. Proposed Governance Arrangements for the Wairarapa Recovery

The purpose of this paper was to set out a proposal for a governance structure to oversee the Wairarapa Community COVID-19 recovery. This proposal has been developed in consultation with the Wairarapa Councils' Shared Services Working Group.

#### **Discussion points:**

Members debated the proposed size of the committee, ensuring that those not on the committee were able to provide guidance to those appointed to the committee and transparency to the public, getting advice from various sectors of the community, timing of the governance setup, potential cost of the committee and reporting transparency to the public.

#### Decision:

- The Council establishes a formal joint Wairarapa COVID-19 Response Committee to oversee the recovery of Wairarapa from the COVID pandemic.
- The Council agrees the draft terms of reference attached for a Wairarapa COVID-19 Response Committee.

# B2. Review of COVID-19 Emergency Measures and Reinstatement of Council Committees

To review the COVID-19 emergency measures put in place on the 25 March 2020 and to seek agreement to reinstate Council committees at L1 and L2 COVID-19.

# **Discussion points:**

Members did not agree with continuing the CEO emergency delegations outside of L3 and L4 COVID-19.

# Decision:

- To agree that the Emergency Committee is not operational in L1 or L2 of COVID-19, however if the country enters L3 or L4 of COVID-19, then the Emergency Committee is automatically operational within this triennium including the emergency delegations to the CEO.
- To reinstate Council committees and subcommittes to operate during L1 and L2 of COVID-19, but, with the exception of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee, suspend committees and subcommittees if there is a return to L3 or L4 of COVID-19.