

# Council Hearing

## PUBLIC BUSINESS AGENDA

A Council Hearing  
will be held in the Council Chamber,  
Torphin Crescent, Tokoroa  
on Thursday 13 December 2018  
Commencing at 9.00am

### OUR VISION

“Healthy people thriving in a safe, vibrant and sustainable community.”



## Attendees

Members	Mayor (Chairperson)	J Shattock
	Deputy Mayor (Deputy Chairperson)	J Gash
	Councillors	G Baldwin A Bell W Cook M Glucina T Lee W Machen A Ngapo-Lipscombe P Schulte H Van Rooijen
Staff	Chief Executive	B Smit
	Group Manager Assets	T Anderson
	Group Manager Regulatory	S Robinson
	Acting Group Manager Community	H Gaby
	Acting Group Manager Corporate	G Naidoo
	Communications Manager	K Fabrie
	Executive Assistant (Minutes)	J Parr

## Agenda Confirmed by:

B Smit

**Chief Executive**

## Prayer

The Mayor will lead the Council in Prayer.

*RECOMMENDATIONS contained in Reports are NOT to be construed as COUNCIL DECISIONS.  
Refer to Council Minutes for RESOLUTIONS.*

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## **5. Reports**

### **5.1 Wastewater Consultation Submissions Report**

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#### **Document Information**

Report To:	Council
Meeting Date:	Thursday, 13 December 2018
Author:	Kiri Diamond
Author Title:	Strategic Planning Manager
Report Date:	Monday, 26 November 2018

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#### **Purpose of Report**

This report requires a decision from Council.

This report provides the submissions on the Wastewater Consultation to assist Councillors in their deliberations.

#### **Background**

The issue discussed in this report is aligned with the Council vision, community outcomes, Council policies and the Council Strategy.

Resource consent applications for the South Waikato District Council's four Wastewater Treatment Plants have been drafted. Council has been working with Raukawa Charitable Trust for more than 18 months on the conditions contained within the wastewater resource consent application for the four treatment plants.

Staff from the Raukawa Charitable Trust and South Waikato District Council have agreed on the preferred technical treatment process for each of the four wastewater treatment plants based on the criteria agreed over the eight combined hui. It was agreed by all parties that disposal of the treated wastewater to wetlands for Tokoroa, Putāruru and Tīrau is the most practicable option. Affordability of the upgrades has been considered and as a result the time programme has been agreed.

A report was developed for consideration of the application at a workshop on 27 September 2018 so that elected members had time to consider and seek clarity ahead of the Council meeting held on 4 October meeting.

Consequently, the Consultation Document included the process Council has adopted, solutions and the outcomes Council are proposed including disposal to wetlands, the staged upgrades and the timing of the upgrades. Included within the consents are conditions covering mātauranga Māori monitoring. Mātauranga can be translated as "knowledge, wisdom, understanding, skill".

#### **Process**

Public consultation processes began on 17 October 2018 and closed on 14 November 2018.

In total one submission was received, this submission is attached. Ms Baker does not wish to speak to her submission therefore there will be no need for a public hearing. Staff response to Ms Baker's submission is as follows.

### Staff response:

Council have a responsibility to the wider community to provide opportunities to the community, maintain all of its assets as well as ensuring that it meets its statutory obligations by improving its wastewater treatment plants.

### Capital and Operational Budgets

Currently the LTP budget includes a total of \$20million (uninflated) from 2020/21-2027/28. The new option is \$18.874million in earlier years.

Capex	2018/19 \$000's	2019/20 \$000's	2020/21 \$000's	2022/22 \$000's	2022/23 \$000's	2023/24 \$000's	2024/25 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's	2026/27 \$000's	2027/28 \$000's	Difference over 10 years
LTP (not inflated)	0	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	
New option (not inflated)	400	8,928	969	2,157	0	0	0	6,420	0	0	
	<b>400</b>	<b>8,928</b>	<b>(1,531)</b>	<b>(343)</b>	<b>(2,500)</b>	<b>(2,500)</b>	<b>(2,500)</b>	<b>3,920</b>	<b>(2,500)</b>	<b>(2,500)</b>	<b>(1,126)</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>											
LTP	0	0	44	143	244	350	498	624	757	972	
New option	11	25	323	409	503	515	569	583	898	1,000	
	<b>11</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>(40)</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,204</b>
<b>Interest</b>											
LTP	0	0	65	201	343	491	648	812	986	1,169	
New option	10	20	488	551	682	699	717	735	1,145	1,177	
	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>(77)</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,511</b>
<b>Operational costs (inflated)</b>											
LTP	0	0	0	535	547	560	574	589	604	621	
New option	0	275	318	373	944	967	991	1,111	1,436	1,475	
	<b>0</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>(161)</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>3,861</b>

### Recommendation

1. That Report No 2018-463492, Wastewater Consultation Submissions Report, be received.
2. That the submission on the Wastewater Consultation (ECM 461685), be received.
3. That the following capital and operating budget is proposed for use in the 2019/20 Annual Plan  
Capital \$8,928,000  
Operating Cost \$275,000

### Attachments

Submission from Ms Diane Baker

## Results of Wastewater Consultation

### Survey Monkey

**Submitter:** Diane Baker

**Preferred option:** option 1, plant upgrade and new wetlands

**Commentary:** It's not my preferred option. But it is the best out of three options that are going to fleece local ratepayers yet again. This upgrade would have been known to SWDC when the final motions for the Tirau domain and the remodel of Tokoroa was still coming, yet council has prioritised aesthetics over the communities needs and what would have best been in their interest.

**Additional thoughts about the future of wastewater:** The rate increase over 10years would make it cheaper in the long run to have Ceptic tanks installed. I understand it is necessary, but I do feel the SWDC has been prioritising aesthetics that mainly only benefit visitors when it should put these things first before spending money flippantly on things that are not needed by the communities that pay for these things with their rates money.

**Wish to be heard:** No

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<b>Council Outcomes</b>
<b>Growth</b> - Activities and strategies that facilitate sustainable economic growth and lift community pride.
<b>Resilience</b> - A resilient district with good infrastructure, services, a sound financial position, rates affordability and a healthy environment that has the ability to anticipate, resist, respond to and recover from significant change or events.
<b>Relationships</b> - Strong relationships with Iwi and Māori, Pacific Peoples and community and business groups that can achieve growth and a resilient community.