

Ashburton District Council

AGENDA

Notice of Meeting:

An **Extraordinary meeting of the Ashburton District Council** will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 23 December 2020
Time: 9.30am
Venue: Council Chamber
137 Havelock Street, Ashburton

Membership

Mayor	Neil Brown
Deputy Mayor	Liz McMillan
Members	Leen Braam
	Carolyn Cameron
	John Falloon
	Rodger Letham
	Lynette Lovett
	Angus McKay
	Diane Rawlinson
	Stuart Wilson

Meeting Timetable

Time	Item
9.30am	Extraordinary Council meeting commences

1 Apologies

2 Extraordinary Business

3 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

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4. Adoption of the Annual Report

Author	<i>Emily Watson; Corporate Planner</i>
Activity Manager	<i>Toni Durham; Strategy & Policy Manager</i>
GM Responsible	<i>Paul Brake; GM Business Support</i>

Summary

- The purpose of this report is to recommend the adoption of the Annual Report for 2019/20 and the summary document.
- Audit New Zealand have audited this report on our behalf and at the time of writing this report, it is anticipated that an unqualified Audit opinion will be issued.

Recommendation

That Council adopts the audited 2019/20 Annual Report and summary document for Ashburton District Council.

Attachment

Annual Report (circulated)

Annual Report Summary (circulated)

Background

Explanation of the current situation

1. Every year Council prepares an Annual Report.
2. The 2019/20 Annual Report shows how Council performed (including both financial and non-financial information) against the targets outlined in Year 2 of the 2018-28 Long-Term Plan.
3. Council's Annual Report has been audited by Audit New Zealand. At the time of writing this report, it is anticipated that an unqualified Audit opinion will be issued.
4. An unqualified Audit opinion means that Audit New Zealand are satisfied that the 2019/20 Annual Report and summary documents fairly represents the Council and Group's financial position as at 30 June 2020, and the results of its operations and cash-flow.

Options analysis

Option 1 – Adopt the Annual Report (recommended option)

5. The Council is required to adopt an Annual Report by 30 December 2020. Officers recommend that the Annual Report is adopted by the Council, otherwise Council will breach this statutory deadline.

Option 2 – Do not adopt the Annual Report

6. The Council could decide not to adopt the Annual Report, however this would put Council in breach of its requirements under the Local Government Act 2002.

Legal/policy implications

Legislation

7. Section 98 of the Local Government Act, 2002 requires Council to prepare and adopt an Annual Report within four months of the end of each financial year. Council's end of year is 30 June, therefore, the Council's Annual Report is required to be adopted by the end of October.
8. However, the statutory deadline was extended to 30 December this year in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Financial implications

Requirement	Explanation
What is the cost?	The cost of auditing the Annual Report is \$148,000
Is there budget available in LTP / AP?	Yes
Where is the funding coming from?	Within existing budgets.
Are there any future budget implications?	No
Finance review required?	No

Significance and engagement assessment

Requirement	Explanation
Is the matter considered <i>significant</i> ?	No
Level of significance	Medium – not significant
Level of <i>engagement</i> selected	Officers will inform the community of the adoption of the Annual Report by Council.
Rationale for selecting level of engagement	This level of engagement is appropriate given the significance assessment.
Reviewed by Strategy & Policy	Toni Durham; Strategy & Policy Manager

5. Economic impact of Land & Water Management in Ashburton District

Author *Richard Fitzgerald; Agriculture Portfolio Advisor*
GM Responsible *Hamish Riach; Chief Executive*

Summary

- On 17 December, Council received a report on, and resolved to undertake further economic analysis of, the effects of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management and associated legislation on the Ashburton District, and potentially the wider Canterbury region.
- The additional analysis report is subject to Council having the opportunity to consider the estimated cost of a range of options for the breadth of that analysis.
- Information with additional costings will be tabled at the meeting on 23 December.