

Audit & Risk Committee

10 February 2021



Audit & Risk Committee Minutes

Minutes of the Audit, Risk & Finance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 10 February 2021, commencing at 1.30pm, in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

Mayor Neil Brown; Councillors Leen Braam (Chair), John Falloon and Stuart Wilson and Murray Harrington.

Also present:

Councillors Lynette Lovett, Angus McKay and Diane Rawlinson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Sarah Mosely (Manager People & Capability), Steve Fabish (GM Community Services), Toni Durham (Manager Strategy and Policy) and Carol McAtamney (Governance Team - minutes).

1 Apologies

Crs Carolyn Cameron and Liz McMillan [[amended 24/03/21](#)] (absent on Council business) Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

Retention of the Audit and Risk Committee

The Chief Executive was asked to explain the reason behind the retention of the Audit and Risk Committee following the recent Governance structure review.

The Chief Executive reminded the Committee that as a result of a review of the Governance structure for 2021 Council agreed to discharge the Audit, Risk & Finance, Bylaw and Policy, Community Services, Environmental Services and Infrastructure Services Committees effective 1 January 2021.

It was also agreed that the Audit, Risk & Finance Committee be reconstituted as an Audit and Risk Committee. The focus of this committee is on audit and risk and to keep Councillors fully informed on the risks councils face and have general finance matters reported direct to Council.

The majority of councils throughout New Zealand have an audit and risk standing committee with an independent member, as recommended by the Office of the Auditor General.

4 Playgrounds Compliance and Safety Audit

Park Central were engaged to undertake a compliance and safety audit on the 27 playground sites throughout the Ashburton district.

That the Committee receives the playgrounds compliance and safety audit report.

Mayor/Falloon

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 1.30pm

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

| Item No | General subject of each matter to be considered: | In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter: | |
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| 9 | Health & Safety | Section 7(2)(a) | Protection of privacy of natural persons |

Brown/Wilson

Carried

The Committee resumed in open meeting and concluded at 2.00pm.