

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

**File Reference:** ECM8115467  
**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, 10 September at 3.30pm  
**Venue:** Council Chamber  
**Members Present:** Councillor Stacey Hitchcock (Chairperson);  
Councillors Shaun Biesiek, Murray Chong, Richard Handley, Alan Melody, Mike Merrick

**Apologies:** Councillor Roy Weaver, Mayor Neil Holdom

**Non-members Present:** Councillors John Williams, Gordon Brown, Richard Jordan, Harry Duynhoven and Colin Johnston

Community Board Chairpersons Ken Bedford (Clifton), Andrew Larsen (Waitara) and Doug Hislop (Kaitake)

**Staff in Attendance:** Craig Stevenson, Cheryl McGrath, Katrina Brunton, Julie Straka, Liam Hodgetts, Kelvin Wright, Mitchell Dyer, Charles Woollin, Joy Buckingham, Stuart Scarle, David Langford, Miranda Petersen and Mark Hall.

### Apologies

#### Planning Committee Resolution:

Cr Handley )

Cr Melody )

That the apologies for absence from Cr Roy Weaver and Mayor Neil Holdom be received.

Carried

### Deputations

- Colin Bell – Item 5 (Remuneration of Council Employees)

### Minutes

#### Planning Committee Resolution:

Cr Biesiek )

Cr Hitchcock )

That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting (30 July 2019) and the proceedings of the said meeting, as previously circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried

**MATTERS FINALLY DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY  
AND REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION AND RECORD**

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**1. Animals Bylaw – Initiation of Review**

ECM8073041

The matter for consideration by the Council is whether or not to approve the initiation of a review of the Animals Bylaw (Part 2), and to determine that a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the nuisance or problem relevant to the Animal Bylaw as per the Local Government Act 2002.

*Planning Committee Resolution:*

Cr Melody )

Cr Handley )

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the Council:

- a) Determines that a bylaw continues to be the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problems that arise in relation to animals in accordance with section 155(1) of the Local Government Act 2002, and
- b) Approves the initiation of a review of the New Plymouth District Bylaw 2008, Part 2 Animals, in accordance with section 158 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) Notes the review will consider the option to create a standalone Animals Bylaw as an alternative to its continued incorporation within the existing consolidated New Plymouth District Bylaw 2008.

Carried

**2. Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw Review – Adoption of Statement of Proposal for Public Consultation**

ECM8001593

The matter for consideration by the Council is adoption of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw Statement of Proposal for public consultation.

*Planning Committee Resolution:*

Cr Biesiek )

Cr Hitchcock )

That having considered all matters raised in the report the Council:

- a) Determines that the form of the bylaw as proposed is the most appropriate form of bylaw in light of the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

- b) Determines that the bylaw as proposed does not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
- c) Adopts the Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw Statement of Proposal for public consultation using a special consultative procedure as set out in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Carried

**3. Housing and Business Capacity Assessment for New Plymouth District**

ECM8075187

The matter for consideration by the Council is the Housing and Business Capacity Assessment for New Plymouth (June 2019). The purpose of the Housing and Business Capacity Assessment (HBCA) is to enable local authorities to make informed decisions about planning for growth. The HBCA has greatly assisted the drafting of the Proposed District Plan through providing an evidence base to inform planning decisions.

*Planning Committee Resolution:*

Cr Hitchcock )

Cr Handley )

That, having considered all matters raised in this report, the report be noted.

Carried

**ITEMS FOR FINAL DETERMINATION BY THE COUNCIL**

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**4. Acquisition of private land to facilitate an off-road carpark facility on Egmont Road for the purpose of easing traffic congestion at the North Egmont Visitor Centre**

ECM8080034

The matter for consideration by the Council is a decision on approaching landowners on Egmont Road for the proposed purchase of a parcel of land for use as public car park, to address current parking and safety issues relating to traffic congestion at the North Egmont Visitor Centre.

*Planning Committee Recommendation:*

Cr Handley )

Cr Biesiek )

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the Council approves a budget of up to \$350K to purchase a parcel of land on Egmont Road for the purpose of constructing a new off-road carpark facility.

Carried

*At the start of the meeting, Cr Hitchcock advised she worked with the Department of Conservation but she had no pecuniary interest in the matter.*

**5. Remuneration of Council Employees Policy**

ECM8020486

The matter for consideration by the Council is the review of the Remuneration of Council Employees Policy. This report seeks approval from Council to retain the existing policy.

*Planning Committee Recommendation:*

Cr Melody )

Cr Biesiek )

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, Council retain the existing Remuneration of Council Employees Policy.

*At the Planning Committee Cr Chong requested his vote against the motion be recorded.*

The Planning Committee meeting closed at 4.45pm.