



Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Tararua District Council held in the Council Chamber, 136 Main Street, Pahiatua on Monday 11 November 2024 commencing at 9:00am.

1. Present

Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor) (via Teams), N L Chase (via Teams), A K Franklin (via Teams), S M Gilmore, P A Johns, M F Long, K A Sutherland (via Teams), and S A Wallace (via Teams).

In Attendance

Ms R Bell	- RMB Consulting
Ms K Bailey	- Shared Science
Mr B Nicholson	- Chief Executive
Mr R Suppiah	- Group Manager – Corporate and Regulatory
Ms J Smith	- Legal Counsel and Procurement Manager
Mr P Wimsett	- Chief Advisor (via Teams)
Mrs A Dunn	- Manager – Democracy Services

2. Apologies

That the apologies from Councillor S M Wards be approved and leave of absence granted for the meeting.

Crs Gilmore/Long

Carried

3. Reports

3.1 Deliberations on Draft Postponement Policy

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Contractor dated 22 October 2024, that presented a summary of the submission feedback on the draft Rates Postponement Policy for Council's consideration.

In discussion, the following questions were covered:

- Confirmation provided that removing the application requirement from the policy would not preclude anyone from choosing to postpone their rates arrears. It was noted that once adopted, impacted households that had

either advised they would prefer to postpone their rates arrears, or had not yet decided, would be contacted to advise of the availability of the option for postponing rates arrears.

- An explanation of the scope of the amended criteria, noting that eligible households would include those that authorised Council to apply direct debits during the specified period and as a result of the direct debit not being set at correct level had been impacted by this process error.
- Confirmation that the number of impacted households that were not subject to rates rebates, was limited to a small number of approximately 15 households.
- An explanation was provided on how the policy would be reviewed on an annual basis, which would include reviewing how the policy was working in practice. If any amendments to the policy were needed, a consultation process would be required.
- It was noted that a report would be provided to the December meeting of Council to provide Governance oversight of the number of impacted households that had decided to postpone their rates arrears.
- It was noted that management oversight of the policy would be through reporting by the Chief Executive to the Council, providing both management and governance oversight. The report would be provided as part of the financial reports to Council, and it was asked that the format of the rates reporting be reviewed.

That the report from the Contractor dated 22 October 2024 concerning the Deliberations on Draft Postponement Policy be received.

That Council note the submissions received on consultation of the Draft Postponement Policy.

That Council makes the minor amendments to the Draft Postponement Policy indicated in the tracked changes version of the Postponement Policy attached to the report.

That Management finalises the Draft Postponement Policy for adoption at an extraordinary Council meeting on 15 November 2024.

Crs Johns/Long

Carried

4. Closure

There being no further business the Mayor thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 9:32am.

Mayor