

Notice of Meeting:

I hereby give notice that an ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on:

Date: Thursday 27 June 2019
Time: 9.30am
Meeting Room: Council Chamber
Venue: Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton

Richard Briggs
Chief Executive

Council OPEN LATE AGENDA

Membership

Chairperson	Mayor A King
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor M Gallagher
Members	Cr M Bunting
	Cr J R Casson
	Cr S Henry
	Cr D Macpherson
	Cr G Mallett
	Cr A O'Leary
	Cr R Pascoe
	Cr P Southgate
	Cr G Taylor
	Cr L Tooman
	Cr R Hamilton

Quorum: A majority of members (including vacancies)

Meeting Frequency: Monthly – or as required

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Council Report

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Committee: Council
Author: Robyn Denton
Position: Network Operations and Use Manager
Date: 27 June 2019
Authoriser: Eeva-Liisa Wright
Position: General Manager Infrastructure Operations
Report Name: Submission on Road Safety Strategy consultation document

Report Status	<i>Open</i>
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Purpose

1. To inform the Council of the impending release of the new Road Safety Strategy consultation document by the Ministry of Transport.
2. To request 2-3 Councillors work with staff to prepare a submission on behalf of Hamilton City and to delegate final authority for approval of the submission to the Chief Executive.

Staff Recommendation

3. That the Council:
 - a) receives the report;
 - b) requests Councillors XX, XX and XX work with staff on the preparation of the Hamilton City Hamilton City Council submission on the 2020 Road Safety Strategy consultation document; and
 - c) delegates authority to the Chief Executive to approve the final submission on the 2020 Road Safety Strategy consultation document.

Background

4. The Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) have issued notification that they expect consultation on the new road safety strategy to begin in early July 2019. This new strategy will replace the current Safer Journeys strategy and will be in place for the 2020 – 2030 period.
5. Consultation will be primarily an on-line process, and the Ministry will be inviting feedback on both the draft strategy and first plan of actions.
6. The consultation document will seek views on:
 - a proposed vision
 - principles to guide decision making and investment
 - a proposed 10 year target
 - focus areas for the next 10 years, and

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- a plan of priority interventions for the first action plan, as well as priority interventions for future action plans.
7. Further information about the strategy development process is available on the Ministry website www.transport.govt.nz/roadsafetystrategy
 8. The exact timing for the release of the consultation document is still subject to Cabinet confirmation but staff have been informed that consultation will run for four weeks.
 9. It is expected that the submission will need to be submitted to the Ministry of Transport prior to the 8 August 2019 Council meeting.
 10. It is therefore recommended that 2-3 Councillors work with staff on the preparation of a submission and that final approval of the submission be delegated to the Chief Executive.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Council Report

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Committee: Council
Author: Mark Brougham
Position: Programme Manager - Analysis & Research
Report Name: HCC's Draft 1 Submission to the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.

Date: 27 June 2019
Authoriser: Sean Hickey
Position: General Manager Strategy and Communications

Report Status	<i>Open</i>
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Purpose

1. To seek approval from the Council of Hamilton City Council's DRAFT 1 submission to the New Zealand Government's Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.

Staff Recommendation

2. That the Council:
 - a) receives the report;
 - b) approves Hamilton City Council's Draft 1 submission to the New Zealand Government's Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill; and
 - c) notes that any supplementary submission points will be considered as part of the 'Climate Change' report at the Council Meeting on 8 August 2019

Executive Summary

3. The Government is currently consulting on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.
4. The purpose of the Bill is to establish a framework which New Zealand can use to develop clear, stable climate change policies in accord with the Paris Agreement.
5. Submissions to the bill close on 16 July 2019.
6. Staff have prepared a 'placeholder' submission to meet the government's submission timeframes with the intention of providing any supplementary submission material following a broader discussion on climate change at the 8 August 2019 Council meeting.
7. Staff consider the matters in this report have a low level of significance and that the recommendations comply with the Council's legal requirements.

Background

8. The purpose of the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill is to establish a framework which New Zealand can use to develop clear, stable climate change policies in accord with the Paris Agreement.
9. The Paris Agreement is a global effort to combat the effects of climate change by limiting the global average temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.
10. The Bill would set greenhouse gas reduction targets into law and require that future governments continue these efforts into the future. It also seeks to:
 - Set up the Climate Change Commission, an independent body that will advise and support the government to reach the targets.
 - Create a requirement that the government sets emission budgets every five years that will act as 'stepping stones' towards the ultimate goal of zero greenhouse gases by 2050.
 - Create a requirement that the government understands the risk of climate change (for example, rising sea levels) and produces plans to address these.
11. This Bill would be an amendment to the existing Climate Change Response Act 2002, meaning that all of the key climate-related legislation is covered under one Act.

Discussion

12. Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) published its draft submission on the Bill on 24 June 2019. The key themes of its submission are:
 - Local government will be critical to the progress New Zealand makes on both adaptation and mitigation. The Bill must therefore more explicitly recognise local government as a key partner in enabling New Zealand to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change;
 - Local government needs to be provided with guidance, tools and resources to enable it to meaningfully contribute to emissions reductions, and deliver adaptation action at the local level, where it is best-suited to take place. This recognises that the effects of climate change are by definition local and will vary from place to place; and
 - The Government needs to substantively and substantially increase its focus on, and resource dedicated to, climate change adaptation as a matter of urgency.
13. Hamilton City Council is due to consider issues relating to climate change (including the implications of declaring a 'climate change emergency') at a Council Meeting on 8 August 2019.
14. Staff recommend that any substantive debate on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill is deferred until that date. This will allow staff and Elected Members to consider the potential impacts of the bill as part of a more holistic discussion on climate change.
15. In order to meet the government's submission timeframes, staff have prepared a draft submission (Draft 1 - refer Attachment 1). The key points in the submission are:
 - Hamilton City Council is actively involved in a number of initiatives to mitigate and/or respond to the effects of climate change.
 - Hamilton City Council will be providing supplementary information to this submission after the report on climate change issues is considered at the 8 August 2019 Council meeting.

- Hamilton City Council would like to present this information in person at the hearings for the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.

Financial Considerations

16. The total staff cost to develop the submission was approximately \$500 and was met through existing budget.

Legal and Policy Considerations

17. Staff confirm that the recommendations in this report comply with the Council's legal and policy requirements.

Cultural Considerations

18. There are no known cultural considerations identified by staff or Elected Members.

Sustainability Considerations

19. There is no known impact on the Sustainability Principles.

Risks

20. There are no known risks associated with the decisions required for this matter.

Significance & Engagement Policy

Significance

21. Staff have considered the key considerations under the Significance and Engagement Policy and have assessed that the recommendation(s) in this report has/have a low level of significance.

Engagement

22. Given the low level of significance determined, the engagement level is low. No engagement is required.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - DRAFT 1 submission to the New Zealand Government's Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill .

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Submission by**Hamilton City Council****CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE (ZERO CARBON) AMENDMENT BILL****16 July 2019****1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Hamilton City Council (HCC) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.
- 1.2 HCC is committed to adapting to and mitigating the effects of climate change and supports the intention and direction of the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill (the Bill).

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In 2016, Hamilton City Council adopted a set of sustainability principles which underpin how sustainability is considered in the Council's decision-making processes and operations. This includes the principle: *"HCC works with central government to deliver on national greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and supports resilience to climate change in our communities"*.
- 2.2 As such, HCC is actively engaged in a number of initiatives which contribute to mitigating and adapting to climate change. Major initiatives include:
 - A significant investment in walking and cycling infrastructure including \$52m of biking plan projects and a doubling of the footpath maintenance and repair budget
 - a Mass Transit Plan for the city, produced with Waikato Regional Council, the NZ Transport Agency and neighbouring districts, to enable the movement of more people more efficiently.
 - Working with the Government and other partners on progressing a passenger rail service between Hamilton and Auckland
 - Replacement of Hamilton's streetlights with new energy efficient LED lanterns (with a 50% reduction in energy usage over standard streetlights)
 - The development and extension of Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park
 - The introduction of a new kerbside rubbish and recycling service in 2020 which aims to significantly reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill
 - An Energy Management Programme which includes a Carbon Emissions Reduction Programme and has resulted in millions of kilowatt hours of energy saved since 2001
 - A draft biodiversity strategy that aims to significantly increase the level of indigenous vegetation in Hamilton and restore the region's biodiversity

3.0 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION AND HEARINGS

- 3.1 Hamilton City Council is due to meet on 8 August 2019 to consider wider issues relating to climate change, including consideration of the implications and obligations of declaring a 'climate change emergency'.
- 3.2 **Please note that HCC will be providing supplementary information to this submission after the report on climate change issues is considered at the 8 August 2019 Council meeting.**
- 3.3 HCC **does wish to speak** in support of this submission at the hearings for the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.
- 3.4 Should Parliament's Environment Committee require clarification of the above points, or additional information, please contact Sean Hickey (General Manager, Strategy and Communication) on 07 838 6432, email sean.hickey@hcc.govt.nz in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

Richard Briggs
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Council Report

Committee: Council

Date: 27 June 2019

Author: Amy Viggers

Authoriser: Becca Brooke

Position: Committee Advisor

Position: Governance Team Leader

Report Name: Chair's Report (Late Report)

Report Status

<i>Open</i>

1. Mayor King will present a verbal report concerning recent his trip to Chengdu.

Recommendation

2. That the Council receives the verbal report.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

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 follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C10. Release of Public Excluded Report and Resolution - Municipal Endowment Fund - Ward Street) Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C11. Refuse Transfer Station & Hamilton Organic Centre - Proposed Increase of Gate Fees 2019/20)	

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item C10.	to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage	Section 7 (2) (h)
Item C11.	This report is taken as a publicly excluded item to maintain legal professional privilege	Section 7 (2) (g) Section 7 (2) (h)
	to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage; to avoid the unreasonably, likely prejudice to the commercial position of a person who supplied or is the subject of the information.	Section 7 (2) (c)(ii)