



PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES ATTACHMENTS COUNCIL

9AM, WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2021

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
32 THE SQUARE, PALMERSTON NORTH**

COUNCIL MEETING

7 April 2021

6 Adoption of the 2021 10 Year Plan Consultation Document and Supporting Material for Consultation

1. Presentation - 10 Year Plan Consultation

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10 Year Plan

Adopting the Consultation Document and Supporting Material

Council

7 April 2021

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Recap

17 Feb Committee of Council approved the CD and
Supporting Material for audit

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Audit Process

Audit reviewed all documents to ensure they are based on sound information and meet legal requirements

This is a legal requirement: the 10 Year Plan cannot be adopted without an Audit Report (s 94 LG Act)



Audit Results

Key change was to better explain the implications of the uncertainties facing the Council:

- Nature Calls
- Water reform
- Asset condition knowledge / maintaining our assets
- Capital programme deliverability
- External fund raising



Audit Report

Audit has given the CD an “Adverse Opinion”

This means they consider it is not an effective basis for consultation

This opinion is not unexpected

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Audit Report

This is because we cannot comply with our debt limits set by the Financial Strategy - predominantly due to the significant borrowing required for Nature Calls

As a result of the breaches Audit consider Council should have looked at reducing levels of service, removing or deferring projects, and raising rates further



Audit Report

Council's approach is to keep maintaining and investing in the City while the uncertainties about the Three Waters reforms and Nature Calls are worked through

This will be done by the next 10 Year Plan

Until then the proposed Plan is sustainable and we can generally live within borrowing limits if the reforms go ahead as proposed

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Consultation

- 10 YP launch
- Primarily online submission process
- Postcard-style submission form (alongside the long form)
- Summary document to all households
- Radio, print, social media, billboard and movie advertising
- Information into schools and some work with year 9 and 10 social studies classes
- Joint opportunities with Nature Calls team (e.g. markets, Explore Esplanade Day, library drop-ins)
- Five sector group forums (see next slide) plus other network meetings as requested



Consultation – sector group forums

- Five sector-group forums will be held during the month of consultation, hosted by sector leaders:
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Arts sector
 - Sport Manawatū
 - Community Services Council
 - Environment Network Manawatū
- These events are in the Global Diary and other forums will be added there (and on the website) when they are confirmed

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