



PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA
EXTRAORDINARY
COUNCIL

9AM, WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
32 THE SQUARE, PALMERSTON NORTH



MEMBERSHIP

Grant Smith (Mayor)

Tangi Utikere (Deputy Mayor)

Brent Barrett

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Rachel Bowen

Adrian Broad

Gabrielle Bundy-Cooke

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EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

7 June 2017

MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Clause 21 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, I hereby requisition an extraordinary meeting of the Council to be held at 9.00am on Wednesday, 7 June 2017 in the Council Chamber, first floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North, to consider the business stated below.



MAYOR

ORDER OF BUSINESS

(NOTE: The commencement time for this meeting coincides with the commencement time for the Planning and Strategy Committee and the Sport and Recreation meetings. The format for the meeting will be that the Planning and Strategy Committee and Extraordinary Council meetings will open, take apologies and adjourn immediately to allow the Sport and Recreation to consider its business. At the conclusion of the Sport and Recreation Committee meeting the Planning and Strategy Committee meeting and then the Extraordinary Council meeting will resume to consider its business.)

1. Apologies

2. Confirmation of Agenda and Urgent items

Pursuant to Sections 46A(7) and 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, to receive the Chairperson's explanation that specified item(s), which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded, will be discussed.

Any additions in accordance with Section 46A(7) must be approved by resolution with an explanation as to why they cannot be delayed until a future meeting.

Any additions in accordance with Section 46A(7A) may be received or referred to a subsequent meeting for further discussion. No resolution, decision or recommendation can be made in respect of a minor item.

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Memorandum, dated 30 May 2017 from the Governance & Support Team Leader, Kyle Whitfield.

4. Exclusion of Public

To be moved:

"That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting listed in the table below.

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:

| General subject of each matter to be considered | | Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter | Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution |
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| 5. | Chief Executive Appointment [Limited circulation] | Privacy | s7(2)(a) |

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 the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

Also that the persons listed below be permitted to remain after the public has been excluded for the reasons stated.

Acting Chief Executive (David Wright), Chief Financial Officer (Grant Elliott), General Manager, City Enterprises (Ray McIndoe), General Manager, City Future (Sheryl Bryant), General Manager, City Networks (Ray Swadel), General Manager, Customer Services (Peter Eathorne), General Manager, Libraries and Community Services (Debbie Duncan), Human Resources Manager (Wayne Wilson) and Strategic Communications Manager (Mark Torley) because of their knowledge and ability to provide the meeting with advice on matters both from an organisation-wide context (being members of the Council's Management Team) and also from their specific role within the Council.

Legal Counsel (John Annabell), because of his knowledge and ability to provide the meeting with legal and procedural advice.

Governance and Support Team Leader (Kyle Whitfield) and Committee Administrators (Penny Odell, Carly Chang and Rachel Corser), because of their knowledge and ability to provide the meeting with procedural advice and record the proceedings of the meeting.

Any Officers because of their knowledge and ability to assist the meeting in speaking to their report and answering questions, noting that such officer will be present at the meeting only for the item that relate to their respective report.

Any third parties, because of their knowledge and ability to assist the meeting in speaking to their report/s [or other matters as specified] and answering questions, noting that such person/s will be present at the meeting only for the items that relate to their respective report/s [or matters as specified].

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council

MEETING DATE: 7 June 2017

TITLE: Proposed LGNZ Remits - Christchurch City Council

DATE: 30 May 2017

AUTHOR/S: Kyle Whitfield, Governance & Support Team Leader, City Corporate

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO COUNCIL

1. That Council support the 'Renewable Electricity Procurement' remit from Christchurch City Council.
2. That Council support the 'Single-use plastic bags' remit from Christchurch City Council.
3. That Council support the 'Mandatory register of cooling towers' remit from Christchurch City Council.

1. ISSUE

Christchurch City Council has asked for support on the following three remits:

Renewable Electricity Procurement

That Local Government New Zealand supports the increased procurement of electricity from renewable sources by:

- Requiring member Council to prioritise the procurement of electricity from renewable and/or sustainable sources over the next ten years.
- Advocating to central government to prioritise the procurement of electricity from renewable and/or sustainable sources for its All of Government contracts over the next ten years.
- Advocating to central government to limit the generation of electricity from non-renewable and/or sustainable sources over the next ten years.
- That member councils reiterate their comments to the 2015 Local Government Leaders Climate Change Declaration.

The full remit is attached as attachment 1. This has been drafted in accordance with guidance from LGNZ.

ITEM 3

Single-use plastic bags

That member Councils seek to reduce the use of single-use plastic bags in their districts by:

- Taking a leadership role by reducing the use of single-use plastic bags at Council-run events and libraries.
- Expanding community education on alternative options and responsible disposal of plastics through marketing and communication material.
- Working proactively with supermarkets and retailers in their districts.
- Incorporating environmental considerations into their procurement policies.
- Ask LGNZ ask central government to name single-use plastic bags as a priority product for a product stewardship scheme under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.

The full remit is attached as attachment 2. This has been drafted in accordance with guidance from LGNZ

Mandatory register of cooling towers




That LGNZ acknowledges the potentially fatal risks posed by legionella bacteria in industrial water cooling towers used for air conditioning and manufacturing.

That LGNZ asks central government to resume its work related to reducing the risks posed by legionella bacteria in industrial water cooling towers. This could include:

- Making amendments to the Building Act 2004 to collect information for a mandatory register of cooling towers and a mandatory testing and reporting regime.
- Providing enforcement powers to Councils to address the risks associated with cooling towers such as requiring regular testing, reporting and compliance with specified standards under Building Warrant of Fitness certification.
- Requiring medical professionals to report cases of legionellosis (Legionnaires Disease) to local District Health Boards' Medical Officers of Health (as is required with Campylobacter outbreaks).

The full remit is attached as attachment 3. This has been drafted in accordance with guidance from LGNZ

ATTACHMENTS

1. Remit - Renewable Electricity [↓](#) 
2. Remit - Single Use Plastic Bags [↓](#) 
3. Remit - Mandatory Register of Cooling Towers [↓](#) 

Kyle Whitfield
Governance & Support
Team Leader

Attachment A: Draft remit on renewable electricity procurement

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| Council Proposing Remit: | Christchurch City Council |
| Contact Name: | Lianne Dalziel, Mayor |
| Phone: | |
| Email: | Lianne.Dalziel@ccc.govt.nz |
| Remit passed by: (zone/sector meeting and/or list five councils as per policy) | <i>TBC</i> |
| Remit: | |
| That LGNZ supports the increased procurement of electricity from renewable sources by: | |
| Requiring member Councils to prioritise the procurement of electricity from renewable and/or sustainable sources over the next ten years. | |
| Advocating to central government to prioritise the procurement of electricity from renewable and/or sustainable sources for its All of Government contracts over the next ten years. | |
| Advocating to central government to limit the generation of electricity from non-renewable and/or sustainable sources over the next ten years. | |
| That member councils reiterate their commitment to the 2015 Local Government Leaders Climate Change Declaration | |

Background Information

City councils, as significant users of electricity, are in a position to push for change in the way New Zealand generates, purchases and consumes electricity. However, as much of their purchasing power is channelled through the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's All of Government Electricity Agreement, financial drivers sometimes take precedence over renewable and/or sustainable electricity considerations.

The Christchurch City Council accepts that, at present, there is a lack of entirely renewable electricity providers in New Zealand. However, it anticipates that, with the planned closure of Huntly Power Station in December 2022, there will be more options available. A commitment from LGNZ now will help to emphasise the collective purchasing power of local authorities, which may lessen the likelihood of a further extension to Huntly Power Station's operation and increase investment in new renewable and/or sustainable power schemes.

The Christchurch City Council has resolved to make a remit to LGNZ's 2017 AGM to support the increased procurement of electricity from renewable and/or sustainable sources by:

- Requiring member Councils to prioritise the procurement of electricity from renewable and/or sources over the next ten years.
- Advocating to central government to prioritise the procurement of electricity from renewable and/or sustainable sources for its All of Government contracts over the next ten years.
- Advocating to central government to limit the generation of electricity from non-renewable sources over the next ten years.

The Christchurch City Council also asks that member Councils reconfirm their commitment to the [2015 Local Government Leaders Climate Change Declaration](#), which committed members to supporting the use of renewable energy and uptake of electric vehicles.

Attachment B: Draft remit on single-use plastic bags

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| Council Proposing Remit: | Christchurch City Council |
| Contact Name: | Lianne Dalziel, Mayor |
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| Remit: | |
| That member councils seek to reduce the use of single-use plastic bags in their districts by: | |
| Taking a leadership role by reducing the use of single-use plastic bags at Council-run events and libraries | |
| Expanding community education on alternative options and responsible disposal of plastics through marketing and communication material | |
| Working proactively with supermarkets and retailers in their districts | |
| Incorporating environmental considerations into their procurement policies. | |
| That LGNZ asks central government to name single-use plastic bags as a priority product for a product stewardship scheme under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008. | |

Background information

It is estimated that New Zealanders use 1 billion single-use plastic bags each year. The majority of these bags are disposed of appropriately and make up two percent of all waste going to landfill, or 10 percent of all plastic waste.

The environmental impact of plastic bags has been well-traversed – many studies and media reports have documented the risk to birds, sea-life and the proliferation of plastic-derived toxins and microparticles in the seas, lakes and rivers from plastic bags that have been improperly disposed of.

The extent of the issues posed by single-use plastic bags is such that a multi-pronged approach is required from central government, local councils, and citizens and should focus on limiting their use and promoting responsible recycling.

Central Government action

Previous remits to LGNZ (2015) have suggested a levy be charged on plastic bags at the point of sale by retailers. This was intended to deter people from using single-use plastic bags, and was intended

Attachment C: Draft remit on a mandatory register of cooling towers

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| That LGNZ acknowledges the potentially fatal risks posed by legionella bacteria in industrial water cooling towers used for air conditioning and manufacturing | |
| That LGNZ asks central government to resume its work related to reducing the risks posed by legionella bacteria in industrial water cooling towers. This could include: | |
| <p>Making amendments to the Building Act 2004 to collect information for a mandatory register of cooling towers and a mandatory testing and reporting regime.</p> <p>Providing enforcement powers to Councils to address the risks associated with cooling towers such as requiring regular testing, reporting and compliance with specified standards under Building Warrant of Fitness certification.</p> <p>Requiring medical professionals to report cases of legionellosis (Legionnaires Disease) to local District Health Boards' Medical Officers of Health (as is required with Campylobacter outbreaks).</p> | |

Background Information

Legionella bacteria from the wet surfaces of water cooling towers, evaporative condensers (cooling plant) and scrubbers can cause a pneumonia called Legionnaires' disease, which is often severe and can be fatal. Although this is a nationwide issue, this issue is of particular concern to Christchurch City Council after in 2005, an outbreak of 19 cases of Legionnaires' disease (legionellosis) led to the deaths of three Christchurch citizens. The subsequent coronial investigation into their deaths in 2007 recommended better regulation of industrial, water-based cooling towers, with monthly testing and a mandatory register of cooling towers' locations to help pin-point sources of legionella bacteria more readily. The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment undertook to act on these recommendations at the time. However work to establish a testing regime and register seems to have been paused recently.

Outbreaks of legionellosis in New Zealand are sporadic but the disease's impact is often severe. Approximately 240 people contract legionellosis each year. This figure includes people who contract legionellosis from soil or potting mix, as well as those who contract the disease from water-based

sources. One-third of patients with legionellosis become unwell enough to warrant admission to intensive care units¹. The medical and social cost of the disease is consequently high.

Citizens are becoming increasingly aware of the risks posed by handling soil or potting mix after a number of well-publicised cases of legionellosis. However, the spread of the disease from water-based sources is more difficult to avoid or mitigate against, due to the comparatively 'invisible' nature. The spread of legionella from water-based sources is more insidious than cases caused by exposure to potting mix. This is because the source of the bacteria is not as readily identifiable by health professionals during a routine examination and patients can sometimes be misdiagnosed with other respiratory infections.

Regulatory action is required to help combat instances of legionellosis from water-based sources. Mandatory testing and reporting regimes will help building owners and authorities to ascertain the health of specific water cooling towers and will enable early intervention if unacceptable levels of legionella bacteria are found to be present. A mandatory register of water cooling towers' locations will help healthcare professionals to isolate sources of legionellosis outbreaks, and will aid them to reach potentially affected individuals and communities in a timely manner.

¹ <https://www.nzdoctor.co.nz/in-print/2014/november-2014/5-november-2014/legionnaires%E2%80%99-disease-likely-not-just-a-canterbury-phenomenon.aspx>