



**Far North
District Council**



Te Kaunihera o Tai Tokerau ki e Raki

AGENDA

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 10 March 2020

Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Council Chamber
Memorial Avenue
Kaikohe

Membership:

Mayor John Carter - Chairperson
Cr Ann Court
Cr David Clendon
Cr Dave Collard
Cr Felicity Foy
Cr Mate Radich
Cr Rachel Smith
Cr Kelly Stratford
Cr Moko Tepania
Cr John Vujcich

COUNCIL MEMBERS REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Name	Responsibility (i.e. Chairperson etc)	Declaration of Interests	Nature of Potential Interest	Member's Proposed Management Plan
Hon Mayor John Carter QSO	Board Member of the Local Government Protection Programme	Board Member of the Local Government Protection Program		
	Carter Family Trust			
Deputy Mayor Ann Court	Waipapa Business Association	Member		Case by case
	Warren Pattinson Limited	Shareholder	Building company. FNDC is a regulator and enforcer	Case by case
	Kerikeri Irrigation	Supplies my water		No
	Top Energy	Supplies my power		No other interest greater than the public's
	District Licensing	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Top Energy Consumer Trust	Trustee	Crossover in regulatory functions, consenting economic development and contracts such as street lighting.	Declare interest and abstain from voting.
	Ann Court Trust	Private	Private	N/A
	Waipapa Rotary	Honorary member	Potential community funding submitter	Declare interest and abstain from voting.
	Properties on Onekura Road, Waipapa	Owner Shareholder	Any proposed FNDC Capital works or policy change which may have a direct impact (positive/adverse)	Declare interest and abstain from voting.
	Property on Daroux Dr, Waipapa	Financial interest	Any proposed FNDC Capital works or policy change which may have a direct impact (positive/adverse)	Declare interest and abstain from voting.
	Flowers and gifts	Ratepayer 'Thankyou'	Bias/ Pre-determination?	Declare to Governance
	Coffee and food	Ratepayers sometimes 'shout' food and beverage	Bias or pre-determination	Case by case
	Staff	N/A	Suggestion of not being impartial or pre-determined!	Be professional, due diligence, weigh the

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				evidence. Be thorough, thoughtful, considered impartial and balanced. Be fair.
	Warren Patteinson	My husband is a builder and may do work for Council staff		Case by case
Ann Court - Partner	Warren Pattinson Limited	Director	Building Company. FNDC is a regulator	Remain at arm's length
	Air NZ	Shareholder	None	None
	Warren Pattinson Limited	Builder	FNDC is the consent authority, regulator and enforcer.	Apply arm's length rules
	Property on Onekura Road, Waipapa	Owner	Any proposed FNDC capital work in the vicinity or rural plan change. Maybe a link to policy development.	Would not submit. Rest on a case by case basis.
David Clendon	Chairperson – He Waka Eke Noa Charitable Trust	None		Declare if any issue arises
	Member of Vision Kerikeri	None		Declare if any issue arises
	Joint owner of family home in Kerikeri	Hall Road, Kerikeri		
David Clendon – Partner	Resident Shareholder on Kerikeri Irrigation			
David Collard	Snapper Bonanza 2011 Limited	45% Shareholder and Director		
	Trustee of Te Ahu Charitable Trust	Council delegate to this board		
Felicity Foy	Director - Northland Planning & Development	I am the director of a planning and development consultancy that is based in the Far North and have two employees. Property owner of Commerce Street, Kaitaia		I will abstain from any debate and voting on proposed plan change items for the Far North District Plan.
				I will declare a conflict of interest with any planning matters that relate to resource

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				consent processing, and the management of the resource consents planning team.
				I will not enter into any contracts with Council for over \$25,000 per year. I have previously contracted to Council to process resource consents as consultant planner.
	Flick Trustee Ltd	I am the director of this company that is the company trustee of Flick Family Trust that owns properties on Weber Place, Seaview Road, and Allen Bell Drive.		
	Elbury Holdings Limited	This company is directed by my parents Fiona and Kevin King.	This company owns several dairy and beef farms, and also dwellings on these farms. The Farms and dwellings are located in the Far North at Kaimaumau, Bird Road/Sandhills Rd, Wireless Road/ Puckey Road/Bell Road, the Awanui Straight and Allen Bell Drive.	
	Foy Farms partnership	Owner and partner in Foy Farms - a farm in three titles on Church Road, Kaingaroa		
	Foy Farms Rentals	Owner and rental manager of Foy Farms Rentals for 6 dwellings on Church Road, Kaingaroa and 2 dwelling on Allen Bell Drive, Kaitaia, and 1 property on North Road, Kaitaia		

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	King Family Trust	This trust owns several titles/properties at Cable Bay, Seaview Rd/State Highway 10 and Ahipara - Panorama Lane.	These trusts own properties in the Far North.	
	Previous employment at FNDC 2007-16	I consider the staff members at FNDC to be my friends		
Felicity Foy - Partner	Employed by Justaplumber Taipa			
	Friends with some FNDC employees			
Mate Radich	No form received			
Rachel Smith	Friends of Rolands Wood Charitable Trust	Trustee		
	Mid North Family Support	Trustee		
	Bay of Islands Amateur Swimming Club	Committee Member		
	Property Owner	Kerikeri		
	Friends who work at Far North District Council			
	Kerikeri Cruising Club	Subscription Member		
Rachel Smith (Partner)	Property Owner	Kerikeri		
	Friends who work at Far North District Council			
	Kerikeri Cruising Club	Subscription Member		
Kelly Stratford	KS Bookkeeping and Administration	Business Owner, provides book keeping, administration and development of environmental management plans	None perceived	Step aside from decisions that arise, that may have conflicts
	Waikare Marae Trustees	Trustee	Maybe perceived conflicts	Case by case basis
	Bay of Islands College	Parent Elected Trustee	None perceived	If there was a conflict, I will step aside from decision making
	Karetu School	Parent Elected Trustee	None perceived	If there was a conflict, I will step aside from decision making
	Maori title land – Moerewa and Waikare	Beneficiary and husband is a shareholder	None perceived	If there was a conflict, I will step aside from decision making
	Sister is employed by Far North District Council			Will not discuss work/governance

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				matters that are confidential
	Gifts - food and beverages	Residents and ratepayers may 'shout' food and beverage	Perceived bias or predetermination	Case by case basis
Kelly Stratford - Partner	Chef and Barista	Opua Store	None perceived	
	Maori title land – Moerewa	Shareholder	None perceived	If there was a conflict of interest I would step aside from decision making
Moko Tepania	Teacher at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Kaikohe.	Potential Council funding that will benefit my place of employment.		Declare a perceived conflict
	Chairperson at Te Reo o Te Tai Tokerau Trust.	Potential Council funding for events that this trust runs.		Declare a perceived conflict
	Tribal Member – Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa	As a descendent of Te Rarawa I could have a perceived conflict of interest in Te Rarawa Council relations.		Declare a perceived conflict
	Tribal Member - Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa	As a descendent of Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa I could have a perceived conflict of interest in Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa Council relations.		Declare a perceived conflict
	Tribal Member – Kahukuraariki Trust Board	As a descendent of Kahukuraariki Trust Board I could have a perceived conflict of interest in Kahukuraariki Trust Board Council relations.		Declare a perceived conflict
	Tribal Member – Te Rūnanga ā-Iwi o Ngāpuhi	As a descendent of Te Rūnanga ā-Iwi o Ngāpuhi I could have a perceived conflict of interest in Te Rūnanga ā-Iwi o Ngāpuhi Council relations.		Declare a perceived conflict
John Vujcich	Board Member	Pioneer Village	Matters relating to funding and assets	Declare interest and abstain
	Director	Waitukupata Forest Ltd	Potential for council activity to directly affect its assets	Declare interest and abstain
	Director	Rural Service Solutions Ltd	Matters where council regulatory function impact of company services	Declare interest and abstain

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	Director	Kaikohe (Rau Marama) Community Trust	Potential funder	Declare interest and abstain
	Partner	MJ & EMJ Vujcich	Matters where council regulatory function impacts on partnership owned assets	Declare interest and abstain
	Member	Kaikohe Rotary Club	Potential funder, or impact on Rotary projects	Declare interest and abstain
	Member	New Zealand Institute of Directors	Potential provider of training to Council	Declare a Conflict of Interest
	Member	Institute of IT Professionals	Unlikely, but possible provider of services to Council	Declare a Conflict of Interest
	Member	Kaikohe Business Association	Possible funding provider	Declare a Conflict of Interest

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1 PRAYER**2 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to review the matters on the agenda and assess and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be a perception of a conflict of interest.

If a Member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the meeting or of the relevant item of business and refrain from participating in the discussion or voting on that item. If a Member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the Chief Executive Officer or the Team Leader Democracy Support (preferably before the meeting).

It is noted that while members can seek advice the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

3 DEPUTATION

No requests for deputations were received at the time of the Agenda going to print.

4 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 REPORTS

5.1 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL PLAN 2020/21 CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

File Number: A2845879

Author: Sheryl Gavin, Manager Corporate Planning and Community Development

Authoriser: Darrell Sargent, General Manager - Strategic Planning and Policy

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To adopt the consultation document (CD) for the 2020/21 Annual Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Local Government Act 2002 (the LGA) requires Council to develop an Annual Plan for years two and three of the Long-Term Plan (LTP). Staff and Councillors have been working to draft a plan for year three (2020/21).
- While no significant or material changes to year three of the LTP are being considered, a new accounting policy that relates to how Council will “fund” depreciation is being proposed. This requires consultation.
- Since a CD must be developed, the opportunity will be taken to gather feedback on a couple of non-significant (but important) items and provide an update on the current drought and water shortage.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) adopts the Annual Plan 2020/21 Consultation Document for consultation pursuant to sections 82, 95 and 95A of the Local Government Act 2002.**
- b) delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to make any necessary minor formatting, typographical and administrative changes to the Consultation Document prior to formal public consultation.**

1) BACKGROUND

All councils are required by legislation to prepare and adopt an Annual Plan for each financial year. While consultation on an Annual Plan is only required where there are significant or material changes to the Long-Term Plan (in this case year three of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan), Council could choose to proceed if they feel a topic borders on significant.

For 2020/21 Council proposes a new accounting policy that affects the method for depreciating some classes of Council assets. The policy, should it be implemented, will free up approximately \$2m of rates funding that could be used to accelerate the asset condition assessment programme.

Because consultation will proceed, staff and Councillors felt it appropriate to use the opportunity to update the community on the water shortage/drought situation and gather feedback on a proposal to disestablish library overdue fines for children and young adult borrowers.

Consultation is scheduled to run from 16 February to 17 March. Communications tools will include social media, email, a public notice and media release. Iwi and other Maori partners will be notified directly. If submitters wish to speak to their submissions there will be opportunities to do so in Kaikohe, Kerikeri and Kaitia on 28, 29 and 30 April. If hearings are not required these dates will be amended or cancelled.

Council will discuss each of the proposals in the context of feedback received at a deliberations meeting scheduled for 12 May. Adoption of the final Annual Plan for 2020/21 is currently scheduled for take place at an extraordinary Council meeting on 25 June 2020.

2) DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

The CD (attachment 1) contains the following:

1. A message from the current Council
2. An update on water supply
3. A proposal to introduce a new accounting policy that enables Council to cease rating for depreciation on certain asset classes
4. A proposal to disestablish library overdue fines for children and young adult borrowers.

Option 1: Adopt the CD and proceed to consultation. This captures valuable feedback on important topics and provides an opportunity to give communities an update on the current water storage and drought situation.

Option 2: Do not adopt the CD. Without an adopted CD any consultation carried out subsequently will not occur in accordance with the requirements of the LGA.

Reason for the recommendation

Council must adopt an Annual Plan prior to 30 June 2020. The adoption of the CD is the first step in that process once Council has determined whether it must or would like to engage with its communities. The adoption of a CD is a requirement of the LGA.

3) FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION

The preparation of the Annual Plan including consultation and engagement is business as usual and budgeted for in the LTP.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Annual Plan 2020-21 Consultation Document - A2858061** [↓](#) 

Compliance schedule:

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

1. A Local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,
 - a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and
 - b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
 - c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.
2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

Compliance requirement	Staff assessment
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy	The Consultation Document does not contain any items that have been assessed as significant under the policy.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the LTP) that relate to this decision.	Local Government Act 2002.
State whether this issue or proposal has a District wide relevance and, if not, the ways in which the appropriate Community Board's views have been sought.	District-wide relevance. Community Board chairs participate in all Annual Plan workshops to ensure the Community Board's views are presented.
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water.	No specific implications for Maori have been identified.
Identify persons likely to be affected by or have an interest in the matter, and how you have given consideration to their views or preferences (for example – youth, the aged and those with disabilities).	No implications have been identified for any particular demographic in the District.
State the financial implications and where budgetary provisions have been made to support this decision.	No financial implications outside of existing operating budgets.
Chief Financial Officer review.	The Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report.







He karere mai i te Kaunihera | A message from your council

Kia ora koutou

2020/21 is going to be a challenging year for our District dealing with the effects of the current drought and long-term planning for a higher level of resilience in essential services.

This consultation document for the 2020/21 Annual Plan presents a few topics we would like your feedback on. In general, not a lot has changed from what we planned in year three of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan with the exception of our current need to manage and resolve severe water shortages for the wellbeing of our communities. In the following pages, we will update you on what's happening regarding water now and what we think might happen in the next year, propose a new accounting policy relating to the funding of asset renewals, and suggest the removal of overdue fines from our library network. Your feedback will play an important part in our decision-making during the Annual Plan process and will influence which path we take.

There's a lot to do in 2020/21. Our capital works programme has been recalibrated to make sure that what we have scheduled can be delivered, including vital renewal works to ensure existing assets are fit for purpose. Alongside this work, we are implementing a vastly improved asset management system that will provide us with the tools we need to do a better job of planning asset management for the future.

Roading remains important, and we aim to spend nearly \$10 million to ensure the sealed roading network is maintained and a further \$4 million on unsealed roads to keep them in good condition.

Kaitia wastewater works feature in our programme along with a range of Tourism Infrastructure Fund projects across the district that we will all benefit from, including roading and public toilets at popular tourism spots.

Several large future-focused projects will continue, including Far North 2100, an 80-year strategy to shape the future of the District, providing a foundation to shape our District Plan so that land use rules will be fit for purpose and 10-year plans that set the work programme to move us towards the ultimate goal.

Overarching our need to plan for a future, we must balance wants with needs and find affordable ways to pay for it. Alongside long-range planning we are also reviewing our entire rating system to look for ways to alleviate affordability issues and to simplify how we rate. We welcome your participation in this Annual Plan process and genuinely look forward to finding out what you think.

In closing, we thank you for your outstanding response to Council's pleas to reduce water consumption. Dramatic savings have been (and continue to be) made. We ask for your continued patience and assistance and promise to keep you well-informed as we gain more understanding of what we need to do to resolve the issue now and in the medium and long term.

Nga mihi

Far North District Council

Far North District Council: (back row): John Vujcich, David Collard, David Clendon, Moko Tepania, Rachel Smith. (Front row) Kelly Stratford, John Carter (mayor), Ann Court (deputy mayor), Felicity Foy. (Absent - Mate Radich)

Te whakahou o te Wai | Water update

You would be hard-pressed to find anyone in our District who is not impacted by the current drought which is the worst in recorded history. Many waterways across Northland are at the lowest flows recorded in 50 years, and rain received in the past few weeks has made little difference. Level four restrictions are in place at most of the Council's reticulated supplies, limiting water use to essential needs.

At the time of adopting this document, the situation is changing daily as we explore options and put temporary measures in place to protect community wellbeing. It is difficult to say right now how this is going to impact the work programme in the 2020/21 year and beyond, except that we know that water supply will be a priority and that some non-essential works may need to be suspended to allow progress towards resolving the situation.

The drought has left us with extremely dry ground conditions which is causing pipes in our 341 km water network to break. Our staff and alliance partner Far North Waters are on high alert and are fixing leaks as fast as possible. We are also monitoring water flows to locate significant leaks and breaks in the network.

At this point, we estimate that responding to the drought has cost us about \$6.3 million so far. These costs are for staffing, materials, plant and water testing, investigating multiple groundwater sources and trucking in emergency water supplies. These costs could climb, especially if we get low rainfall this winter and are in a worse situation next summer. There will therefore be unexpected expenditure reported for this financial year and perhaps in the year this Annual Plan relates to. All unnecessary operational expenditure has been stopped in an effort to alleviate overspend as much as possible.

It is almost impossible to predict the weather, but at this stage we are working on the premise that we are unlikely to get substantial rain over the next four months. Despite the uncertainty, our response is focused and ongoing:

- A Drought Operations Centre has been established to deal with enquiries, issue regular updates and investigating potential temporary and permanent solutions.

- Elected members are briefed regularly and they are active in their communities raising awareness of water restrictions, sharing water saving tips and answering questions.
- The Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management Group is supporting us to ensure emergency supplies of water are available in towns where water shortages are most acute.
- We have activated a multi-channel communications plan which is helping to drive down water usage across the district. We expect water shortages will be our communication focus for the foreseeable future.
- We continue to be in daily contact with the Northland Regional Council to discuss the possibility of taking water beyond our consented limits while protecting the longevity of water sources to ensure ecological health.
- All treatment plants and operating infrastructure assets continue to be fine-tuned and monitored to ensure they continue to run as efficiently as possible.
- We liaise regularly with other agencies in the North, including the Northland District Health Board, Fire and Emergency New Zealand and the Ministry of Education.
- We are being supported by Central Government and hope to secure substantial funding to help fund our response to the shortage.
- Many of our district's businesses have been contacted and we are comfortable that the biggest water users by volume are not wasting water.
- We are reducing water usage at our offices and suspended non-essential water uses in the community including town maintenance.

Save water now

TAPS OFF



FULL LOADS



FLUSH LESS



SHOWER SHORTER



www.fndc.govt.nz/savewater

Kaupapa here hou o te pūnaha kaute | A new accounting policy

We invest most of our rates revenue on an asset base that is both growing and ageing. The value of the District's infrastructure assets is around \$2.1 billion. Many assets have very long lives and will be used by generations of ratepayers before they wear out and need replacing. The challenge is making sure that enough money is available when the asset eventually does need to be replaced, upgraded or maintained to any significant level.

Most councils, including us, fund the eventual capital cost of asset renewal by collecting, through rates, an amount equal to the asset's annual depreciation so that when the asset needs to be replaced there is sufficient money set aside. The alternative is to not rate for the depreciation element and simply borrow for the renewal or replacement cost when the time comes.

Last year, we looked at potential alternatives to see if we could find a way to reduce the depreciation burden on ratepayers. The study concluded that while the District cannot afford to continue to fund everything from rates, it also cannot afford to simply loan fund everything. A balance of the two approaches is considered to be a viable alternative. This would entail not rating for the depreciation element for some non-essential asset groups. When the need to renew or replace arises, the community would be consulted on the reasonably practicable options (e.g. replace using debt funding, don't replace, build something different or get rid of the asset).

To put this change in place, Council would need to adopt a new accounting policy as follows:

Accounting treatment - funding depreciation

- A. All depreciation on assets will be funded from rates except for:
- Roadway/footpath assets – the subsidy element relating to the depreciation for these assets will not be funded by the relevant roadway subsidy rate applicable in the relevant year.
 - Water/wastewater/public toilet assets – the depreciation for these assets will be reduced equal to any subsidy element to ensure that the benefit expected to be received by the current rate payers is applied.
 - Swimming pools – the depreciation for these assets will be reduced equal to any community contribution to

ensure that the community benefits from the contributions made.

- B. Asset groups where depreciation will not be fully funded from depreciation:

- All strategic assets, as per our Significance & Engagement Policy, will have depreciation fully-funded except for the items identified in A).
- Depreciation will be funded at a rate of 50% for community buildings/centres, halls and museums.
- Depreciation will not be funded from rates for Civil Defence (alarms), carparks, maritime assets, motor camps, parks and reserves structures and solid waste assets.
- Any asset groups not covered above will have depreciation fully funded from rates (corporate assets etc.)

Accelerating the condition assessment programme

Making sure we understand the condition of our assets so that we can get pro-active maintenance and renewal programmes in place to protect essential services is an expensive and time-consuming job. It is not easy or cheap to determine the state of underground assets.

The effect of the drought on current assets has confirmed Council's commitment to accelerating its asset condition assessment programme.

The implementation of this policy in the 2020/21 financial year will free up approximately \$2.4 million with which to do this.

Council would like the community's agreement to use this surplus for the next four years when the full saving could be applied to rates. By this time, our asset condition assessments should be complete and asset planning carried out to a much higher standard than it is now, with proactive maintenance and renewals planned at the right time and to a level that delivers on Council's wellbeing aspirations.

The options

1

Don't adopt the new policy

This means that there would be an additional cost to the ratepayer to fund condition assessments and no reduction in the overall rates bill.

2

Yes, please adopt the policy!

This would mean no additional costs to fund condition assessments and no delays in starting and a reduction in your overall rates bill.

This is our preferred option



Tangohia ngā utu tārewa o te whare pukapuka | Removal of library fines



Many Council libraries across New Zealand are preparing to, or already have, ceased issuing overdue fines on borrowed items, recognising that outstanding fines tend to deter those who are unable to pay from continuing to use library services. The sector does not believe that the threat of a fine is effective in getting the borrower to return the item on time anyway and collecting outstanding fines is time consuming and costly to the ratepayer.

Despite the recognition that, on the evidence of positive experiences of other libraries across New Zealand, discontinuing fines would be a desirable policy change for the Far North, Council is aware that some in our district may have concerns:

- Lost revenue. Income from overdue fines do not represent a significant portion of the library's budget. In 2019 fines

charged across all libraries in the District amounted to \$22,078.

- Items will be returned late (or not at all) and won't be available for others. Council libraries that have eliminated overdue fines say that there has been any appreciable increases in late returns, longer hold times or gaps in their collections.
- Concerns that fines are necessary to teach responsible behaviour. The sector agrees that there is no evidence that fines are effective in ensuring on-time returns. Libraries that have dropped fines expect and accommodate the fact that anyone will occasionally miss a return date and that the existence of a fine would not have prevented this.

The options

1

Leave the overdue fines in place

2

Yes please - remove late return fines for children and young adults

Removing the late return fines for children and young adults has proven to increase patronage to those that need to use the libraries the most.

This is our preferred option

The cost of implementing this in all libraries from 1 July 2020 is estimated at approximately \$16,950 (a small increase in rates of less than \$0.46 on average per ratepayer)



Want to know more? Then read the background information available on our website.

Go to fndc.govt.nz/Whats-new/Have-Your-Say

Mē pēhea tou whakahoki e puta | How to have your say

Submissions must be received by 4.30pm on 17 April 2020.

All submitters may speak to their submissions at the public hearings from 28 - 30 April 2020. Council will then write to submitters and provide feedback on any suggested changes.

We love getting your feedback online at fndc.govt.nz but if that is a bit hard, you can fill out the separate submission form and drop it into the Council service centre or library or send to:



Online

fndc.govt.nz/Whats-new/Have-Your-Say



By email

submissions@fndc.govt.nz



By post

Annual Plan Submissions
Far North District Council
Private Bag 752
Kaikohe 0440



In person

hand it in to any Council service centre or library



Āwhina mai, ka hangaia he mahere hou āmuri | Help us plan for our future

Soon we will be taking the opportunity to start talking with our communities across the District about your thoughts and what you will want to see happen in your district in the next 10 years and beyond.

This will help us to build the big picture for what core services are needed and where, what the nice to have's are and when and what we want to achieve for our District going forward together.

Keep informed on where we will be via our social media pages, website, local newspapers and usual communication channels.

Cover image: Paddleboarding, Urupukapuka Island, Bay of Islands. Courtesy of Northland Inc.



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6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****RECOMMENDATION**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter 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 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 for the passing of this resolution
6.1 - Te Pū O Te Wheke Cost Implications and Options	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(f)(i) - free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>

7 MEETING CLOSE