

10. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

10.1. Resource Management Act Fees and Charges Deliberation

Resolved

Bamber/Court

That the report, "Resource Management Act Fees and Charges Deliberation" be received;

And that Council confirms and adopts the proposal for Resource Management Act Fees and Charges as per Attachment B to the report.

And further that if an increase in GST is implemented by Central Government, the subsequent increase in GST be automatically applied to the Resource Management Act Fees and Charges and charges schedule."

Carried

Councillor Byers asked that his vote against, as a protest, be recorded

Under Standing Order 3.3.11, the Mayor asked Councillor Byers to withdraw his comment that the Mayor was a friend of developer Chris Hook and had shared offices with him in Auckland, and that that the relocation of the Environmental Management department to Kerikeri was made to fill the pockets of the Mayor's mates. Councillor Byers refused.

10.2. Hearing Delegations for District Plan Changes

Resolved

Bamber/Maxwell

That the report, "Hearing Delegations for District Plan Changes" be received;

And that pursuant to Clause 32, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council delegates to the General Manager: Environmental Management, the Manager: Resource Management, and the Principal Planner the power to appoint commissioners to the Plan Changes Hearing Panel

And that the commissioners are to be selected from the "Independent Commissioners approved by the Far North District Council" list on the basis of:

- Appropriate knowledge and expertise for the particular application received;
- Having no known conflict of interest or bias regarding the matters under consideration;
- Knowledge of rural issues; and
- Availability and cost.

And that in addition to having the delegated responsibility of undertaking the hearings process for Council initiated plan changes, the Plan Changes Hearing Panel is also delegated the responsibility of making recommendations to Council on these plan changes pursuant to Section 34A of the RMA and as set out in Section 41-42A of the RMA;

And that Councillors will be appointed to the hearing panel for Council initiated plan changes by Council;

And further that Councillors will be selected on the basis of;

- Interest and knowledge of the proposal;

- Having no known conflict of interest or bias regarding the matters under consideration;
- Availability; and
- No more than four Councillors are appointed to the hearing panel."

Carried

11. MANAGERS' PERFORMANCE REPORTS

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3:16pm and reconvened at 3:31pm.

11. MANAGERS PERFORMANCE REPORTS CONT'D

Resolved

McNally/Maxwell

That the Council Financial Report to 31 December 2009 & the Managers' Performance Reports be received."

Carried

12. PUBLIC EXCLUSION

Resolved

Brown/McNally

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Item No.	Item Issue
6.5	Code of Conduct Complaint
11.1	Whangae Landfill
11.2	Adjourned Item of Business – Public Exclusion – Beasley's Access Road, North Hokianga

The general subject of the matter to be considered whilst the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to this matter, and the specific grounds under the Local Government Official Information And Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution, are as follows:

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER	REASON / GROUNDS
Code of Conduct Complaint	To protect the privacy of natural persons, (Section 7(2)(a))
Whangae Landfill	Enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations); (Sections 48(1)(a) and 7(2)(i))
Adjourned Item of Business – Public Exclusion – Beasley's Access Road, North Hokianga	To protect the privacy of natural persons, (Section 7(2)(a))

Carried