

OPEN BRIEFING ON CARBON REDUCTION PLAN

13 JULY 2021 – 3.30PM



ATTENDEES

Elected Members: Mayor Barry, Deputy Mayor Lewis, Cr Briggs, Cr Brown, Cr Dyer, Cr Edwards, Cr Hislop, Cr Mitchell, Cr Rasheed, Cr Shaw, Ms V Horrocks (ECB) and Mr B Spedding (ECB).

Staff: Ms H Oram, Director Environment and Sustainability, Mr J Scherzer, Head of Climate and Solid Waste, Mr M James, Project Manager, Mr K Puketapu-Dentice, Director Economy and Development and Ms J Randall, Democracy Advisor.

APOLOGIES

Elected Members: Cr Sutton, Ms P Hanna (PCB) and Mr A Voutratzis (PCB)

ABSENCE

Elected Members: Cr Milne

KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE BRIEFING

The purpose of the briefing was for elected members to discuss and provide feedback on the Interim Climate Reduction and Climate Resilience Plan (the Plan).

DISCUSSION

- The Plan is a consolidated view of decisions that Councillors committed to as part of the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.
- Actions align with the advice to central government from the Climate Change Commission.
- The timeline of the Plan is more detailed for the first few years.
- Using this Plan, Council can be an example and influence the community.
- Council has received many enquiries about its procurement changes from other Councils. Adding electric trucks as weighted criteria to the rubbish and recycling procurement process has resulted in a very cost-effective service as well as providing the benefits of electric trucks.
- Officers intend investigating the best way to reduce food waste in the landfill.
- Once Lower Hutt's climate change action roadmap is finalised, adjustments might be needed. Some changes might need to wait for future Long Term Plans.

- Council needs more clarity on contractor emissions to be able to better map current emissions.
- Ideas from community co-design meetings have been captured for future planning and will also be displayed on Council's website.

NEXT STEPS

The Plan will be recommended for adoption by the next Climate Change and Sustainability Committee meeting – design work is still needed.

The briefing closed at 4.00pm

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