

MINUTES OF THE GAME ANIMAL COUNCIL MEETING 3 MARCH 2022 Via Zoom

Present: Grant Dodson (Chair), Tim Gale (General Manager), Rachael Dean, Sharon Salmons, Steve McFall, John Cook, Bruce Warburton, Erin Garrick, Eugene Rewi, Kevin Eastwood.

In attendance: Ben Reddiex and Meg Rutledge (DOC only in attendance for the Te Ara ki Mua Framework discussion), Hayden Cox

- 1. Welcome, apologies:** Apologies have been received from Stephen Hall (Deputy Chair), Don Patterson and Jenny Wotten (Executive Officer).

Motion 37/1: Moved Sharon Salmons/Steve McFall that apologies are received. CARRIED

- 2. Chairman's Welcome:** The Chair welcomed Councillors and DOC staff to the meeting. The Council has two main aims for this meeting:

- (a) to consider and approve the revised budget February 2022 v3; and
- (b) to consider and approve the draft Te Ara ki Mua Framework.

- 3. Revised Budget - February 2022 v3:** Grant Dodson led a discussion, following on from the Council Meeting held on 18 February 2022. DOC had agreed to provide additional resourcing to Council to advise and liaise with the Department on several initiatives, but the letter from DOC was received too late to adjust the budget before the 18 February 2022 Meeting.

Council considered the impact of the additional funding and the impact that Covid has had on Council's activities with both the Sika Show postponed and the recent Council Meeting being held by Zoom. Tim Gale explained the adjustments that needed to be made.

Councillors agreed to the **GAC Revised Draft Budget 2021-22 v3 (February 2022)**.

Motion 37/2: Moved Sharon Salmons/Steve McFall: that the GAC Revised Draft Budget 2021-22 v3 (February 2022) is approved. CARRIED

- 4. Draft Te Ara ki Mua Framework:** Following on from the previous Council Meeting, Grant Dodson and Tim Gale provided background and context for the development of the Te Ara ki Mua Framework. Ben Reddiex and Meg Rutledge from Department of Conservation also provided context and answered Councillor's questions about the draft.

After considering the draft, Council agreed to accept and adopt the draft document, pending a few minor amendments. Next steps are for DOC to approve the final document, and then an action plan plus communication approach with stakeholders to be completed.

Motion 37/3: Moved Bruce Warburton/Erin Garrick: That the Te Ara ki Mua Framework is noted, accepted and adopted by Council (with a few minor amendments as agreed). CARRIED

- 5. Hypothetical exercise outlining worst case funding scenario for 2022-23;** Tim Gale outlined a hypothetical worst-case scenario for 2022-23, and what it would mean for the viability and future workplans of the GAC.

Motion 37/4: Grant Dodson/Tim Gale: That the hypothetical exercise paper outlining worst case funding scenario for 2022-23 is noted and accepted. CARRIED

Meeting closed 9pm

As per section 46(6) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987:

This meeting discussed the GAC annual budget and Te Ara Ki Mua Framework and was not notified due to being an unscheduled meeting held at short notice on Zoom.