

11.7. Local Government New Zealand 2019 Annual General Meeting - Remits

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PURPOSE

- [1] The purpose of this report is to provide an opportunity to consider and direct the Council's delegates on priority remits for the Local Government New Zealand work programme.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

- a) **Receives** this report.
- b) **Notes** the proposed remits for member authority consideration at the 7 July 2019 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting are attached to this report.
- c) **Directs** the Council's delegates on what remits the Otago Regional Council supports for voting purposes at the 7 July 2019 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting.

BACKGROUND

- [2] An Annual General Meeting (AGM) of member authorities is held annually as part of the Local Government New Zealand Conference. The 2019 AGM will be held on Sunday 7 July 2019 in Wellington. Member authorities are entitled to representation at the AGM. Zones, sector groups and member authorities were invited to submit proposed remits for consideration at the 2019 AGM – in short, good ideas from the sector for LGNZ to advocate on. This process is governed by a policy that requires all submitted remits to be screened by the 'Remit Screening Committee' and, following approval, move forward to the Annual General Meeting for consideration by the membership.
- [3] The Otago Regional Council has appointed its delegates to attend the 2019 AGM and includes; Cr Woodhead, Cr Hope, and the Chief Executive. The Otago Regional Council can vote at the AGM about the inclusion, or not, of the following remits in the LGNZ work programme.

DISCUSSION

- [4] Attachment 1 of this report provides the 'LGNZ 2019 Annual General Meeting Remits'. The section below provides a summary of the remits.
1. Climate change – local government representation: That LGNZ calls on the Government to include local government representation (as determined by local

government) at all levels of policy development, technical risk and resilience assessment, and data acquisition on climate change response policies – with an emphasis on climate adaptation: policy; legal; planning; and financial compensation regimes.

2. Ban on sale of fireworks to the general public: That LGNZ works with central government to introduce legislation to ban the sale of fireworks to the general public and end their private use.
3. Traffic offences – red light running: That LGNZ request the Government to bring into line camera and officer detected red light running offences with other traffic offences that incur demerit points.
4. Prohibit parking on grass berms: To seek an amendment to clause 6.2 of the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 to prohibit parking on urban berms.
5. Short term guest accommodation: That LGNZ advocates for enabling legislation that would allow councils to require all guest accommodation providers to register with the council and that provides an efficient approach to imposing punitive action on operators who don't comply.
6. Nitrate in drinking water: That LGNZ recommend to the Government the funding of additional research into the effects of nitrates in drinking water on human health, and/or partner with international public health organisations to promote such research, in order to determine whether the current drinking water standard for nitrate is still appropriate for the protection of human health.
7. LGNZ initiates a review of Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (1987) (LGOIMA) request management nationally with a view to establishing clear and descriptive reporting for and by local authorities that will create a sector-wide picture of:
 - Trends in the volume and nature of LGOIMA requests over time.
 - Trends in users.
 - The impacts of technology in terms of accessing information sought and the amount of information now held by local authorities (and able to be requested).
 - The financial and resource impacts on local authorities in managing the LGOIMA function.

That LGNZ use the data obtained to:

- Identify opportunities to streamline or simplify LGOIMA processes.
 - Share best practice between local authorities.
 - Assess the value of a common national local government framework of practice for LGOIMA requests.
 - Identify opportunities to advocate for legislation changes on behalf of the sector (where these are indicated).
8. Weed control: That LGNZ encourages member councils to consider using environmentally friendly weed control methods.
 9. Building defects claims: LGNZ calls on central government to take action as recommended by the Law Commission in its 2014 report on "Liability of Multiple

Defendants” to introduce a cap on the liability of councils in New Zealand in relation to building defects claims whilst joint and several liability applies.

10. Social housing: That LGNZ, in conjunction with central government, urgently focus on the development and implementation of a broader range of funding and financing tools in respect of community/social housing provision, than those which currently exist in the housing needs space. These should include funding to support the operation, upgrade and growth of council housing portfolios and, where a council chooses, access to Income Related Rents for eligible tenants.
11. Procurement: That LGNZ investigate the ability of the sector to collaborate in procuring open-source designs and plans for bulk infrastructure that are largely similar, with an initial approach to look at water and wastewater treatment facilities.
12. Single use polystyrene: That LGNZ advocates to the Government to phase out single use polystyrene.
13. Local Government Act 2002: That LGNZ pursue an amendment to section 181 relating to construction of works on private land. This remit requests fine-tuning change to the definition of “any work” and the timing of that work.
14. Camp ground regulations: That LGNZ request the Government to amend the Camping - Ground Regulations to allow councils to approve remote camp facilities on private property, subject to any such conditions as deemed required by a council, including the condition that any approved campground is x distance away from an existing campground, unless the existing campground operator agrees to waive this condition in writing.
15. Living wage: Wellington City Council asks that LGNZ members consider engaging with the Living Wage Aotearoa New Zealand Movement when developing policies on payment of the Living Wage.
16. Sale and supply of alcohol Act: LGNZ, on behalf of its member councils ask for a review of the effectiveness of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 in reducing alcohol harm (eg price, advertising, purchase age and availability) and fully involve local government in that review.
17. Greenhouse gases: Wellington City Council asks that LGNZ members collectively adopt the position that government should revise the Resource Management Act 1991 to adequately consider the impact of greenhouse gases when making decisions under that law and to ensure that the Resource Management Act 1991 is consistent with the Zero Carbon Bill.
18. Climate change – funding policy framework: That LGNZ recommends to government that they establish an independent expert group to develop a new funding policy framework for adapting to climate change impacts as recommended by the Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Group (CCATWG). This new expert group would be supported by a secretariat and stakeholder advisory group.
19. Road safety: In light of the recent road worker fatalities LGNZ requests NZTA, in partnership with Road Controlling Authorities (RCAs), review its associated ‘Code of Practice’, training systems, auditing, and general communication to the Road Controlling Authorities of their duties.

20. Motor scooter safety: That LGNZ requests that government investigate the introduction of strengthened rules to govern the safe use of mobility scooters, particularly in relation to speed limits and registration.
21. Museums and galleries: That central government funding be made available on an annual basis for museums and galleries operated by territorial authorities with nationally significant collections.
22. Resource Management Act: That the selection of all independent commissioners for Resource Management Act hearings be centralised to improve independence and enhance the quality of decisions.
23. Mayor decision to appoint Deputy Mayor: That LGNZ request the Government to amend S.41A of the LGA2002 to give Mayors the same powers to appoint a deputy mayor as held by the Mayor of Auckland.
24. Beauty industry: That LGNZ calls on the Government to develop and implement national guidelines, policy or regulations to achieve national consistency for the largely unregulated 'health and beauty clinic' industry.

[5] Remits not going to AGM: The following remits have been referred to the National Council of LGNZ for action, rather than to the Annual General Meeting for consideration.

- Earthquake strengthening – tax relief
- Infrastructure delivery benchmark programme - LGNZ investigate and implement
- On-line voting
- E-waste
- Tourism Industry Aotearoa

CONSIDERATIONS

Policy Considerations

[6] No considerations

Financial Considerations

[7] No considerations

Significance and Engagement

[8] No considerations

Legislative Considerations

[9] No considerations other than noting the remits that relate to amendments to legislation.

Risk Considerations

[10] No considerations

NEXT STEPS

- [11] LGNZ work programme will be finalised following the AGM and made available to Councillors. Any aspects of the LGNZ work programme that are of direct interest to the ORC can be considered in committee or workshop when or as deemed necessary.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2019 AGM Remits [**11.7.1 - 83 pages**]