# WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ... IN FOCUS

25 January 2018

Mayor Craig Little

everyone a happy new year. Council has hit the ground running this year with a number of big ticket items on the agenda. Among these are the long-term plan and the PROPOSED Revenue and Finance Policy. I encourage you all to be involved with

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish

the community consultation meetings for the Revenue and Finance Policy; the first one being this Monday at Kahungunu Marae in Nuhaka.

This is an opportunity for you to give us your feedback on our current and proposed rating system. We will listen to the community and clarify issues where necessary. The locations, dates

and times for those meetings are listed below.

I cannot emphasise enough that Council understands just how complex our rating system is. This DRAFT Revenue and Finance Policy is an opportunity to address the issue and involve you in making improvements to the current system. Remember, this is only a PROPOSAL.

The Long-Term Plan is also an opportunity for you to have your say. This Long-Term Plan is about consolidation and sustainability. We are not here to throw funding away frivolously. We have heard your feedback and ideas around what you think we need to be doing better, and we'll be incorporating this into the new 10-year plan. We have managed to halt population decline, so this LTP is now about working to increase those population numbers. Doing nothing is not an option for us.

### MAYORAL COLUMN

The rubbish issue in Māhia has been a hot topic, especially over the Christmas-New Year break. This issue then becomes Council's responsibility but this is actually a community issue to work out.

This week we welcomed our new CEO Steven May with a pōhiri that was officiated by Council staff. I would like to welcome Mr May to our community. This job is not going to be an easy one, but I know Mr May is more than capable of taking on the challenges that come with this role.

Finally, my congratulations to Peter Beck and the team at Rocket Lab after a successful second test launch at the weekend. I know they have worked so hard to get the second test launch completed, and I just want to congratulate the whole team. It was great to see over 330 people at the Bluck's Pit viewing area over the weekend. Thank you to Council staff who were there to provide information.



. Dutgoing CEO John Freeman, Mayor Craig Little & new CEO Steven May

# FOR YOUR DIARY

COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, 30 January: 1.30pm

MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 8 February: 12.30pm

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 13 February: 1.30pm



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## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Council is now seeking feedback and input from the community around its draft Revenue and Financing Policy. Face-to-face community consultation meetings will be held on the following dates and locations from 6PM TO 8PM

NUHAKA: Monday, 29 Jan 2018, at Kahungunu Marae WAIROA: Tuesday, 30 Jan 2018, at the War Memorial Hall

RAUPUNGA: Wednesday, 31 Jan 2018, at Ngāti Pahauwera Hauora TUAI: Thursday, 1 Feb 2018, Tuai Community Hall

Locations have been selected to ensure meetings can be accessed by as many people as possible.

