

# Taupō District Council

## Notes of Council Workshop

<b>Group</b>	Council
<b>Date</b>	Thursday 8 August 2024, 3.00pm – 3.32pm
<b>Venue</b>	Council Chamber
<b>Topic</b>	Waikato Water Done Well (Discussion)
<b>Facilitated by</b>	General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services (T Hale) and Programme Manager (J Walton)
<b>Elected Members present</b>	Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Yvonne Westerman
<b>Officers present</b>	Chief Executive (J Gardyne), General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services (T Hale), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Acting Three Waters Manager (K Sears), Programme Manager (J Walton), Senior Analyst Business Transformation (T Paget), Finance Business Partner (H Rowe via MS Teams), Legal and Governance Coordinator (D Periam)
<b>Public / media present</b>	No public or media present
<b>Documents either pre-circulated or tabled</b>	No documents pre-circulated or tabled
<b>Public or closed<sup>1</sup></b>	Public

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## Notes<sup>2</sup>

The purpose of this workshop was to have a discussion with elected members about the presentation received at the workshop prior from the Waikato Water Done Well Project Team and for officers to receive their feedback.

A decision would need to be made from council by mid-September so a paper would be presented to councillors at the Council meeting scheduled for 27 August 2024. Officers felt it would be beneficial for Taupō District Council (TDC) to stay in the conversation at this stage without making a hard decision but be prepared to make one in the future.

The following points were discussed:

- It would be mid-2025 when Council would need to make a final decision joining Waikato Done Well
- Co-Lab was a shared council service owned by Councils.
- If there was limited capacity within the contracting space, then it could be hard to get work completed by a contractor if TDC was on their own.
- TDC could set up a separate Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) from Co-Lab.

The following feedback from elected members was received:

- It would be wise to continue to stay a part of the conversation while there was no need for a non-binding decision.
- The district had good systems in place done very well and it would be a concern to be in a group with others not in as good of a position.
- Some of the efficiencies that could be gained would be great such as the same pipes and fittings throughout the country.
- There was some scepticism in safety in numbers, an example of this was Waikato Regional Transport as there had been no luck in getting a second bus from Tūrangi to Taupō no matter how much it was advocated for.

Elected members felt it would be beneficial to continue to be a part of the conversations without being committed to anything at this stage.

**The workshop closed at 3.32pm.**

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<sup>2</sup> Workshops are not decision-making forums, therefore this document contains notes of key points discussed only, not decisions.