

NOTICE OF INTENDED MOTION

Dated: 18 August 2026

For

The Audit & Risk Committee Meeting of 26 August 2026.

Pursuant to

Standing Order 27.

Background

In both the 2021-2031 and 2024-2034 Long Term Plans a significant item appears to have made it into each of the final Long Term Plans without proper public consultation and / or decision by Elected Members.

As Elected Members have already commenced work in preparation for the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan assurance is sought that whatever gaps may exist in Council processes that allowed the previous items through are addressed.

Case Study 1 - Westbrook Sports Precinct

On 18 May 2021 the Strategy Policy & Finance ("SP&F") Committee considered a number of items as part of the Long Term Plan 2021-2031 deliberations, including the Springfield Golf Course.

The staff recommendation which was as follows did not pass:

That the committee supports the ongoing work to address the challenges in the District's provision for quality open space, sports fields development and housing.

That the committee notes that if Council proceeds with the concept of a future sports it is most likely to be a key community discussion on the options within the next Long-term Plan review (2024-2027).

That the committee acknowledge the requests within the 'Save Springfield Golf Course' petition to:

1. Declare the Springfield Golf Course a taonga
2. Continue leasing the land to the Springfield Golf Club.

That the committee directs officers to consult directly with the organisers around any proposal relating to the Springfield Golf Course.

That the committee note that the current lease for the Springfield Golf Course does not expire until 2027.

That the committee acknowledge the submissions to the LTP with respect to the Westbrook Sport Precinct and directs officers to include these comments as feedback to any proposal relating to the Springfield Golf Course.

That the committee note any commitment made by Council to develop a future sports precinct will be subject to the development of a full business case and community wide consultation.

That the committee defer any decision with respect to the lease at the Springfield Golf Course until a decision has been made following receipt of a full business case and community wide consultation.

Instead the following motion was passed:

That the discussion on the future of the Springfield Golf Course be deferred until such time as a full assessment is conducted by Council on a future sports facility that is fit for purpose to meet the future needs of the Rotorua community to go out for full consultation at the appropriate time.

The SP&F Committee was recommendatory only. It's recommendations were to be considered by the Council at a subsequent date.

On 28 June 2021 the Council considered recommendations from the SP & F Committee including the above recommendation. The Motion was LOST.

Nevertheless, when the Long Term Plan was published the following was set aside on Page 38:

Year 1	405k
Year 2	846k
Year 3	1.2m
Year 4-10	69m

Case Study 2 - Waikawau Bay Committee funding

On 21 November 2023 a Long Term Plan Workshop was held during which at 02:16:41 staff noted that it was highlighted that “the majority of the proposed \$11 million investment into Reserve Enhancements was for Hannah’s Bay (Waikawau) Reserve”.

This issue was never raised again in subsequent Workshops, was never considered by Elected Members and never formed part of the public consultation document. No decision was made by Elected Members to put this into the Long Term Plan.

Nevertheless, \$10 million was set aside in the Long Term Plan for the reserve.

In May 2025, Elected Members decided that this budget should be “paused” by Notice of Motion brought by Deputy Mayor Sandra Kai Fong.

Recommendation

I give notice that I intend to move that:

1. the Audit & Risk Committee recommends to the Council that Council direct the Chief Executive to prepare a report on how:

(a) the \$60 million+ for the Westbrook Sports Precinct came to be set aside in the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan, including detailing any relevant decisions by Elected Members;

(b) the \$10 million for Waikawau Bay Reserve came to be set aside in the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan including detailing any relevant public discussion, public consultation or decisions by Elected Members;

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Cr Robert Lee

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