

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES SPECIAL COMMITTEE
HELD AT WAITAKERE CENTRAL, 6 HENDERSON VALLEY ROAD,
HENDERSON, WAITAKERE ON TUESDAY, 3 APRIL 2007,
COMMENCING AT 1.00 PM**

PRESENT: Councillors DQ Battersby, JP (Chairman)
RP Dallow, QPM, JP

IN ATTENDANCE: Director: Corporate & Civic Services: R McLeod
Manager: Emergency Management: B Morley
Group Manager: Democracy & Support Services: D Griffin
Emergency Management Officer: B Guttery
Principal Rural Fire Officer: P Barber
Democracy Support and Sister City Officer: S Simiona

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: D Williams, Acting Deputy Chief Fire Officer, NZFS - Waitakere

1 APOLOGIES

551/2007

MOVED by Cr Dallow, seconded Cr Battersby:

That apologies from Crs Flaunty and Harding for absence be received and sustained.

CARRIED

2 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no Urgent Business.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

552/2007

MOVED by Cr Dallow, seconded Cr Battersby:

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Emergency Services Special Committee held on Tuesday, 5 December 2006, as circulated, be taken as read and now be confirmed.

CARRIED

4 OVERVIEW OF CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND RURAL FIRE ACTIVITY

553/2007

MOVED by Cr Dallow, seconded Cr Battersby:

1. That the Overview of Civil Defence Emergency Management and Rural Fire Activity report be received.
2. That the Emergency Services Special Committee acknowledges the fine work being carried out by the City's Rural Fire Forces and that the Manager: Emergency Management Services, formally convey to the City's Rural Fire Forces the Emergency Services Special Committee's appreciation accordingly.

CARRIED

5 WAITAKERE CITY VOLUNTEER INITIAL RESPONSE UNIT

554/2007

MOVED by Cr Battersby, seconded Cr Dallow:

1. That the Waitakere City Volunteer Initial Response Unit report be received.
2. That the Emergency Services Special Committee endorses the Draft Standard Operating Procedure to be adopted by the Initial Response Unit.
3. That the Emergency Services Special Committee acknowledges the commitment given by Initial Response Unit team members to Civil Defence Emergency Management in Waitakere and that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the team management accordingly.

CARRIED

RECOMMITTAL

The Chairman, with the consent of the meeting, recommitted Item 2: Urgent Business at this time.

2 URGENT BUSINESS

555/2007

MOVED by Cr Dallow, seconded Cr Battersby:

That a verbal update by the Deputy Chief Officer, Waitakere regarding the New Zealand Fire Service restructuring be considered as Urgent Business, as the information is of importance to community safety in Waitakere and needs to be considered before the next meeting of the Emergency Services Special Committee.

CARRIED

2A NEW ZEALAND FIRE SERVICE RESTRUCTURING

556/2007

MOVED by Cr Dallow, seconded Cr Battersby:

1. That the information be received.
2. That the Chairman write a letter to the Regional Commander of the New Zealand Fire Service enquiring about the proposed restructuring of the Fire Service in Auckland and its impact on Waitakere, and asking for a briefing and consultation on this issue.

CARRIED

1.38 pm

The Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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CHAIRMAN:.....