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## **Seniors Advisory Panel**

### **OPEN MINUTES**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Seniors Advisory Panel held in the Level 26, Rooms 1&2, 135 Albert St, Auckland on Monday, 9 February 2015 at 1.08pm.

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#### **PRESENT**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Margaret Devlin
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Russell Rigby
<b>Members</b>	Dr Judy Blakey
	Dr Cathy Casey
	Janet Clews, CNZM,QSO, JP
	Roger Fowler, QSM
	Joan Lardner-Rivlin, QSM
	Sonny Niha
	Richard Northey, ONZM

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## 1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

Secretarial note: Member Sonny Niha spoke of his need to balance panel commitments with other obligations and was considering options. Following the meeting, member Sonny Niha advised the Lead Officer Support he sought a Leave of Absence until April 2015.

## 2 Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

There were no declarations of interest.

## 3 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number SEN/2015/47

MOVED by Member M Devlin:

**That the Seniors Advisory Panel:**

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Monday 8 December 2014, as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

## 4 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

## 5 Rates Rebate Promotion

Staff provided a powerpoint presentation.

A copy of the document is attached to the official copy of these minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a Minutes Attachment.

Resolution number SEN/2015/48

MOVED by Member M Devlin:

**That the Seniors Advisory Panel:**

- a) **provided feedback to staff on ways to engage with seniors to encourage the uptake of rates rebates as follows:**
  - i) **that council continue to work with Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), Inland Revenue Department (IRD) and with other councils in advocating for the development of systems that would enable rates rebates to be applied automatically.**
  - ii) **that council actively promote its rates rebate and postponement schemes to assist property owners who cannot afford to pay all their rates at that time.**
  - iii) **that the Chair of the panel prepare a media release to help promote the rates rebate.**

**CARRIED**

### **Attachments**

- A 9 February 2015 Seniors Advisory Panel - Item 5 Rates presentation

**6 Long term plan consultation update**

Staff provided a powerpoint presentation.

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Resolution number SEN/2015/49

MOVED by Member RJ Northey, seconded by Member R Fowler:

**That the Seniors Advisory Panel:**

- a) receive the Long-term Plan consultation update and provide advice on strategies to achieve high levels of participation by older people across all aspects of the consultation.
- b) note the audience-specific Youth / Seniors Intergenerational Forum 'Have Your Say' event on the afternoon of Saturday, 21 February 2015 between 2pm to 4pm at the Auckland Town Hall and the opportunity for panel members to participate.
- c) agree that an opportunity be taken for the Chair to promote the youth/senior 'Have Your Say' event on 21 February 2015 in the media.

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

A 9 February 2015 Seniors Advisory Panel - Item 6 LTP presentation

**7 Seniors Advisory Panel Work Programme Update**

Resolution number SEN/2015/50

MOVED by Member J Clews, seconded by Member J Blakey:

**That the Seniors Advisory Panel:**

- a) receive the Work Programme for February 2015 and the verbal update from the Lead Officer Support.
- b) requests the Lead Officer Support to draw the attention of Communication and Engagement to the non-appearance of images of older people in the 10 year budget household summary.
- c) that future work programme reports include detail on how the panel's input has been used.

**CARRIED**

**8 Consideration of Extraordinary Items**

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

2.51 pm

The Chairperson thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD  
AT A MEETING OF THE SENIORS ADVISORY  
PANEL HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....