

Ōtorohanga District Council

EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING

(CALLED UNDER SECTION 22A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT)

WEDNESDAY_25 MARCH 2020

RESOLVED that the Delegations to the Chief Executive for Interim Powers in the COVID-19 Pandemic are adopted.

COUNCILLOR CHRISTISON / COUNCILLOR JEFFRIES

DELEGATIONS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR INTERIM POWERS IN THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Council is concerned about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in New Zealand and therefore wishes to provide additional powers to the Chief Executive to ensure there is a mechanism for ensuring lawful decision-making if needed.

Accordingly, the Council delegates to the Chief Executive (and any Acting Chief Executive) all of the Council's powers, duties, and responsibilities that the Council can lawfully delegate to officers. These powers, duties, and responsibilities include the ability to enter into any contract or to authorise any level of expenditure. They do not include the powers, duties, and responsibilities under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 (which shall be dealt with in accordance with that Act).

This delegation is subject to the following conditions:

- *the delegated powers, duties, and responsibilities may be exercised only in circumstances where the Council, its committees, or its community boards are unable or unavailable to hold meetings that comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987;*
- *the Chief Executive and any Acting Chief Executive must exercise the delegated powers, duties, and responsibilities in consultation with the Mayor (or, if the Mayor is unavailable, the Deputy Mayor or, if the Deputy Mayor is unavailable, the Chairperson of the relevant committee or community board or, if the Chairperson of the relevant committee or community board is unavailable, any Deputy Chairperson of the committee or community board);*
- *the Acting Chief Executive may exercise the delegated powers, duties, and responsibilities only in the event that the Chief Executive is unavailable; and*
- *any decisions made and documents executed in exercising the delegated powers, duties, and responsibilities must be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.*

This delegation may be revoked at any time by the Council. In the event there is any inconsistency between this delegation and any other delegations made by the Council, this delegation takes precedence.