

# **REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.37AM ON WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2015 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor D Morgan (Chair), Mayor W Gray, Councillors T Blunt, J Diver, G Harmon, J Howden, C Mackle, D Millton.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** R Vaughan (Acting Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

## **1. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

### **District & Environmental Planning**

The Resource Management Legislation Amendment Bill would make changes to the Resource Management Act and a number of other Acts. The four most significant changes were highlighted which included the requirement for Councils to follow national planning templates that would improve consistency and reduce the complexity of plans.

### **Earthcheck**

Council had passed its Earthcheck Certification audit.

### **Waste Audit**

A waste audit had begun. This was a required in order for Council to receive the Waste Levy which was currently approximately \$12,000 per year.

### **Preparing New Zealand for rising seas: Certainty and Uncertainty**

The key findings in the report were;

- The impact of sea level rise was new and not fully understood,
- The certainty was that sea level would continue to rise over time. Since 1880 mean sea level had risen approximately 20cm.

The report contained 8 recommendations for central government and noted more guidance was required from central government and local government needed to talk to its communities about how it was going to manage sea level rise.

***Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the Environmental Services Reports be received.***

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.56am.***