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Council asks for commissioners

Councillors at Kaipara District Council have today passed a resolution inviting the Minister of Local Government to appoint commissioners to govern the Kaipara district.

The resolution was passed unanimously following a briefing from the Kaipara Review Team on a report to go to the Minister on 17 August. The team was appointed in June 2012 to consider the financial and governance challenges facing the Council, and options for addressing them.

Mayor Neil Tiller said “we have been fully briefed by the Review Team today – it is very clear that we have significant issues to resolve. We have been aware of a number of these for some time. I believe that independent Commissioners will be better placed to resolve these issues and will be in a position to do it more quickly, and that is important.”

“We live in an awesome district and it is important that we face up to the issues before us so that we can move forward as a community. Today’s resolution best enables that to happen.”

Mayor Tiller said the commissioners would be well supported by the Kaipara District Council Chief Executive Steve Ruru and his staff.

The Council understands the Minister of Local Government will seek Cabinet’s agreement to appoint Commissioners within the next two to three weeks. Until the appointments are made, the current Councillors will remain in office and discharge their duties, including adopting the Long Term Plan as soon as that can be finalised.

It is anticipated that Commissioners will be in place by mid-September.

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