

Notice of Meeting:

I hereby give notice that an ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 15 July 2020
Time: 9.30am
Meeting Room: Council Chamber and via Audio Visual Link
Venue: Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton

Richard Briggs
Chief Executive

Council
Kaunihera
OPEN AGENDA
Annual Plan Hearings

Membership

Chairperson Mayor P Southgate
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Deputy Mayor G Taylor
Heamana Tuarua

Members	Cr M Bunting	Cr A O’Leary
	Cr M Forsyth	Cr R Pascoe
	Cr M Gallagher	Cr S Thomson
	Cr R Hamilton	Cr M van Oosten
	Cr D Macpherson	Cr E Wilson
	Cr K Naidoo-Rauf	

Quorum: A majority of members (including vacancies)

Meeting Frequency: Monthly – or as required

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Purpose

The Council is responsible for:

1. Providing leadership to, and advocacy on behalf of, the people of Hamilton.
2. Ensuring that all functions and powers required of a local authority under legislation, and all decisions required by legislation to be made by local authority resolution, are carried out effectively and efficiently, either by the Council or through delegation.

Terms of Reference

1. To exercise those powers and responsibilities which cannot legally be delegated by Council:
 - a) The power to make a rate.
 - b) The power to make a bylaw.
 - c) The power to borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the Long Term Plan.
 - d) The power to adopt a Long Term Plan or Annual Plan, or Annual Report.
 - e) The power to appoint a Chief Executive.
 - f) The power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the Local Government Act 2002 in association with the Long Term Plan, or developed for the purpose of the Council's governance statement, including the 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy.
 - g) The power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy.
 - h) The power to approve or change the District Plan, or any part of that Plan, in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991.
 - i) The power to approve or amend the Council's Standing Orders.
 - j) The power to approve or amend the Code of Conduct for Elected Members.
 - k) The power to appoint and discharge members of committees.
 - l) The power to establish a joint committee with another local authority or other public body.
 - m) The power to make the final decision on a recommendation from the Parliamentary Ombudsman, where it is proposed that Council not accept the recommendation.
 - n) The power to amend or replace the delegations in Council's *Delegations to Positions Policy*.
2. To exercise the following powers and responsibilities of Council, which the Council chooses to retain:
 - a) Resolutions required to be made by a local authority under the Local Electoral Act 2001, including the appointment of an electoral officer and reviewing representation arrangements.
 - b) Approval of any changes to Council's vision, and oversight of that vision by providing direction on strategic priorities and receiving regular reports on its overall achievement.
 - c) Approval of any changes to city boundaries under the Resource Management Act.
 - d) Adoption of governance level strategies plans and policies which advance Council's vision and strategic goals.

- e) Approval of the Triennial Agreement.
- f) Approval of the local governance statement required under the Local Government Act 2002.
- g) Approval of a proposal to the Remuneration Authority for the remuneration of Elected Members.
- h) Approval of any changes to the nature and delegations of the Committees.
- i) Approval of all Council and Committee Advisory Groups and their terms of reference.
- j) Appointments to, and removals from, CCO CCTO and CO boards;
- k) Approval of proposed major transactions or constitutional adjustments of CCOs, CCTOs and COs.
- l) Approval or otherwise of any proposal to establish, wind-up or dispose of any holding in, a CCO, CCTO or CO.
- m) Approval of city boundary changes, including in respect of Strategic Boundary Land Use Agreements.
- n) Approval Activity Management Plans.

Oversight of Policies and Bylaws:

- *Corporate Hospitality and Entertainment Policy*
- *Delegations to Positions Policy*
- *Elected Members Support Policy*
- *Significance and Engagement Policy*

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1 Apologies – *Tono aroha*

2 Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

The Council to confirm the agenda.

3 Declaration of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipanga*

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

4 Public Forum – *AAtea korero* (Not required due to the purpose of this meeting being for public submissions)

Council Report

Committee: Council

Date: 15 July 2020

Author: Amy Viggers

Authoriser: Becca Brooke

Position: Governance Team Leader

Position: Governance Manager

Report Name: Confirmation of the Council Annual Plan Open Minutes - 12 March 2020

Report Status	<i>Open</i>
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Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

That the Council confirm the Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 March 2020 as a true and correct record.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Council - Annual Plan Open Unconfirmed Minutes - 12 March 2020.

Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 12 March 2020 at 9.33am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Mayor P Southgate
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor G Taylor
Members	Cr M Bunting
	Cr M Forsyth
	Cr M Gallagher
	Cr R Hamilton
	Cr D Macpherson
	Cr K Naidoo-Rauf
	Cr A O'Leary
	Cr R Pascoe
	Cr S Thomson
	Cr M van Oosten
	Cr E Wilson

In Attendance:	Richard Briggs – Chief Executive
	Lance Vervoort - General Manager Community
	David Bryant – General Manager Corporate
	Sean Hickey – General Manager Strategy and Communications
	Jen Baird – General Manager City Growth
	Eeva-Liisa Wright - General Manager Infrastructure Operations
	Blair Bowcott – Executive Director Special Projects
	Tracey Musty – Financial Controller
	Natalie Palmer – Unit Manager Communications and Marketing
	Maria Barrie - Parks and Recreations Manager
	Andy Mannering – Manager Social Development
	Julie Clausen – Unit Manager Strategy and Corporate Planning
	Andrew Parsons – Strategic Development Manager
	Greg Carstens – Growth, Funding and Analytics Unit Manager
	Tracey Musty – Financial Controller
	Nicole Nooyen – Communications Team Leader
	James Clarke – Director Mayor's Office
	Rebecca Whitehead – Business and Planning Manager
	Lee-Ann Jordan - Visitor Destination Manager
	Stafford Hodgson – Programme Manager, Economics and Policy
	Christie Harger – Corporate Business Manager
	Helen Paki – Community Services Manager
	Stephen Pennruscoe – Libraries Director
	Muna Wharawhara – Amorangi Maaori

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Governance Staff: Becca Brooke – Governance Manager
Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader
Carmen Fortin and Rebecca Watson – Governance Advisors

The meeting was opened with a Karakia from the Manager Social Development.

1. **Apologies**
Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Macpherson)
That the apologies for lateness from Cr Gallagher are accepted.
2. **Confirmation of Agenda**
Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Wilson)
That the agenda is confirmed.
3. **Declarations of Interest**
No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.
4. **Public Forum**

Roger Stratford spoke to Item 7 (2020/21 Annual Plan – Proposed Budget Changes) in particular the Mayor's proposals.

Annie Williams (representing Annie's Corner) spoke to Item 7 (2020/21 Annual Plan – Proposed Budget Changes) in particular the Enderley Park community-led development proposal. She suggested that there should be a focus on engagement to gain a better understanding of community aspirations rather than funding for the repair of the building.

Rex Bushell (Kirikiriroa Restoration Forum) and **Lynne Garnham** (Tui 2000) spoke to Item 7 – 2020/21 Annual Plan – Proposed Budget Changes) and the natural area fund annual plan proposal.

Bruce Clarkson spoke to Item 7 (2020/21 Annual Plan – Proposed Budget Changes) and noted his support for extending funding for existing partnerships with Maaori and the development of a Maaori strategy. He also expressed his support of the Hamilton Zoo-Waiwhakareke entry proposal.

Jo Wrigley (Go Eco) spoke to Item 7 (2020/21 Annual Plan – Proposed Budget Changes) in support of the all annual plan proposals outlined in the staff report and noted her particular support of the natural area fund proposal.

Era Peihopa (Te Papanui Enderly Community Trust) spoke to Item 7 (2020/21 Annual Plan – Proposed Budget Changes) and the Enderley Park community-led development proposal. She responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the current structure of the Trust and potential use of Council funds.

5. **Confirmation of the Annual Plan Elected Member Briefing Notes - 19 February 2020 - Open**

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Bunting)

That the Council confirm the Open Notes of the Annual Plan Elected Member Briefing held on 19 February 2020 as a true and correct record.

6. Draft submission on the Infrastructure Funding & Financing (IFF) Bill

The Growth, Funding and Analytics Unit Manager outlined the report. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning potential risks and implications of an IFF levy.

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Macpherson)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the draft submission to the Select Committee on the Infrastructure Funding & Financing (IFF) Bill;
- c) notes that the official Infrastructure Funding & Financing (IFF) Bill submission deadline is Thursday 5 March 2020 but that the Council has been granted an extension until Friday 13 March 2020; and
- d) notes that a placeholder submission was approved by the Chief Executive and uploaded to Parliament's website on Wednesday 19 February 2020.

The meeting adjourned 10.37am to 10.53am.

7. 2020/21 Annual Plan - Proposed Budget Changes

The Mayor introduced the report and outlined the Annual Plan process and the purpose of the meeting.

The General Manager Strategy and Communications provided an explanation of the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan process. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the process for the meeting. It was explained that the Annual Plan proposals that were approved at this meeting would be referred to the next part of the process i.e decisions of the meeting would inform the next step of the process. It was also clarified that any non-urgent and significant budget decisions would be referred for consideration under the Long Term Plan.

Staff Action: Staff undertook to provide a list of the Unfunded Projects from the minutes of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan, 2019/20 Annual Plan and 2020/21 Annual Plan decisions.

Staff Action: Staff undertook to provide Elected Members with the additional data concerning the Communication and Engagement Unit including budget and FTE prior to the Annual Plan Council meeting of 28 April 2020.

For further information concerning content and discussion of the below matters, please refer to the following recording of the meeting: www.youtube.com/user/HamiltonCityCouncil/videos?view=0 To provide clarity, staff have included '2020/21 only' or 'ongoing' to indicate the financial strategy implications for each decision made in the below resolutions.

Following the conclusion of the open session of the meeting it was determined that the Council meeting would be moved to from 29 April 2020 to 28 April 2020.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Hamilton)

That the Council approves **resourcing to support the Economic Development Committee work programme** - \$270,000 increase in operating expenditure (2020/21 only) for consideration at the 28 April 2020 Council meeting.

Cr Pascoe Dissenting.

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Resolved: (Cr Forsyth/Cr Thomson)

That the Council approves **resourcing to support the development of the environment and climate change work programme** - \$280,000 increase in operating expenditure (*ongoing*) for consideration at the 28 April 2020 Council meeting.

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Thomson)

That the Council approves **extending funding for existing partnerships with Maaori and the development of a Maaori strategy** - \$75,000 increase in operating expenditure (*\$40,000 ongoing and an additional \$35,000 2020/21 only*) for consideration at the 28 April 2020 Council meeting.

Resolved: (Cr van Oosten/Cr Gallagher)

That the Council approves **extending resourcing for city and civic events** - \$115,000 increase in operating expenditure (*ongoing*) for consideration at the 28 April 2020 Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned 12.37pm to 1.40pm.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council requests staff provide further information and options around **extending resourcing for community engagement** to the 28 April 2020 Council meeting.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Naidoo-Rauf)

That the Council approves **Enderley Park community-led development** - \$60,000 operating expenditure (*2020/21 only*) for consideration at the 28 April 2020 Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Taylor Dissenting.

Cr Bunting left the meeting (2.59pm) at the conclusion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

Resolved: (Cr Forsyth/Cr Thomson)

That the Council approves **natural area fund to assist community groups** - \$100,000 operating expenditure (*2020/21 only*) for consideration at the 28 April 2020 Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned 3.16pm to 3.38pm.

Resolved: (Cr van Oosten/Cr Hamilton)

That the Council approves **support funding for the Community Land Trust** - \$50,000 increase in operating expenditure (*2020/21 only*) for consideration at the 28 April 2020 Council meeting.

Cr Pascoe and Cr Forsyth Dissenting.

Cr Bunting re-joined the meeting (3.39pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Bunting)

That the Council approves **Hamilton Zoo-Waiwhakareke entry** - \$94,000 reduction operating expenditure, \$724,000 reduction in capital revenue and \$0 capital expenditure, noting an additional \$1.644m capital required in 2021/22 for consideration at the 28 April 2020 Council meeting.

Cr Bunting and Cr Pascoe retired from the meeting (4.30pm) at the conclusion of the above item. They were present when the matter was voted on.

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor Taylor/Mayor Southgate)
That the Council

- a) approves budget adjustments, reflecting previous Council decisions, adjustments, as outlined in Table 4 of the staff report, to reflect previous council decisions - \$1,913,000 increase in operating expenditure (\$1.045m 2020/21 only and \$865,000 ongoing) at the 28 April 2020 Council meeting; and
- b) approves CEO-proposed budget adjustments, adjustments, as outlined in Table 5 of the staff report, to reflect Chief Executive recommendations - \$150,000 increase in operating revenue, \$716,000 increase in operating expenditure, \$700,000 decrease in capital revenue and \$1,700,000 decrease in capital expenditure at the 28 April 2020 Council meeting.

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor Taylor/Cr Macpherson)
That the Council:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) notes that adjustments made through the Finance Committee process will be incorporated into the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget presented for the Council's consideration on 21 May 2020;
- c) notes that formal community consultation is not required as the adjustments to the proposed draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget are not significant or materially different from the proposed Year 3 2018-28 Long Term Plan budget; and
- d) notes the Chief Executive will present additional 2020/21 Annual Plan budget proposals to the 28 April 2020 Council meeting.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf retired from the meeting (4.46pm) at the conclusion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

8. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor Taylor/Cr Macpherson)

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1. Confirmation of Elected Member Briefing Notes - 19 February 2020 - Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">) Good reason to withhold) information exists under) Section 7 Local Government) Official Information and) Meetings Act 1987 	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6

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or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item C1. to prevent the disclosure or use of official Section 7 (2) (j)
information for improper gain or improper
advantage

The meeting went into a Public Excluded session at 4.46pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 4.50pm.

Council Report

Item 6

Committee: Council

Date: 15 July 2020

Author: Rebecca Watson

Authoriser: Amy Viggers

Position: Governance Advisor

Position: Governance Team Leader

Report Name: Confirmation of the Council Annual Plan Open Minutes - 10 June 2020

Report Status	<i>Open</i>
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Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

That the Council confirm the Open Minutes of the Council Annual Plan Meeting held on 10 June 2020 as a true and correct record.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Council - Annual Plan Open Unconfirmed Minutes - 10 June 2020.

Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Audio Visual Meeting on Wednesday 10 June 2020 at 10.01am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Mayor P Southgate
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor G Taylor
Members	Cr M Bunting
	Cr M Forsyth
	Cr M Gallagher
	Cr R Hamilton
	Cr D Macpherson
	Cr K Naidoo-Rauf
	Cr A O'Leary
	Cr R Pascoe
	Cr S Thomson
	Cr M van Oosten
	Cr E Wilson

In Attendance:	Richard Briggs – Chief Executive
	Lance Vervoort – General Manager Community
	Sean Hickey – General Manager Strategy and Communications
	David Bryant - General Manger Corporate
	Eeva-Liisa Wright – General Manager Infrastructure Operations
	Jen Baird – General Manager City Growth
	Chris Allen – General Manager Development
	Sean Murray – General Manager Venues, Tourism and Major Events
	Blair Bowcott – Executive Director Special Projects
	Tracey Musty – Financial Controller
	Julie Clausen – Unit Manager Strategy and Corporate Planning
	Mothla Majeed - Legal Services Manager
	James Clarke - Director of the Mayor's Officer
	Aileen Carlisle – Transformation Manager
	Jana Hart – Accounting Manager
	Iain Anderson – Capitol Financial Lead
	Natalie Palmer – Unit Manager Communications and Marketing
	Murray Heke – Chief Information Officer
	Aileen Carlisle – Transformation Manager
	Sarah Seel – PMO Manager
	Helen Paki – Community Services Manager
	Nathan Dalgety – Programme Manager - Analytics
	Greg Carstens – Growth, Funding and Analytics Unit Manager

Jason Harrison – Unit Manager, City
Andy Mannering - Manager Social Development

Governance Staff: Becca Brooke – Governance Manager
Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader
Carmen Fortin, Ian Loiterton, Rebecca Watson – Governance Advisors

Item 6

Kaumātua Tame Pokaia opened the meeting with a Karakia.

Attachment 1

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)
That the apologies for partial attendance from Cr Thomson are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)
That the agenda is confirmed noting that the late attachments under separate cover are accepted. These attachments were circulated to Members prior to the meeting as late attachments to ensure the most up to date information was available to members. Attachment 1 - replacement of Business Case 9 (Extend resourcing for community engagement) - page 109 in the agenda
Attachment 2 - replacement of Business Case 13 (Council Minimum Wage/Living Wage) page 121 of the agenda. Both of these are proposals were not recommended by staff for inclusion as per table 9 page 19 of the agenda.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

3. Public Forum

Camilla Carty-Melis and Kelli Pike (representing Living Wage Waikato) spoke in support of the Council Minimum/Living Wage proposal.

Scott McLeod, Joel Chernishov, Daniel Thirtle, & Heidi Liao from Fairfield Intermediate spoke in support of continuing the Eastern Pathways and School Link - Table 3: Proposed Deferrals to Capital programmes.

Tony Stevens (representing Young Workers Resource Centre) spoke to the Council Minimum Wage/Living Wage proposal, outlining his support of the Living Wage.

Carol Webb (representing NZEI) spoke to the Council Minimum Wage/Living Wage proposal. She outlined the reasons why NZEI were supportive of the Living Wage proposal.

George Lusty and Allan Pearson (representing Kirikiriroa Restoration Forum) provided a written and verbal submission in favour of the natural areas fund to assist community group work proposal. The submission was circulated to Elected Members prior to the session and is attached the minutes of this meeting as an **appendix**.

Jay Johanssen (representing Paws for Life Waikato) spoke to the cat de-sexing subsidy that was on the list of potential deferral projects (not recommended to be deferred by staff). She outlined the importance of continuing this subsidy and asked for support going forward.

Felix Hoornaert (representing Go Eco) spoke against the proposed deferral of environmental programmes.

Stephanie Chernishov (representing Bike Waikato) spoke to Eastern Pathways and School Link - Table 3: Proposed Deferrals to Capital programmes and Table 7: Potential Capital Deferrals not included in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan. She outlined the importance of cycleways in Hamilton and asked Elected Members to provide funding for cycle related infrastructure and projects.

Roderick Aldridge (individual) provided a written submission in relation to item 5 (2020/21 Draft Annual Plan Report and Draft Consultation) specifically with reference to his support of the gully restoration proposal. The submission was circulated to Elected Members prior to the session and is attached the minutes of this meeting as an **appendix**.

Written submissions were received from the following members of public: Carolyn Casey, Camilla Carty-Melis, Danielle Marks, Melissa Gibson (Len Reynolds Trust), Waikato Community Funders Group, Thomas Hakaria, and M W Verran (Baverstock residents). These submissions were circulated to Elected Members prior to the session and is attached the minutes of this meeting as an **appendix**.

5. 2020/21 Draft Annual Plan Report and Draft Consultation

The Unit Manager Strategy and Corporate Planning introduced the report, outlined the process for the meeting, Councils response to Covid-19 and how it has affected the development of the plan. She also outlined the updated information circulated to Members after the agenda was circulated.

The Financial Controller then provided an update on Council's financial position. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the attachments circulated under separate cover and Council's current financial position related to potential rating options, operational savings and staffing levels.

In response to a request from Elected Members, staff provided additional financial modelling to help inform discussions – refer **Appendix 7**.

Staff also clarified the processes for Elected Members to raise any proposals they had for inclusion in the Annual Plan.

For further information concerning content and discussion of the below matters, please refer to the following recording of the meeting: www.youtube.com/user/HamiltonCityCouncil/videos?view=0

The meeting adjourned 11.57am to 12.10pm.

Community Response projects in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget

Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning processes for assessing funding allocations; reporting to the Community Committee on funding decisions; representation on the allocation committee; and whether Elected Members could attend future funding allocation meetings. The General Manager City Growth responded to questions from Elected Members concerning Council's Covid-19 response funding allocation, and commercial rates relief provisions and criteria.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Bunting)

That the Council approves the inclusion of the funding of the following Community Response projects in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget:

- (i) Community welfare package of remaining funds expected to be \$400k approximately;
 - a) The COVID-19 Community Response Fund criteria be expanded and broadened to allow groups from all community sectors to apply for funds due to hardship caused by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - b) That the revised criteria and application process be brought to the 23 June 2020 Community Committee for consideration and approval;
 - c) That the current allocation Committee for the COVID-19 Community Response Fund being Cnrs Bunting, Naidoo-Rauf, Maangai Thompson-Evans Community and Social Development Manager, Andy Mannering and any continues until the revised criteria and application process in (b) above is approved at the 23 June 2020 Community Committee meeting;
- (ii) Rent relief to community groups provision of \$72,000;
- (iii) Rates relief to community groups provision of \$32,000;
- (iv) Business response centre funding of \$100,000;
- (v) Business support fund of \$250,000; and
- (vi) The extension of the Council Rebate scheme for residential ratepayers to 2020/21 with a provision of funding of \$280,000.

Cr Thomson left the meeting at 10.50am during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was adjourned 12.55pm to 1.47pm.

Cr Thomson re-joined the meeting during the above adjournment.

Capital programme for 2020/21

The General Manager Development clarified that the body of report, in relation to point (v), should read as 'various' and replace 'cycleway Rotokauri Rise to Wintec' but that the wording of the staff recommendation was correct.

Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning:

- safety/funding of Gordonton Road Corridor improvements,
- the status of the Eastern Pathways development,
- Transport Model budget scope and what works were deferred,
- the opex implications of deferrals,
- future central city rail options,
- the implications of pending central government capital funding applications in relation to Council's budget,
- works schedule and AP Community Engagement,
- rationale for the recommended deferral of North City Road programme and whether there was scope in the proposed works to include Kay Road.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves \$56.7 million of savings in the capital programme for 2020/21 though changes to timing:

Projects deferred

- (i) River Plan - VOTR Boardwalk: \$0.4 million
- (ii) Hillcrest and Newcastle Demand Management Areas: \$4.8 million
- (iii) Peacocke - Network Infrastructure: \$35.2 million
- (iv) Rotokauri - Developer upsizing – stormwater for larger developments: \$5 million
- (v) Rotokauri - Developer upsizing – various transport: \$1 million
- (vi) Rototuna - North City Road and Turakina Rise: \$1.3 million
- (vii) Rototuna Network Neighbourhood Park land: \$2.7 million
- (viii) Rototuna Network – Linear Park and Park Connection Land Purchase: \$0.3 million
- (ix) Ruakura - Developer upsizing – Far Eastern interceptor: \$3 million
- (xii) Gordonton Road Corridor: \$4.8 million
- (xiii) Transport Centre Rejuvenation: \$1.1 million
- (xiv) Transport Model: \$1.7 million

Projects brought forward to 2020/21

- (xv) Peacocke Community Infrastructure: \$1.6 million
- (xvi) Ruakura Road Upgrade: \$1 million
- (xvii) Ring Road – Cambridge to Cobham: \$2 million.
- (xviii) Ruakura Road West \$3.0 million

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr O’Leary)

That the Council approves and additional \$6.1 million of savings in the capital programme for 2020/21 though changes to timing:

Projects deferred

- (x) Transport Improvements - Mass Transit: \$2.7 million
- (xi) Eastern Pathways (School Link and University Link Development): \$3.4 million

Economic Development Committee and the Central City Advisory Group

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Council approves inclusion of additional funding of \$270,000 in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget for the **Resource to support the Economic Development Committee and the Central City Advisory Group** to create opportunities for economic growth.

Environment strategy, delivery of climate action plan and sustainability programme

Resolved: (Cr Forsyth/Cr Thomson)

That the Council approves inclusion of additional funding of \$280,000 in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget for the **Resource to support environment strategy, delivery of climate action plan and sustainability programme**.

The meeting adjourned 4.16pm to 4.32pm.

Hamilton Zoo/Waiwhakareke entry**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves inclusion of additional funding in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget for the **Continuation of phase 1a (Renewal of Zoo entrance building) and 1b (Waiwhakareke entrance and linkage) of the Hamilton Zoo/Waiwhakareke entry**: reduction in operational costs of \$94,000 and a reduction in capital revenue of \$724,000.

Waters, transport and rubbish & recycling activities**Resolved:** (Cr O'Leary/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves inclusion of additional funding of \$830,000 in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget for the **Resource to meet increased demand, and deliver business outcomes across the waters, transport and rubbish & recycling activities.**

Growth Programme- Infrastructure Funding and Financing**Resolved:** (Cr Hamilton/Cr Macpherson)

That the Council approves inclusion of additional funding of \$525,000 in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget for the **Resource for the continuation of work to secure Infrastructure Funding and Financing opportunities for Rotokauri, support the Peacocke and Central City programmes of work.**

88 Crosby Road and 18A Ruakiwi Road**Resolved:** (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Council approves inclusion of additional funding of \$50,000 in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget for the **Resource to investigate opportunities for the future use of 88 Crosby Road and the removal of one house at 18A Ruakiwi Road.**

Council Minimum wage

The General Manager Corporate responded to Elected Member questions concerning:

- modelling and cost implications of the proposed amendment inclusive of wage relativity considerations,
- training and incentives to support staff advancement within Council,
- number of staff the proposal related to and the nature of their roles including whether they were essential workers during Covid-19 restrictions,
- whether the proposal would also apply to Council contractors,
- potential impacts on team culture, and
- whether the proposal would impact the recruitment of current vacancies.

Motion: (Cr van Oosten/Cr Wilson)

That the Council implements an increased Council minimum wage for all staff directly employed by Hamilton City Council in 2020/21 to equal the Living Wage.

Amendment: (Cr Hamilton/Mayor Southgate)

That Council approves a new minimum wage equivalent to the applicable Living Wage rate for all staff directly employed by Hamilton City Council, provided they have been in the employment of Hamilton City Council for 12 months or longer, effective 1st July 2020, however remain independent and not become an accredited employer of Living Wage Aotearoa.

The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment:

Mayor Southgate, Councillors Bunting,
and Hamilton.

Those against the Amendment: Deputy Mayor Taylor,
Councillors Gallagher, Pascoe, O'Leary,
Macpherson, Forsyth, Thomson, Naidoo-
Rauf, van Oosten and Wilson.

The Amendment was declared LOST.

The Motion was then put and declared CARRIED.

Resolved: (Cr van Oosten/Cr Wilson)

That the Council implements an increased Council minimum wage for all staff directly employed by Hamilton City Council in 2020/21 to equal the Living Wage.

Those for the Motion: Mayor Southgate, Councillors Gallagher,
O'Leary, Macpherson, Bunting, van
Oosten, Thomson and Wilson.

Those against the Motion: Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Pascoe,
Hamilton, Forsyth and Naidoo-Rauf.

The meeting adjourned at 6.30pm until 1.00pm Friday, 12 June 2020.

The meeting resumed 1.34pm on Friday 12 June 2020, noting that the agenda for the meeting was the same as the Council Open Agenda of 10 June 2020.

Apologies

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Naidoo-Rauf)

That the apologies for partial attendance from Mayor Southgate, Cr Forsyth and Cr Naidoo-Rauf are accepted.

Natural areas fund

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Forsyth)

That the Council approves inclusion of additional funding of \$100,000 in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget for the **Natural areas fund to assist community group work. Full programme of future work developed upon completion of the Nature in the City Strategy.**

Cr Pascoe Dissenting.

Partnerships with Maaori and the development of a Maaori strategy

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Gallagher)

That the Council approves inclusion of additional funding of \$75,000 in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget for the **Extending funding for existing partnerships with Maaori and the development of a Maaori strategy.**

Deputy Mayor Taylor, Cr Forsyth and Cr Pascoe Dissenting.

Enderley Park

Resolved: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Bunting)

That the Council approves inclusion of additional funding of \$35,000 in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget for the **Enderley Park community-led development. Funding for community-led engagement on options for the Enderley Park Community Centre and preliminary investigation of options.**

Continuation of the suburban response team

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Hamilton)

That the Council approves inclusion of additional funding of \$237,000 in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget for the **continuation of the suburban response team.**

Those for the Motion:

Mayor Southgate, Councillors Gallagher, O'Leary, Macpherson, Bunting, Hamilton, Forsyth, Naidoo-Rauf and Wilson.

Those against the Motion:

Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Pascoe, van Oosten and Thomson.

The Motion was declared CARRIED.

Mayor Southgate left the meeting (2.38pm) at the conclusion of the above item. She was present when the matter was vote on. Deputy Mayor Taylor took the Chair.

Extend resourcing for City events

Resolved: (Cr Gallagher/Cr Macpherson)

That the Council approves inclusion of additional funding of \$40,000 in the draft 2020/21 Annual

Plan budget for **Extending resourcing for City/Civic events.**

Those for the Motion: Councillors Gallagher, Macpherson, Hamilton, Naidoo-Rauf, van Oosten, Thomson and Wilson.

Those against the Motion: Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Pascoe, O'Leary and Bunting.

The Motion was declared CARRIED.

Cr Forsyth left the meeting (2.58pm) during the discussion of the above the item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

Community Land Trust

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Council approves inclusion of additional funding of \$50,000 in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget for the **Support funding for the community land trust.**

Cr Pascoe Dissenting.

The meeting adjourned 3.34pm to 3.50pm.

Mayor Southgate re-joined the meeting during the above adjournment and resumed the Chair.

Postponement of Municipal Pool demolition by one year

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Naidoo-Rauf)

That the Council approves the inclusion of a reduction of \$600,000 in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget via **Postponement of the Municipal Pool demolition by one year.**

CBD Free Parking trial

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Wilson)

That Council increases the budgeted revenue for Central City Parking for the 2020/21 Annual Plan period by \$400,000, with the details of amended Central City parking zones to achieve this being approved for the consultation document at the Central City and River plan Advisory Group on 15 June 2020.

Cr Forsyth re-joined the (4.42pm) during the discussion of the above matter. She did not take part in the vote of the matter.

Close public display houses at Hamilton Garden Nursery

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves the inclusion of a reduction of \$80,000 in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget via **Closure of public display houses at Hamilton Garden Nursery.**

Cr Forsyth, Cr Gallagher and Cr Van Oosten Dissenting.

Cr Macpherson left the meeting (5.10pm) and re-joined (5.21pm) the meeting during the discussion of the above item. He did not take part in the vote on the matter.

Stop digitisation of Library heritage collection

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves the inclusion of a reduction of \$250,000 in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget via **Stopping digitisation of Library heritage collection**

Cr Gallagher Dissenting.

Cr Thomson left the meeting (5.24pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when that matter was voted on.

Reduce Central Library hours

Motion: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves a reduction of \$80,000 in the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan Budget via reduction of library hours on weeknights with the exception of Thursdays, and continuing to remain open on Sundays.

Those for the Motion: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor and Councillor Pascoe.

Those against the Motion: Councillors Gallagher, O'Leary, Macpherson, Bunting, Hamilton, Forsyth, Naidoo-Rauf, van Oosten, Thomson and Wilson.

The Motion was declared LOST.

Cr Thomson re-joined the meeting (5.28pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when that matter was voted on.

The meeting adjourned 6.00am to 6.45pm.

Saving across Professional and Administration expenditure

Motion: (Cr Pascoe/Cr Forsyth)

That staff investigate and bring to the Annual Plan deliberations meeting on 23 July 2020, a plan to achieve a minimum 4% cost saving across all Professional expenditure based on the amounts currently in the LTP budget for the year ending 30 June 2021.

Those for the Motion: Councillors Pascoe, O'Leary, Bunting, Forsyth, Naidoo-Rauf and Wilson.

Those against the Motion: Mayor Southgate, Councillors Gallagher, Macpherson, Taylor, Hamilton, van Oosten and Thomson.

The Motion was declared LOST.

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Thomson)

That the Council requests the Chief Executive reports back to the Council during the Long Term Plan rounds on savings that can be achieved from professional and administration expenses based on the amounts currently in the Long Term Plan budget for the 2018-28 period.

Operating savings

Resolved: (Cr Pascoe/ Cr Forsyth)

That the Council notes the inclusion in the budget of \$7.3million of operational savings already accounted for in the Long Term Plan budget.

Budget Adjustments**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves the following changes to Year 3 of the 2018-28 10-Year Plan, the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget:

- (i) Reduction in growth revenue due to changed growth assumptions arising from the impact of COVID-19 consisting of \$11.2 million decrease in development contribution revenue, \$0.9 million decrease in resource consent revenue and a \$2.7 million decrease in building consent revenue.
- (ii) COVID-19 impact on operating budget of \$4.8 million consisting of a \$6.6 million reduction in revenue offset by a \$1.8 million decrease in expenditure.
- (iii) Other budget adjustments resulting in a \$11.9 million decrease in revenue, \$1.4 million increase in expenditure and \$38.2 million gain, resulting in an increase in the operating surplus by \$29 million.

Rates**Motion:** (Deputy Mayor Taylor/Mayor Southgate)

That the Council notes that the proposed average annual rate increase is set at 2.8% for 2020/21.

Amendment: (Cr Wilson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Council notes that the proposed average annual rate increase remains at 3.8% for 2020/21.

Those for the Amendment: Councillors Pascoe, Macpherson, Hamilton, Gallagher, van Oosten, Thomson and Wilson.

Those against the Amendment: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors , Naidoo-Rauf, O'Leary, Bunting, and Forsyth.

The Amendment was declared CARRIED.

The Amendment as a Substantive Motion was then put and declared CARRIED.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Council notes that the proposed average annual rate increase remains at 3.8% for 2020/21.

Those for the Substantive Motion: Councillors Pascoe, Macpherson, Hamilton, Gallagher, van Oosten, Thomson and Wilson.

Those against the Substantive Motion: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Naidoo-Rauf , O'Leary, Bunting, and Forsyth.

Financial Strategy**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council notes the impact of the draft 2020/21 Annual Plan budget on the financial strategy targets for 2020/21 are:

- \$11 million balancing the books deficit
- 214% debt to revenue ratio
- \$630 million debt.

Rates Remission and Postponement Policy**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves consultation on the proposed changes to the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy to provide for the extension to the Council Rebate, to assist those residential ratepayers whose income continues to be significantly affected by COVID-19.

Rate Instalment**Motion:** (Cr van Oosten/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council approves the issuing of two rate instalment invoices per year.

Those for the Motion: Mayor Southgate, Councillors Pascoe, Macpherson, Hamilton and van Oosten.

Those against the Motion: Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Gallagher, O'Leary, Bunting, Forsyth, Naidoo-Rauf and Wilson.

The Motion was declared LOST.

Cr Thomson retired from the meeting (9.22pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

Consultation Document**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Council delegate to the Chief Executive, Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Cr Bunting and Cr Pascoe to approve the Annual Plan Consultation Document, 'Back on Track – Hamilton's Covid-19 Response budget' to reflect the decisions made at this meeting, noting that consultation will occur from 22 June 2020 to 10 July 2020.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm

Appendix 1

I would like to encourage the Mayor and Councillors of Hamilton City Council to pay their staff and contractors a Living Wage. In these very difficult times it is even more essential that people earn enough to feed their families, pay for basics and have a little left over to enable a decent living standard. Hamilton is a vibrant city led by a forward thinking and dynamic Council. Please consider leading by example to other Councils around NZ and pay a Living Wage. You will be recognised for this generous gesture as truly outstanding leaders. Our PM has said repeatedly 'Be Kind'. This is your chance.

Carolyn Casey

Appendix 2

To the Mayor, Councillors and CE of Hamilton City Council,

I ask that you pay a Living Wage to all your directly employed staff and contractors. We ask for your leadership so that we can achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals of no poverty, reduced inequality and sustainable communities. All people deserve to live, not just survive, in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Ngaa mihi nui,
Camilla Carty-Melis

Appendix 3

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Covid-19 showed who our essential workers are; they aren't just our elected representatives but those who work to keep our buildings safe and clean, that keep our City clean and safe. Their efforts to society should not go unnoticed and unappreciated. A living wage would help achieve this as a starting point.

Again, I ask that you use your leadership to showcase a City that cares for all their workers.

Nāku iti noa, nā
Danielle Marks



8 June 2020

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Living Wage Submission

At the Len Reynolds Trust our vision is for a Waikato where all children and young people are secure, resilient and thriving to ensure they meet their full potential. For our tamariki and our rangatahi to thrive, their whanau must also thrive. These families need enough to enjoy life, to meet their needs and to participate in society.

Through COVID we have seen the true importance of our essential workers – the supermarket workers, the cleaners, and the nurses to name a few. Some of the most vital workers in our country and our city earn a minimum wage, and yet they keep our City going. Despite all of their hard work, they will not earn enough to enjoy a decent life. There are plenty of hard-working people like this in Hamilton City right now, no doubt including in the Council's own workforce. They put in long hours, often in more than one job, but find that financial security and the chance to provide for their whanau is beyond their reach.

What is the role of HCC at this time? You all showed amazing leadership through the COVID response by joining the Waikato Funders Group to support the community organisations at the coal face during Lockdown. A Living Wage is a meaningful and important part in our City's COVID recovery, and I am sure you will build on that strength throughout this next phase. At the Len Reynolds Trust we are always looking at ways that we can have a greater impact for our community beyond the funding we provide. How can you at Hamilton City Council have a greater impact far beyond your funding and projects? Now is the time to be bold, and to use our positions of influence to make as big of a difference as possible. Implementing a Living Wage is one such way to have a greater impact in our City.

If HCC were to make a stand, and implement the living wage for all employees and contractors, that would send a strong signal to other businesses and organisations in Hamilton, the Waikato and New Zealand. The Council's adoption of the Living Wage will make it clear that the Living Wage is something that all of our city's employers should aspire to. This is true leadership.

At the Len Reynolds Trust we are looking at what role we can play in stimulating our economy to assist with the COVID recovery. This is the perfect time to implement a Living Wage for your employees and contractors. Increasing the income of your team will mean that they spend it locally, and across the whole of the community. The impact of this decision will be far wider than the individual employees, and will stimulate our local economy at a time when it is needed most.

Our people are some of the greatest assets in Hamilton City. As a City, we need to invest in our people. This is also an amazing way to support our tamariki, rangatahi and whanau living in our city, many of whom have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Families with a fair wage, will help to have a Waikato where all children and young people are secure, resilient and thriving to ensure they meet their full potential.



In summary:

- Hamilton City Council should adopt the Living Wage for all staff and contractors providing services to the Council.
- All the hard-working people at Hamilton City Council should be paid enough to live a decent life for them and for their children.
- In the post COVID recovery, now is the time to take bold action, to stimulate the economy and to have a far reaching impact.

Unfortunately we are not able to be present in person to speak to this submission. We have every faith in this progressive new Council, and implore you all to use your position of influence and do what is right for our community, by implementing a Living Wage for all employees and contractors.

Nga mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Melissa Gibson'.

Melissa Gibson

CEO

Len Reynolds Trust

Appendix 5

Letter of support to keep COVID-19 Community Response Fund active

Teena koe

This is a letter of support to keep Hamilton City Council's financial contribution in the COVID-19 Response Fund as the impacts of COVID-19 are felt across the region.

The Waikato Community Funders Group (WCFG) members have worked collaboratively in administering the COVID-19 Response Fund to ensure that Hamilton and the greater Waikato's most vulnerable families are supported.

Hamilton City Council is a key partner in this collaboration and has contributed significant funding together with WEL Energy Trust, Trust Waikato, and other WCFG members. There is still much work to be done as we continue to support community needs in both the response and recovery phases.

The grants allocated from Hamilton City Council of \$435,000 have contributed significantly to support organisations in Hamilton City who worked in an emergency capacity supporting those directly affected by COVID-19 in lockdown levels 2, 3 and 4.

This has meant that regional funders such as Trust Waikato, WEL Energy Trust, Len Reynolds Trust and DV Bryant Trust have been able to allocate grants to high need areas across the Waikato to enable community organisations to get resources to where they are most urgently needed (see [article](#)).

As our communities endure the effects of COVID-19, we are seeing increasing levels of unemployment across the region, and we are bracing for new types of need that will require targeted and effective funding.

As this new landscape unfolds, we are mindful of the situation that Christchurch faced, following the March 2019 tragedy, with a second wave of needs arising. In much the same way, we anticipate continued support will be needed for our region as the longer-term economic impacts of COVID-19 take hold.

There is currently \$1,133,256 left in the COVID-19 Response Fund for future applications. This includes the \$565,000 from Hamilton City Council.

It would be of enormous benefit if Hamilton City Council were to remain an active partner in administering the COVID-19 Response Fund by keeping its funding of \$565,000 available for distribution to Hamilton community groups into the near future.

This would enable regional funders to continue to respond to need in the wider Waikato region, as well as funding much needed projects on the ground in Hamilton.

'Naa too rourou, naa taaku rourou, ka ora ai te iwi'

'While working in isolation might result in survival, working together can take people beyond survival and onto prosperity'

Ngaa mihi maioha,

Waikato Community Funders Group

Appendix 6

To the Mayor, Councillors and Maangai Māori, tēnā koutou e ngā mana.

The Kirikiriroa Restoration Forum, coordinated by Go Eco, is a network of volunteer restoration groups working to restore and enhance the biodiversity of the natural areas of Kirikiriroa.

I have been asked by the coordinator, Anna Casey-Cox to present a submission on behalf of the Kirikiriroa Restoration Forum to the Hamilton City Council.

The natural areas operational maintenance funding was reduced in the 2012-22 Long-Term Plan by \$245,000 per year, affecting levels of service, particularly planting maintenance.

In the Silverdale branch of the Mangaonua gully for example, this has resulted in large previously planted areas being seriously overgrown with weeds including honeysuckle, privet, convolvulus, blackberry and ivy. Since 2012, various natural forest maintenance and restoration areas across Hamilton have increased without a commensurate increase in funding.

Prior resourcing from Council also included the provision of support to private gully owners, recognising the value of a comprehensive approach. This is an approach that we would like to see reinstated.

In the initial Annual Plan deliberations on Thursday 12 March, Council approved an additional \$100,000 of operating funding in 2020/21 to assist the work of established community groups developing and maintaining natural areas in Hamilton.

These funds will make a considerable difference to restoration groups on the ground, and will deliver the following:

- Preparation of the ground for planting through the removal, by specialist contractors, of challenging problem weeds such as honeysuckle, bamboo, privet, convolvulus, blackberry, ivy and gorse.
- Specialist removal of large problem trees such as willows and privet forests.
- The protection of the Council's existing large investment in plantings, through the resourcing of a hands-on Weed Buster Coordinator employed by Go Eco, to coordinate volunteers dedicated to weeding in each of the gully systems.

In the current environment, Council will be looking for savings. However if the \$100,000 is held back, this will lead to the ongoing depreciation of previous investment in restoration. We need to support the \$100,000 allocation to avoid turning our backs on the many years of investment in planting work all around the city.

Voluntary community restoration groups have contributed significantly to the natural areas of Kirikiriroa over many decades. This funding will be a help to us and the environment and provide for more paid employment in Hamilton.

Please support us to undertake this valuable work that restores biodiversity, mitigates climate change and builds community wellbeing. This is achieved through involvement in worthwhile activities and through providing enhanced opportunities for local communities to have contact with nature, with its well researched health benefits.

It should also be noted that after an initial establishment period, the continuing maintenance cost for restored areas decreases markedly. Appropriate planting in gullies also enhances bank stability, reducing risk to private properties and reducing the cost of remedial works.

We request that the proposed \$100,000 grant be included in the Annual Plan.

We understand that this money is available and was offered to us at the Council meeting of 12 March.

However it is important that this money be recognised as significant enough to be included in the Annual Plan rather than being an ad hoc grant.

We have also attended meetings formulating the Local Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy (LIBS).

We need a comprehensive strategy, but we don't need to wait for the strategy to take more effective action. The \$100,000, delivered through the Annual Plan, will enable effective positive action on the ground. Allan Pearson will now relay the difference that this funding will make, specifically in the Riverlea area. This is an example of the difference this funding will make.

Ngā mihi ki a tātou katoa

The Kirikiriroa Restoration Forum

Members

Friends of Mangaonua Esplanade Silverdale

A.J. Seeley Gully Reserve Trust

Mangaiti Gully Restoration Trust

Mangakōtuketuku Stream Care Group

Predator Free Hamilton Trust

Riverlea Environment Society Inc

The Fairfield Project

Transformation from the Roots up

Tui 2000.

This forum is made up of nine natural forest restoration groups with organising support provided by Go Eco. All group communication should be directed through Anna Casey-Cox anna@goeco.org.nz 022 354 6550

Thank you for your consideration

Kind regards

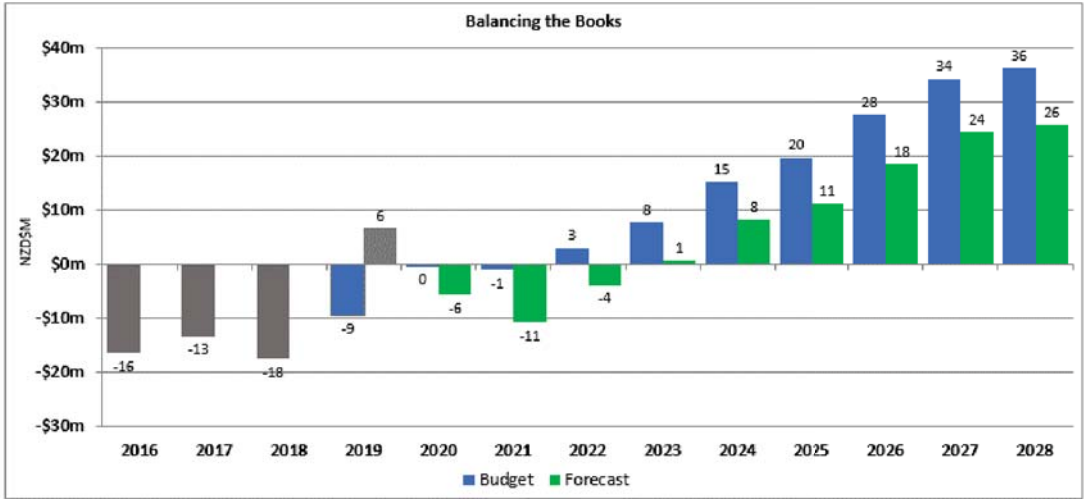
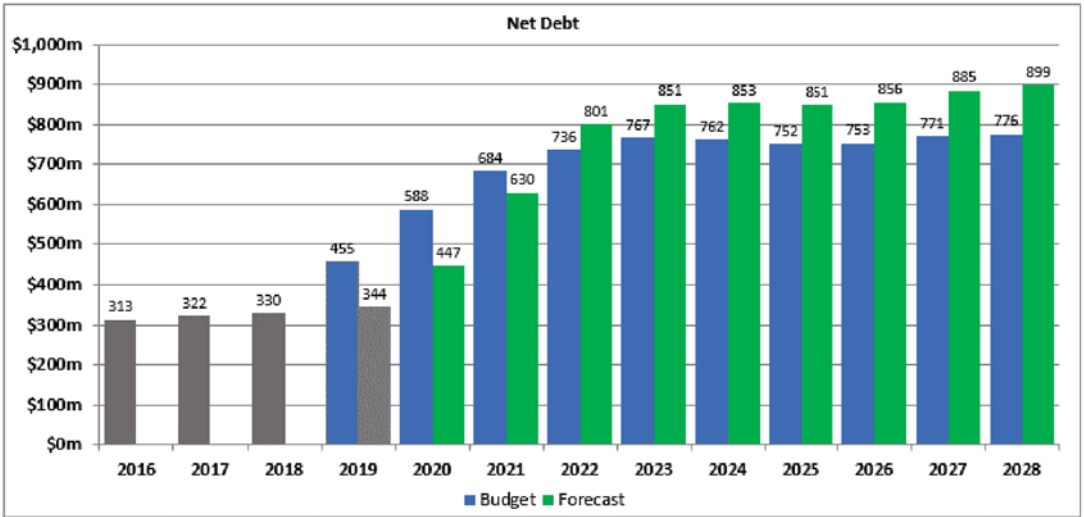
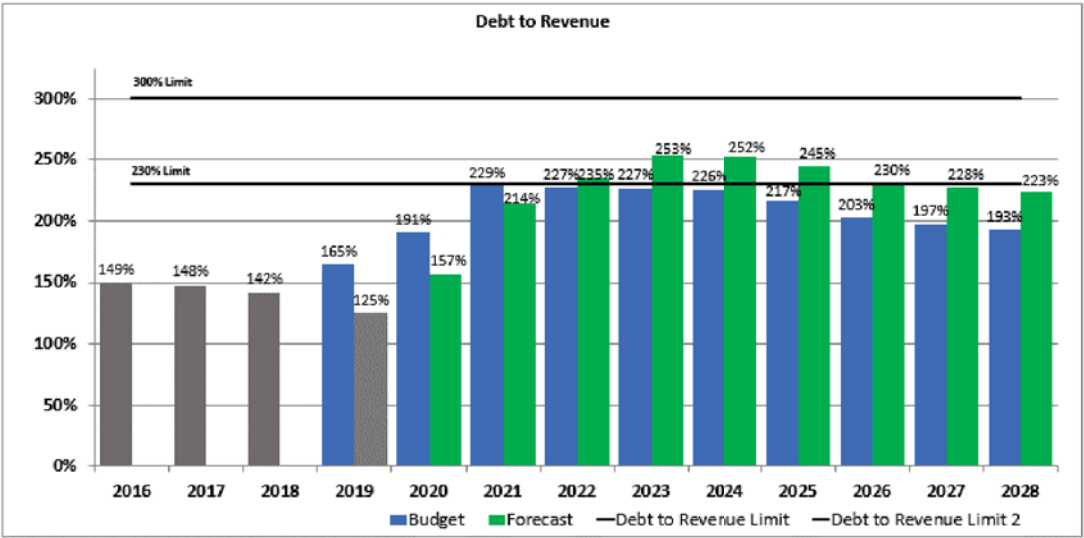
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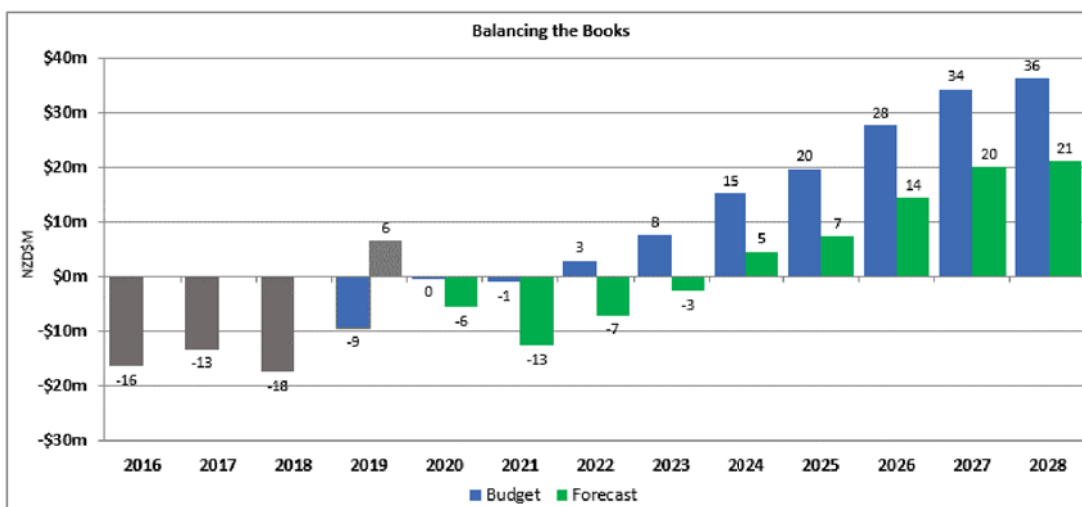
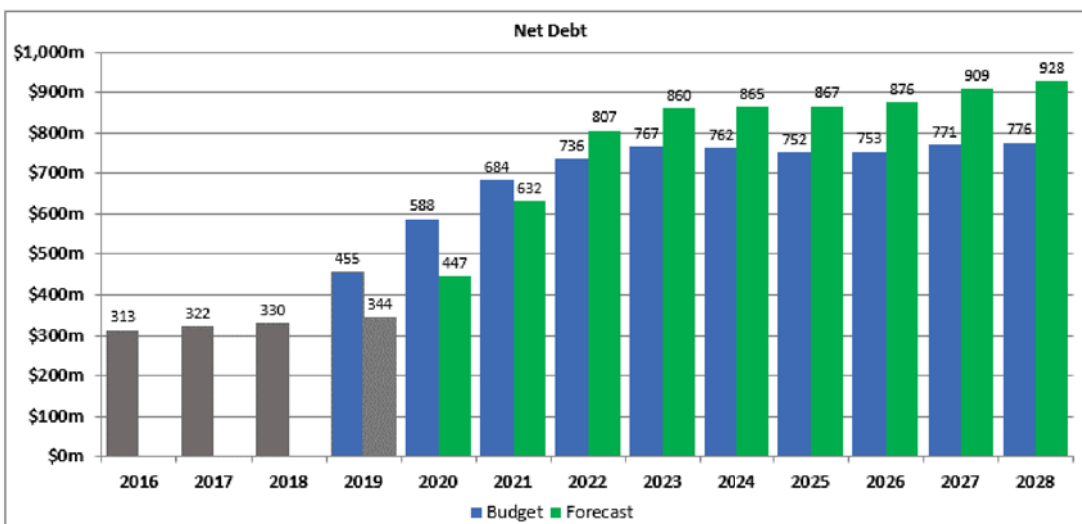
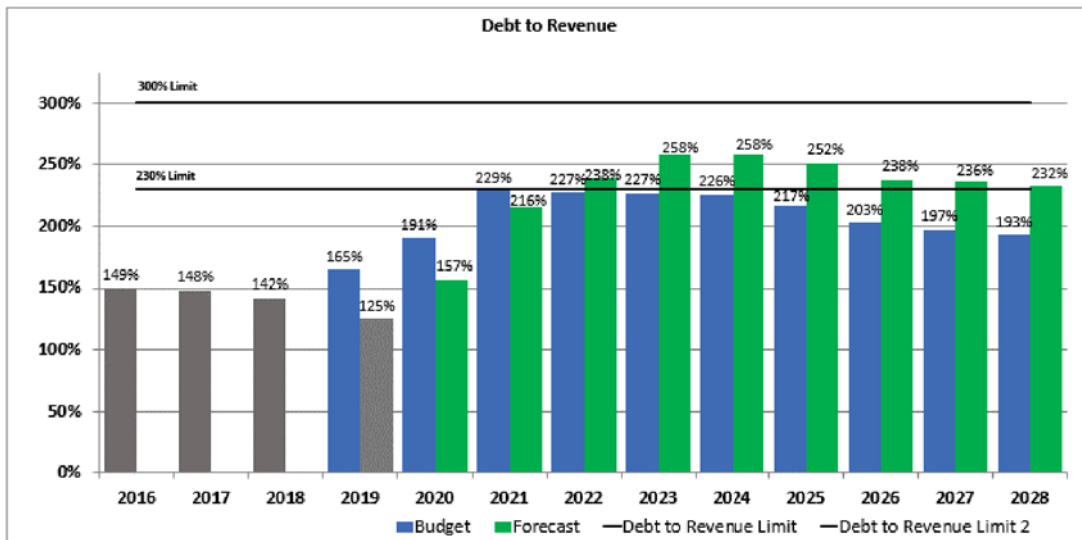
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Appendix 7

1. Rates at 3.8%



2. Rates at 2.8% in AP year, then 3.8% for remainder of LTP



Council Report

Committee: Council **Date:** 15 July 2020

Author: Julie Clausen **Authoriser:** Sean Hickey

Position: Unit Manager Strategy and Corporate Planning **Position:** General Manager Strategy and Communications

Report Name: Engagement Response to the 'Back on track. Hamilton's COVID-19 recovery budget' Annual Plan 2020/21

Report Status	<i>Open</i>
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Purpose – *Take*

1. To inform the Council of the engagement response to the 'Back on track. Hamilton's COVID-19 recovery budget' Annual Plan 2020/21.

Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

2. That the Council:
 - a) receives the report; and
 - b) notes that the verbal submissions will be considered along with the written submissions during the 'Back on track. Hamilton's COVID-19 recovery budget' Annual Plan 2020/21 deliberations meeting on 23 July 2020.

Executive Summary - *Whakaraapopototanga matua*

3. The engagement period for the 'Back on track. Hamilton's COVID-19 recovery budget' Annual Plan 2020/21 ran from 22 June 2020 to 10 July 2020.
4. Submitters who have signalled they want to present verbal submissions will be allocated time on 15 and 16 July 2020, noting 17 July 2020 is held as a reserve day.
5. The engagement response report will be provided as a late report on 14 July 2020 to allow the processing of paper submission forms received in the post on 13 July 2020.
6. Access to all the submissions will be available via the online portal on 14 July 2020.

Background - *Kooreo whaimaarama*

7. On 10 June 2020 Council resolved to consult on the 'Back on track. Hamilton's COVID-19 recovery budget' Annual Plan 2020/21 from 22 June 2020 to 10 July 2020.

8. The engagement activity included:
 - 8 page spread front cover wrap in the Hamilton Press on 24 June
 - Advertising in the Hamilton Press, Waikato Times, Waikato Chinese Newspaper and Indian Weekender
 - Paper consultation and submission forms available at all Hamilton City libraries, Council office and dropped off at cafes, businesses and community groups across the city
 - Online webpage (hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan) was visited 760 times
 - Social Media posts and advertising to Facebook, Instagram, Neighbourly and LinkedIn reached nearly 55,000 individual people and of these nearly 1900 clicked through to the online Have Your Say form (hamilton.govt.nz/annualplan/feedback)
 - Radio Campaign from 23 June to 10 July 2020 voiced by Mayor Southgate
 - An e-newsletter was sent to stakeholders, community groups and businesses
 - Our Hamilton newsletter
 - Video by Mayor Southgate reached over 23,000 people
 - Facebook Live Q&A session on 29 June 2020 received 79 questions and comments and 4,800 views
9. Paper submission forms received in the post on Monday 13 July 2020 will be processed on Monday 13 July 2020.
10. The summary of the engagement response will be presented in a late attachment to this report on 14 July 2020.
11. The submissions will be available from 14 July 2020 through the online portal at: <https://haveyoursay.hamilton.govt.nz/communications/annualplan/>
12. The verbal submissions are scheduled for 15 and 16 July 2020 with 17 July 2020 held as a reserve day.
13. Individuals presenting a verbal submission will be allocated a 5 minute slot with direction to speak for 3 minutes and allow 2 minutes for questions.
14. Submitters representing organisation's will be allocated a 10 minute slot with direction to speak for 7 minutes and allow 3 minutes for questions.

Financial Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro Puutea*

15. The production of the Annual Plan, including engagement on the Annual Plan is a set operating activity funded through the Long Term Plan.

Legal and Policy Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture*

16. Staff confirm that the Annual Plan 2020/21 engagement complies with the Council's legal and policy requirements.

Wellbeing Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-oranga tonutanga*

17. The purpose of Local Government changed on 14 May 2019 to include promotion of the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future ('the 4 wellbeings').
18. The recommendations set out in this report are consistent with that purpose. The engagement has provided the community the opportunity to share their view on Council's response to COVID-19.

Risks - *Tuuraru*

19. This this report is a feedback report on the community engagement response, therefore there are no known risks associated receiving this information.

Significance & Engagement Policy - *Kaupapa here whakahira/anganui*

20. COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the city and Council's response is of high interest to the community, will impact a significant proportion of the community and have a high degree of impact. Hence Council decided to engage on the 'Back on track. Hamilton's COVID-19 recovery budget' Annual Plan 2020/21.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Summary of the Engagement Response (*Under Separate Cover*) .