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**Council
Kaunihera
OPEN MINUTES**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 9:33 am.

PRESENT

Chairperson <i>Heamana</i>	Mayor Paula Southgate
Deputy Chairperson <i>Heamana Tuarua</i>	Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary
Members	Cr Maxine van Oosten Cr Ewan Wilson Cr Mark Donovan Cr Louise Hutt Cr Andrew Bydder Cr Geoff Taylor Cr Sarah Thomson Cr Emma Pike Cr Anna Casey-Cox Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf Cr Moko Tauariki Cr Tim Macindoe

The meeting was opened with a Karakia.

- 11. Apologies – Tono aroha**
Resolved: (Cr van Oosten/Cr Thomson)
That the apologies for partial attendance from Cr Naidoo-Rauf and Cr Tauariki (Council Business) are accepted.
- 12. Confirmation of Agenda – Whakatau raarangi take**
Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Wilson)
That the agenda is confirmed.
- 13. Declarations of Interest – Tauaakii whaipaaanga**
No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.
- 14. Public Forum – Aatea korero**
Not Applicable

The following members of the public spoke to their submissions on the Long-Term Plan, Development Contributions and Growth Funding Policy Verbal Submissions Report. For further information concerning

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content and discussion please refer to the following recording of the meeting [15 May 2024, 16 May 2024 and 17 May 2024](#).

[Phil Mackay](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan, concerning matters related to the Central Business District (CBD), the growth of the area, and the need for high density offerings in the CBD. They answered Members' questions concerning Development Contribution remissions and charges and the proposed Walking and Cycling Bridge.

[David Benson](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan focusing on the need for responsible spending with a focus on Green City practices used globally and the issue of growth out-pacing revenue. They answered Members' questions related to ways to raise revenue and the cost to refurbish or retrofit older buildings.

[Mark Laurence](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan with a focus on pool inspection delays, roading changes and cycling issues. They also noted their displeasure with the proposed rates increases and answered Members' questions clarifying inspection concerns.

[Donna Barraclough](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan.

[Richard Haggard \(Chair\)](#), [Steve Gow](#) and [Nicola Greenwell](#) (Hamilton and Waikato Tourism Limited (HWT)) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan highlighting the importance of the sector, a need for the sector to continue to be funded as opposed to the cuts proposed in the draft plan. They answered Members' questions concerning what services HWT would need to cut if the funding changed.

[Louise Keesing](#) (Taitua Arboretum Advisory Panel) spoke on behalf of John Simmons' submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan. Louise Keesing spoke to the need for continued funding of the Arboretum, and that they do not support a funding cut. They highlighted the history and the Arboretum's importance to the region. Members asked questions relating to the previously allocated levels of funding for the organisation.

[Yvonne Mathews](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan which focused on ways to improve the city's outcomes and recommended bringing in certified chartered accountants to give the Council the best information and advice to make the best informed decisions. They were in support of the proposed rate increases.

[Joe Dennehy](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan concerning rate increases, spending within the Council, and staff numbers. They provided suggestions to Members to have a review of all spending to make the hard cuts needed.

[Judy McDonald](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in which they support the proposed rates increase, however, spoke against cuts to the Arts and Creative spaces which added value to the community.

[Graeme Mead](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan with a focus on reducing spending to make up for short falls rather than passing on these costs to the ratepayers with the proposed increase. The submitter highlighted the need to have better community engagement.

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[Jill Masters](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan highlighting concerns for the proposed Walking and Cycling bridge, parking in the CBD, the need for bike racks and the lack of rubbish bins to maintain a clean, liveable city. The submitter answered Members' questions regarding their support for the proposed rates increases and the alternative rates increases such as parking in the CBD.

[Leon Da-Silva](#) (Da-Silva Builders Limited) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan concerning the proposed Development Contribution charges and how process hampers development. The submitter responded to Members' questions regarding the impacts Water Connection issues create for builders and future changes to the District Plan regarding Duplex building regulations.

[Matt Stark](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan. They proposed that radical changes to be made to deal with the city's growth and to help maintain a vibrant city and highlighted the business sectors' desire to help the Council achieve this.

[John Purcell](#) (Individual) Spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan and parking revenue.

[Ian Bridge](#) (Individual) Spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the proposed rates increases and increased costs.

[Margaret Rogers](#) (Individual) Spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular cost increases and the Long-Term Plan process.

[Amber Hammill](#) (Individual) Spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular that a reduction in staff would potentially compromise the services it delivers, support for a 15- minute City concept, and safe cycling options that gives her comfort that her child is protected on the road while cycling.

[Hannah Palmer and Paul Curwood](#) (Individuals) Spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular the investigation underway into a new water tower near their property.

[Niall Tierney](#) (Individual) Spoke to their submission to the Draft Long Term in particular their opinion that there is excess spending. They responded to questions from Members regarding a reduction of staff and a return to basic services.

[Andre Schenk](#) (Individual) Spoke to their submission to the Draft Long Term in particular the speed of growth and a return to only basic services such as wastewater.

[Chris Williams](#) (King St) Spoke to their submission to the Draft Long Term in particular support of the arts sector and partnership. They respond to questions from Members concerning how to partner with organisations outside of funding for the creative sector.

[Edgar Wilson](#) (Individual) Spoke to their submission to the Draft Long Term and the cricket facilities in the city.

[Alan Chew](#) (Individual) Spoke to their submission to the Draft Long Term and the use of technology. They responded to questions from Members concerning the use of technology to reduce costs.

[Mark Flyger](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long Term and suggested that Council should move to having a surplus budget.

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[Mark Morgan](#) (Waikato Regional Airport Limited) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long Term and requested that the Council continue to fund regional tourism as it has in the past. They responded to questions from Members concerning their dividends' policy and the proposed rates increase.

The meeting adjourned 12.56 am to 1.49pm.

[Kathy Moody](#) (The Hamilton Roller Skating Club) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular their opinion on the compliance costs for volunteer groups to build additional assets that have no impact on the city infrastructure.

Lynda Hall (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular their view on the proposed rates increases and the physical and mental impact it will have on individuals.

[Martin Toop](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular their view on the impact of climate change and the need to plant more trees to improve biodiversity and prevent climate change.

[Brett Murphy](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular their view on the reduction of the number of Elected Members, opening hours of Council services, and introducing user pays.

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[Stephen Leaper](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular their view on the increase in rates and that the Long-Term Plan should focus on core services. They responded to questions from Members regarding the reduction of services.

[Rana Hay](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular their view of projects to consider alternative forms of accessibility for people with disabilities.

[Sarah Hoefhammer](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular their view on the effect of a reduction of rates for people with disabilities, including those with autism.

[Ross MacLeod](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission of the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular their view on the reduction of funding for community events and proposed alternative sources of funding from Development Contributions.

[Patricia Gregory](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular their view on the recent transport projects that have changed the landscape of roadways and opposition of the 20 minute city proposal.

[Lynne Holder](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular their view on the reduction of funding support for community organisations, reduction of staffing and incentivisation of the CBD.

Andrew Chain [Submission 1](#) [Submission 2](#) [Submission 3](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular their view on the proposed rates increase and ensuring everybody pays their fair share. They responded to questions from Members on areas to reduce funding.

[Naomi Pocock](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular their opinion on donut economics with a climate change focus to regenerate the environment and

community. They responded to questions from Members regarding which local authorities have been using the donut economic model.

[Geoff Kreegher](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular to delay the Long-Term Plan to an Annual Plan, reduction of personnel, costs of assets to ratepayers and targeted rates.

[Mitchell Horan](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular their opinion on excessive spending, focus on core services, and personnel and responded to questions from Members regarding their motivation to submit and levels of service.

Colin Jones (Commercial & Industrial Consultants Ltd) spoke to their submissions on the Draft Long-Term Plan [Submission 1](#) [Submission 2](#) & Funding Growth in Hamilton Kirikiriroa [Submission 1](#) [Submission 2](#). In particular their opinion on the proposed Development Contributions Policy, funding of infrastructure, balancing of books, assumptions made on growth, accountability and water meters.

[Daphne Bell](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular their opinion on targeted rates for community infrastructure and climate change.

The meeting adjourned 3.34pm to 3.47pm.

[John Smulders](#) (individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular the need to reintroduce the kiwi into Significant Natural Areas and reduce cat numbers. He responded to questions from Members regarding the control of cats.

[Charlotte Chuen](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular their opinion on balancing the books and reducing funds for community grants.

[Amber Hammill](#) (Waikato Wellbeing Project) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular developing a food-related strategy in Hamilton and food security through urban land use.

[Carla Shailer](#) and [Stacey Shailer](#) (Individuals) spoke to their submissions on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular on the rates increase, transportation projects and streetscape maintenance.

[Sarah Murray and Sam Newton](#) (New Zealand Recreation Association t/a Recreation Aotearoa) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the provision of urban green spaces to promote participation in physical activities and provision of more facilities for people with disabilities. They responded to questions from Members about investment in aquatic facilities.

[Athuryann](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular reducing traffic congestion.

[Danielle Marks](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular reduction of Council services and investment in climate change responses.

[Lance McCaughan](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular separated cycle lanes, connected cycling networks and maintenance of cycle paths. He responded to questions from Members regarding shared pathways.

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[Margaret Evans](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular an independent review of service delivery options, Council Controlled Organisations, Three Waters and transportation projects.

[Liam Carter](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular regulation of parking on footpaths, maintenance of footpaths and advocated for a voice for people with disabilities through a community board.

[Emma Brookes](#) & Rena Schuster (Turn and Gymnastic Circle) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular requesting support for the Eastlink Master Plan and use of the Eastlink Community Hub as for gymnastic training facilities as well as a premier sporting location. They responded to questions from Members about the renewal of a lease with Council.

[Dujon Cullingford](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular investment in community arts and culture.

The meeting was adjourned from 5.19pm Wednesday 15 May 2024 to 9:30am Thursday 16 May 2024.
Cr Tauariki joined the meeting during the above adjournment.

[Thomas Andrews](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan and the impact of the proposed rates rises.

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[Tony Hamlinon behalf of Diane Andrews](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular the concerns with in-lane bus stops. They responded to questions from Members about the revocation of in-lane bus stops.

[Leonard Gardner](#) (Foster Construction Group) spoke on behalf of their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan & Development Contributions, in particular the impact of Development Contributions on incentivising growth. Members asked questions regarding the CBD Remission, Development Remissions and Targeted Rates.

[Nic Greene](#) (Habitat for Humanity Central) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan & Development Contributions and the opposition to the proposed rates increases. They also spoke on their strong support of the inclusionary zoning. Members asked questions regarding Hamilton housing shortage and demand.

[Carol Jarman](#) (Friends of Hamilton Public Libraries) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the importance of libraries for the community. Members asked questions about the impacts of potentially closing or reducing libraries.

[Oliver Boyd](#) (Summerset Group Holdings Limited) spoke to their submission on the Funding Growth in Hamilton Kirikiriroa and suggested that recent Tauranga Council Development Contributions Policy offerings was a model Hamilton City Council should follow.

[Vanessa Williams and Mike Neale](#) (Hamilton Central Business Association) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan and the economic downturn CBD businesses and workers are facing. They spoke to their support for the investment in the Walking Cycling Bridge and Street Scape. They also spoke to the impact of 2 hours free parking on business, anti-social behaviour in the CBD and major events. Members asked questions on the impact on a reduction of City Safe services on CBD businesses, efforts to clean up the streetscape and the impact of minor scale events.

[Raymond Mudford](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular their concerns around non-essential spending.

Kiri Goulter (Regional Tourism New Zealand) [Submission 1](#) [Submission 2](#) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long Term Plan in particular the impact of the proposed 50% cut to Hamilton & Waikato Tourism.

[John Walker](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the proposed rates increases and their opposition to traffic calming measures.

[Gus Sharp](#) (Waikato Regional Theatre) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan and the impact of proposed cost saving measures on the arts and community.

[Mark Bunting](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the use of the Municipal Endowment Fund to offset Council's debt.

The meeting was adjourned from 10:59am to 11:15am.

[Robert Dol](#) (Colliers Project Leaders on behalf of the SL1 Owners Group) spoke to their submission on the Development Contributions in particular the opposition to the proposed changes to Development Contributions. Members asked questions on affordable housing remissions and targeted rates.

[Jen Palmer](#) (Bridge Housing Charitable Trust) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan and Development Contributions in particular their work on delivering affordable housing and how the proposed Development Contributions policy could impact this.

[Maxine Campbell](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the importance to care for the planet and the environment, and the impact of the proposed rates rises.

[Craig Stephen](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular capital expenditures.

[Logan Rainey & Morgan Jones](#) (Property Council New Zealand Central Region) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan & Development Contributions in particular their concerns with the draft Development Contributions and its impact on the availability of affordable housing. They spoke to the need for Development Contributions to be fair and proportionate to the cost of infrastructure. Members asked questions around growth and infrastructure costs.

[Jimileen Tamaki](#) (Te Papanui Enderley Community Trust) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the importance to focus on rangatahi and developing thriving communities.

[Susanne Rowse](#) (Te Rongopai Community Trust) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the importance of Community Grants in delivering the key services they provide. They also spoke to the impact the proposed rates rise will have on its community, and the support they provide for Rangatahi. Members asked questions around their priorities between rates reduction and support through Community Grants.

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[Deborah Nudds](#) (One Victoria Trust/ Meteor Theatre) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan and the importance of arts and culture to the vision of the city. Members asked questions on funding allocation.

[Hamish Anderson and Steve Bond](#) (The Adare Company Limited) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan and Funding Growth in Hamilton Kirikiriroa in particular their concern with high Development Contributions costs. Members asked questions around the risk of higher Development Contributions and the effect of remissions on these.

[Des Ratima](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the importance of arts and culture for Hamilton.

Cr Kesh-Naidoo Rauf left the meeting (12:50pm) at the conclusion of the above submission.

Benny Marama (Individual and IĒNA PASIFIKA) - [Individual Submission Organisation Submission](#) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long Term and the importance of the arts in building a vibrant city, especially in regards for Maaori and Pasifika.

[Lale Leremia](#) (Te Awa Lakes) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan and Funding Growth in Hamilton Kirikiriroa in particular the effect the Draft Development Contributions has on affordability of housing. Members asked questions regarding the development currently being undertaken in Te Awa Lakes.

The meeting was adjourned from 1:07pm to 1.47pm.

Cr Kesh-Naidoo Rauf re-joined the meeting during the above adjournment.

[Rob Gray](#) (Combined Community Houses of Kirikiriroa: Waimarie, Glenview, Western, Good News Te Whare O te Ata) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular cuts in funding, Community Boards, and reviving suburbs. He responded to questions from Members about partnering with Council for projects, proposed rate increases, and the impact of funding on community house services.

[Hayden Porter](#) (Porter Group) spoke to their submission on the Funding Growth in Hamilton Kirikiriroa, in particular development contributions and the sustainability of essential projects.

[Ilaisaane Siua](#) (Living Wage Movement Aotearoa- Hamilton Community) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular for Hamilton City Council to be an accredited living wage employer.

[Tayla McHardie](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular sustainable methods to reduce pressure on the water infrastructure through removing impermeable surfaces and strategic planting. They responded to questions from Members regarding water quality.

[Michael Law](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular importance to avoid an austerity programme and to increase social investment.

[Tony Dixon](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular the proposed rates increase and the radiation levels in Hamilton. He responded to questions from Members about the different types of radiation.

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[Riikka Anderson](#) and Jahvaya Wheki (YWCA) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan, in particular community grant funding.

[Ron McKinnon and Selwyn Wilson](#) (Iwi hapu Ngamurikaitaua) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan regarding acknowledgement from Hamilton City Council of their hapu and to ensure environmental and cultural sites are preserved before further development in the Peacocks' subdivision.

[Simon Gascoigne, Ellen Webb and Jacob Lawrence](#) (Waikato Environment Centre trading as Go Eco) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular support for the proposed rates increases to address climate change, food security, arts, transport pathways and cat population control. They responded to questions from Members regarding services best served by Council funding.

[Alec Forbes](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the reduction of community funding.

[John McDonald-Wharry](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular services provided by Council including levels of maintenance, H3 venues and staffing. He responded to questions from Members regarding H3 venues.

[Paul Knox](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the proposed rates increase, community facilities for senior citizens and graffiti. He responded to questions from Members about targeted rates and reduction of services.

[John Dobson](#) (Hamilton Gardens Development Trust) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the development of future specialty gardens in the Hamilton Gardens and community investment. He responded to questions from the Members regarding the prioritisation of funding for visitor facilities or specialty gardens.

[Bruce Clarkson](#) (People, Cities and Nature programme, University of Waikato) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the Nature in the City programme, investment and revenue generation, social and natural capital to provide resilience in climate change. He responded to questions from Members regarding the cat desexing fund and biodiversity.

The meeting was adjourned from 3:35pm to 3.46pm.

Russell Armitage (Individual) [Submission 1](#) [Submission 2](#) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the heart of the Central Business District, two hour free parking and streetscapes.

[Robin Ratcliffe](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the relationship between the Council and business community and proposed rates increases and fees.

[Chris Field](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular facilitating more community gardens in the city to enhance Hamilton as a liveable city and creating alternative sources of food.

[Holly Snape](#) (Community Waikato) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the development of relationships with mana whenua, cycling pathways, and relationships with the community services sector. They responded to questions from Members about the scope of reduced community services.

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[Shane Brody and Matthew Cooper](#) (Sport Waikato) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the community infrastructure targeted rate and funding of Sport Waikato. He responded to questions from Members regarding work with Hamilton cricket clubs, the role of Sport Waikato in partnership opportunities and services.

[Phil Evans](#) (Bike ACTION Hamilton) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the proposed rates increase, progress of transportation projects, cycling pathways and maintenance and enforcement. He responded to questions from Members about improving the cycling experience.

[Paula Carr](#) (Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa, Creative New Zealand) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular maintenance of the current level of funding in the creative sector as an economic multiplier. They responded to questions from Members about the role of arts funding in relation to the Regional Theatre.

[Jeremy Mayall and Sam Cunnane](#) (Creative Waikato) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular investment in the creative community being beyond more than an economic outcome for people. They responded to questions from the Members regarding alternative ways the Council can provide support to the creative sector.

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[Julian Dawson](#) (on behalf of BB Syndicate Limited) spoke to their submission on the Funding Growth in Hamilton Kirikiriroa in particular the costs of the proposed Development Contribution Policy on the development community and provided a Brief of Evidence in partnership with Fraser Campbell. They responded to questions from Members about the timing of development contributions charges.

[Tony McKenna](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the cycle pathway on Rifle Range Road, the proposed rates increases and cost cutting measures.

The meeting was adjourned from 5.13pm Thursday 16th May to Friday 17th May 9:30am.

Cr Tauariki left the meeting during the above adjournment.

[Thomas Gibbons on behalf of Ilana Frost](#) (Waikato Community Lands Trust) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long Term Plan in particular their support for inclusionary zoning and the impact of Development Contributions on affordability of housing.

[Russelle Knaap](#) (Hamilton Roller Skating Club) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular targeted rates and community funding models.

[Steve Atkins](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the Council's level of debt and interest rates.

[Graham Pollard](#) (Friends of Hamilton Zoo) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the education services that the Hamilton Zoo provides and the importance to maintain these as it was a core service of society.

[Jahvaya Wheki](#) (Seed Waikato) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the creation and inclusion of a youth strategy into the Long-Term Plan.

[Melissa Smith](#) (Bike Waikato) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular their support for creating a transportation network that supports cyclists. They indicated that they did not support the reduction in funding to bicycle infrastructure, and their support for the cycling and walking bridge in principle but this will need to be combined with other investments in bicycle infrastructure to ensure it is not underutilised.

[Stephen Stirling](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan and their support for shaping Hamilton into a Green City and the benefits they see from living here.

[Erin Griffiths](#) (Waikato Screen NZ) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the positive impact that having a Regional Film Office has on the Waikato.

[Roderick Aldridge](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the importance of a circular economy.

The meeting was adjourned from 10:50-11:15

[Jenny Nand](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the impact that the proposed rates increases and how this will affect the most vulnerable communities.

[Neil Curgenven](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular their support for Plan Change 9 in the District Plan.

[David Douglas](#) (Hamilton Wanderers) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan and in particular investment needed for Porritt Stadium.

[Bryce Weal](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan and in particular rates increases, Development Contributions, reducing costs, support for Plan Change 12 and debt to revenue levels.

[Ron Pengelly](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan and the impact of the proposed rates increases on residents.

Thomas Gibbons on behalf of Ilana Frost (Waikato Housing Initiative) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular their support for inclusionary zoning and taking a holistic view

[Jon Webb](#) (Chedworth Properties Ltd) spoke to their submission on Funding Growth in Hamilton Kirikiriroa in particular the impact of the proposed Development Contributions increases on the growth of Hamilton City.

[Grayson Bell](#) (Grafraell Enterprises Ltd) spoke to their submission on the Funding Growth in Hamilton Kirikiriroa and in particular waiting times on consent, proposed increases to Development Contributions and the outcomes that this will have on the city. Members asked questions on levels of development, delaying the decision and phasing in of Development Contributions increases.

[Blair McAlister](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan.

[Stephen Black](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan & Funding Growth in Hamilton Kirikiriroa and their concerns with the proposed rates increases. Members asked questions on the financial burden of the rates.

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[Ben Preston](#) (Living System Developments) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the Development Contribution Policy. They answered Members' questions around the centralisation of infrastructure assets.

[Anne Bell](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the proposed rate increases.

[Michael Walmsley](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission on the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the state of affordable housing.

The meeting was adjourned from 12:45 to 1.39pm

Cr Donovan left the meeting during the above adjournment.

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

[Debbie Brister](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan and highlighted the role of Members. They responded to questions from Members concerning how to connect the community more with Council.

[Shane Vink](#) (FERN – Fairfield Enderley Resilience Network) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan and noted that they did not support the pedestrian bridge at this time.

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[T Fothergill](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the projected debt levels.

[Mark Rawson](#) (Kainga Ora – Homes & Communities) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan and the work being undertaken by Kainga Ora to increase the number of houses in Hamilton. They responded to questions from Members concerning affordable housing, Development Contributions and Kainga Ora funding from 2025.

[Justin Connolly](#) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long Term Plan and noted his support of prioritisation of active walking and cycling investments. He responded to questions from Members concerning public transport.

[Sam Scott](#) (Hamilton Arts Festival Toi Ora ki Kirikiriroa) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan and the role Local government in the arts and culture sector.

Cr Donovan re-joined the meeting (2.20pm) during the above submission.

[Diana Ruri](#) (Htown Skate Project) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan and the role that the large percentage of youth that live in Hamilton have in setting the direction of the future. They responded to questions from Members concerning events in Hamilton and the skating community.

[Hayden Walker](#) (Walker Residential Development) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan and Funding Growth in Hamilton Kirikiriroa and outlined how the proposed Development Contributions increases would impact housing growth, particularly affordable housing. They answered Members' questions about Plan Change 12, construction costs for multi storey housing and capex.

[Rowena Kaleopa](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the level of Council debt.

[Don Good](#) (Waikato Chamber of Commerce) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular a need for financial prudence. They responded to questions from Members concerning shared services.

[Peter Findlay](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long Term Plan in particular rates increase, deficits and vegetation management.

[Lee Ann Muntz and Craig Muntz](#) (Tainui Waka Tourism) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular retention of regional tourism funding, and the role of Maaori tourism. They responded to questions from Members concerning the role of Council to support tourism.

The meeting was adjourned 3.25pm to 3.45pm.

[Ralph Blackburn](#) (Eastlink Community Hub) and [Jason Cargo](#) (Waikato Tennis Trust) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular support for the Eastlink Community Hub Master Plan, targeted rate for community infrastructure and funding for the Tennis Trust. They responded to questions from Members concerning parking, technology, the Eastlink Community Hub Master Plan and other sports.

Cr Donovan left the meeting (4.03pm) during the above submission.

[Peter Bos](#) (Living Streets Kirikiriroa/Hamilton) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular the funding of walking and cycling projects, housing density and height, and environmental impact. He responded to questions from Members concerning effect of growth and ranking of transport projects.

[Logan Dinning](#) (Individual) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular funding of the creative community. They responded to questions from Members concerning challenges for alternative music in Hamilton.

[Wayne Bates](#) (Melville United AFC) spoke to their submission to the Draft Long-Term Plan in particular a collaborative approach to projects and a long-term lease for sporting infrastructure. He responded to questions from Members concerning connections with sporting organisations and use of artificial turf.

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The reports were taken as read. Members asked that the following matters be addressed in the deliberation reports to be presented at the 4 June Council meeting.

Development Contribution Policy:

- alternative Development Contribution policy options/models;
- infrastructure costs;

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- timing of payments;
- amount and how it is calculated; and
- remission levels lessened in the CBD levels.

2024-34 Long-Term Plan:

- further options to make a meaningful reduction to rates which included reduction to the opex and capex budgets, introduction of concessions to introduce additional revenue, and review of projects to establish staging would be appropriate or if they are above what is necessary at this time;
- confirmation of forecast assumptions and revenue projections;
- options to reinstate community grants and funding of tourism to original budgets;
- alternative methods of working with Community groups;
- confirmation of CBD areas maintenance budget, level of service, timeline, and if there was a better way to increase the look and feel of the area;
- establishment of a food strategy and youth strategy;
- engagement with Waikato Regional Council to fund/facilitate the cat desexing fund;
- partnerships opportunities with businesses;
- investigation of additional ways to smooth the consenting process;
- options to fund the Te Papanui Community Centre built at a reduced scope;
- options to re-prioritize Clyde street;
- ways to slow or stop growth;
- options to halt transport projects for 2 years; and
- number of submissions in support of arts and culture.

Resolved: (Cr Pike/Cr Wilson)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes that:
 - i. feedback will be considered during the deliberations on the 2024-34 Draft Long-Term Plan at the 4-6 June 2024 Council meeting; and
 - ii. the 2024-34 Draft Long-Term Plan will be considered for adoption at the 4 July 2024 Council meeting, becoming retrospectively operative from 1 July 2024.

Resolved: (Cr Pike/Cr Wilson)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes that:
 - i. feedback will be considered during the deliberations on the draft Development Contributions Policy 2024/25 at the 4-6 June 2024 Council meeting; and
 - ii. the Development Contribution Policy 2024/25 will be considered for adoption at the 4 July 2024 Council meeting, becoming operative on 5 July 2024.

Resolved: (Cr Pike/Cr Wilson)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes that:
 - i. feedback will be considered during the deliberations on the draft Growth Funding Policy 2024 at the 4-6 June 2024 Council meeting; and
 - ii. the Growth Funding Policy will be considered for adoption at the 4 July 2024 Council meeting, becoming operative on 5 July 2024.

Cr Donovan rejoined the meeting (4.45pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matters were voted on.

The meeting was closed with a karakia.

The meeting was declared closed at 5.01pm.

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