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## **Council Kaunihera OPEN MINUTES**

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**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber and Audio-Visual Link , Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 31 October 2024 at 9:32am.**

### **PRESENT**

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

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*The meeting was opened with a karakia.*

**1. Apologies – Tono aroha**

**Resolved:** (Cr Macindoe/Mayor Southgate)

That the Council accepts the apologies for absence for partial attendance from Cr Donovan and Cr Huata.

**2. Confirmation of Agenda – Whakatau raarangi take**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O’Leary)

That the Council confirms the agenda noting Items C1 to C6 (Public Excluded) will be taken at 1.30pm to accommodate availability.

**3. Declarations of Interest – Tauaakii whaipaaanga**

No members of the Council declared a conflict of interest.

**4. Public Forum – AAtea koorero**

No members of the public wished to speak in the Public Forum.

**5. Confirmation of the Council Open Minutes 12 September 2024**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Cr van Oosten)

That the Council confirms the Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 September 2024 as a true and correct record.

**6. Confirmation of the Extraordinary Council Open minutes 17 September 2024**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Cr van Oosten)

That the Council confirm the Open Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 17 September 2024 as a true and correct record.

**Cr Bydder Dissenting.**

**7. Confirmation of the Elected Member Open Briefing Notes 25 September 2024**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Cr van Oosten)

That the Council confirms the Open Notes of the Elected Member Briefing held on 25 September 2024 as a true and correct record.

**8. Confirmation of the Elected Member Open Briefing Notes 16-17 October 2024**

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Cr van Oosten)

That the Council confirm the Open Notes of the Elected Member Briefing held on 16-17 October 2024 as a true and correct record.

**9. Chair's report**

The Chair spoke to her report in particular the meeting with key stakeholders in Wellington, growth of the city, central city behaviour and revitalisation of older areas of Hamilton. They responded to questions from Elected Members concerning funding, mitigation of anti-social behaviour and the Fairfield-Enderley Masterplan.

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O'Leary)

That the Council receives the report.

*Cr Donovan retired from the meeting (10.06am) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.*

**10. Development Contributions Community Grant Options**

The Programme Manager – Economics and Policy spoke to the report noting that it was in response to Elected Members requests. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the number of possible applications, policy amendment process, the current Development Contributions Policy and potential risks.

*During the discussion of the above item the matter was adjourned at the request of Elected Members.*

**11. 2024-34 Long-Term Plan Amendment Update**

The Corporate Planning & Advocacy Manager and the Corporate Planning Lead spoke to the report, highlighting the assumptions, key decision points and that the final legislation for Local Waters Done Well was not yet in place.

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O'Leary)

That the Council:

a) receives the report;

b) approves for the purpose of developing a Draft Long-Term Plan Amendment, the Long-Term Plan Amendment and Financial Strategy assumptions as set out in **Attachment 1**;

- c) notes the decisions that will be required at the Council meetings on 12 December 2024, 11 February 2025 and 20 March 2025, as set out in **Attachment 2**;
- d) notes that staff are seeking legal advice on the interaction between requirements relating to the Long-Term Plan, Annual Plan and Local Water Done Well, which may lead to a different approach if required, with the goal of delivering the required changes in the simplest, most cost-effective and easiest to communicate and understand way.
- e) approves for the purpose of developing a Draft Long-Term Plan Amendment, targeted rates for each of water, wastewater, and stormwater from 1 July 2025, with a reduction in the general rate, noting that:
  - i. the targeted rates will be set in such a way as to ensure as close as possible alignment to the current distribution of rates between properties; and
  - ii. the targeted rate will be set on a capital value basis.
- f) approves for the purpose of developing a Draft Long-Term Plan Amendment, to remove the following from the Long-Term Plan from 1 July 2025:
  - i. the Government compliance rate;
  - ii. the service use water rate; and
  - iii. the service use wastewater rate.
- g) notes that the Revenue and Financing Policy and Funding Needs Analysis will be updated and reported to the 12 December 2024 Council meeting, to inform final decisions on rates in the Draft Long-Term Plan Amendment;
- h) notes that, notwithstanding the intention set out in e) i. above, the upcoming citywide property rating revaluation will likely change the distribution of rates, meaning ratepayers may experience a change in their rates as a result of the revaluation;
- i) approves a reduced aggregated transport minor improvement programme of \$45,166,212 over three years from 2024/25 to 2026/27 consisting of the allocated net local share funding only plus approved National Land Transport Policy (NLTP) subsidy of \$1,797,800 and \$306,000 as set out in Table 3 of this report;
- j) notes that the Infrastructure and Transport Committee will prioritise projects for 2024-27 within the aggregated transport minor improvement programme;
- k) approves the baseline position of a reduced aggregated transport minor improvement programme for years 4 -10 (2027/28 to 2033/34) for the Long-Term Plan amendment consisting of the allocated net local share funding only with zero assumed NLTP subsidy, noting that the individual transport improvement projects include:
  - i. Biking and Microbility;
  - ii. Low Cost Low Risk- Walking;
  - iii. Low Cost Low Risk- PT Improvements Strategic;
  - iv. Public Transport Improvements;
  - v. Low Cost Low Risk Local Roads;
  - vi. Low Cost Low Risk- Road to Zero; and
  - vii. Bus Rapid Transit Business Case.
- l) approves *Option 1* of this report to manage the organisational renewals within the three-year 2024-27 renewal funding, less \$10,004,014, which is the footpath NLTP subsidy not received over this three-year period, providing a total organisational renewals budget of \$349.9 million for 2024-27; and
- m) notes that the baseline organisational renewal funding for Years 4 -10 (2027/28 to 2033/34)

will remain the same as the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan except for the assumed NLTP subsidy for footpath renewals, which has now been removed.

**The meeting was adjourned from 10.58am to 11.14am.**

**12. Development Contributions Community Grant Options (*Continued*)**

**Resolved:** (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Wilson)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) request staff include **Option 2** of the staff report to include a Development Contributions Community Grant with a total funding pool of \$40,000 per annum (Start 2025/26 Financial Year) for consideration in the development of the Draft 2025/26 Annual Plan and the Long-Term Plan Amendment; and
- c) notes that;
  - i. development contributions funded through the grant represent a community grant, not a remission under the Development Contributions Policy;
  - ii. if approved, this would be incorporated in the Council's grant schedule, and added to the Community Grants Policy following adoption and start in the 2025/26 Financial Year.
  - iii. there is no budget for a Development Contributions Community Grant in the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan.

**Cr Bydder Dissenting.**

**13. Recommendations from Open Committee Meetings**

**Resolved** (Cr Van Oosten/Cr Tauariki)

That the Council:

- a) approves the capital movement as identified in the 15 October 2024 Capital Portfolio Monitoring Report;
- b) notes the capital movement includes the impact of reduced NZTA subsidy revenue in years 2024-25 to 2026-27, as detailed in the Infrastructure and Transport Committee on 26 September 2024;
- c) notes, in order for Council to not breach its Debt to Revenue limits in those years, has temporarily forecast a reduction in Council's Transport capital spend equivalent to the assumed NZTA subsidy revenue loss in years 2024-25 to 2026-27 (effectively retaining local share only), pending a review and further Council decisions on the revised Transport capital programme at the 31 October 2024 Council meeting;
- d) notes the revised Financial Strategy position for Debt to Revenue, Net Debt and Balancing the Books as set out in paragraphs 49 to 51 of this staff report; and
- e) notes that there may be further adjustment in the preparation of the Annual Report.

**14. Resolution to Exclude the Public****Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987****Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Cr Wilson)

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 the Council Public Excluded Minutes 12 September 2024	) Good reason to withhold ) information exists under ) Section 7 Local Government ) Official Information and ) Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Confirmation of the Elected Member Closed Briefing Notes 16-17 October 2024		
C1. Confirmation of the Council Public Excluded (CE Review Committee Matters) Minutes 4 July 2024		
C2. Recommendation from the CE Review Committee meeting 2 October 2024 (1)		
C3. Recommendation from the CE Review Committee meeting 2 October 2024 (2)		
C4. Recommendation from the CE Review Committee		

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 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 information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C2.	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C1.	to protect the privacy of natural persons to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (a) Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C2.	to protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7 (2) (a)
Item C3.	to protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7 (2) (a)
Item C4.	to protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7 (2) (a)

**The meeting moved in the Public Excluded at 11.28am.**

**The meeting was declared closed at 1.22pm**