
Council

Kaunihera

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber and Audio-Visual Link , Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 9:30 am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Mayor Paula Southgate
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary
Heamana Tuarua

Members

- Cr Maxine van Oosten
- Cr Moko Tauariki
- Cr Ewan Wilson
- Cr Mark Donovan
- Cr Louise Hutt
- Cr Andrew Bydder
- Cr Geoff Taylor
- Cr Sarah Thomson (partially via Audio visual Link)
- Cr Emma Pike (partially via Audio visual Link)
- Cr Melaina Huaki (via Audio visual Link)
- Cr Anna Casey-Cox (via Audio visual Link)
- Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf (partially via Audio visual Link)

In Attendance:

- Lance Vervoort – Chief Executive
- David Bryant – General Manager Business Services
- Sean Murray – General Manager Venues, Tourism & Events
- Sean Hickey – General Manager People, Performance & Culture
- Helen Paki – General Manager Customer & Community
- Blair Bowcott – General Manager Strategy, Growth & Planning
- Andrew Parsons – General Manager Infrastructure & Assets
- Nicole Nooyen – Acting General Manager Partnerships, Communication & Maaori
- Chris Allen – Executive Director Development
- Eeva-Liisa Wright – Executive Director Infrastructure Operations
- Tracey Musty – Financial Director
- James Clarke – Unit Manager Strategy & Planning
- Michelle Hawthorne – Governance & Assurance Manager
- Greg Cartsens – Growth Funding & Analytics Unit Manager
- Muna Wharawhara – Amorangi Maaori Lead
- Natasha Yarrall – Senior Mayoral Advisor
- Louise Lukin – Chief Executive & Mayoral Office Director

Governance Team:

- Amy Viggers – Governance lead
- Nicholas Hawtin, Arnold Andrews and Keryn Phillips – Governance Advisors

Cr Tauariki opened the meeting with a Karakia Timatanga

1. Apologies – *Tono aroha*

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/van Oosten)

That the apologies for partial attendance from Cr Naidoo-Rauf and Pike are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

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

That the agenda is confirmed noting that the:

- a) order of items will be flexible and adjusted based on the direction of Members; and
- b) final debate for item 6 (Draft 2024-2034 Long-Term Plan Budget) is increased to 5 minutes.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga*

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum – *Aatea koorero*

No applicable.

5. Chair's Report

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

That the Council receives the report.

6. Draft 2024-2034 Long-Term Plan Budget

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

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes that this budget has been formed in line with the direction set by the Mayor in consultation with Councillors for the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan in her Chair’s report;
- c) notes that Council’s five priorities were reaffirmed as the Community Outcomes for the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan at the Council meeting of 3 August 2023, and inform the direction for the next 10 years;
- d) notes Maaori partners’ priorities for the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan as set out in paragraph 71 of the staff report;
- e) notes the assumptions that have been used in developing the proposed budget, as covered in paragraphs 44-47 of the staff report and set out in full in the Significant Forecasting Assumptions report being considered at this meeting – in particular that Council will deliver water services for the first two years (only) of the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan;
- f) notes that staff have developed an alternative ‘Scenario B’ budget, for the scenario in which Council continues to deliver water services in all 10 years of the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan, but that this scenario is for Elected Members’ reference only and will not form part of the draft 2024-34 Long-Term Plan, which must be based on the law as it currently stands;
- g) notes the Development Contributions Policy reports being considered at this meeting;
- h) notes that the **Development Contributions revenue** assumed in the proposed 2024-34 Long-Term Plan is \$248 million over the 10 years, and that the total Development Contributions revenue may change once final levies are determined through the Development Contributions policy at the 14 March 2024 Council meeting;

- i) notes, for the purposes of preparing the proposed 2024-34 Long-Term Plan budget, the balancing the books, debt to revenue and net debt position, assuming annual rates rises of 4.9% as per the 2021-31 Long-Term Plan, as set out in the following table:

2024/25 \$000	2025/26 \$000	2026/27 \$000	2027/28 \$000	2028/29 \$000	2029/30 \$000	2030/31 \$000	2031/32 \$000	2032/33 \$000	2033/34 \$000
-75	-85	-77	-86	-98	-97	-108	-111	-106	-102
311%	332%	279%	318%	358%	386%	393%	417%	455%	466%
1248	1460	986	1141	1329	1482	1657	1852	2050	2235

- j) notes, for the purposes of preparing the proposed 2024-34 Long-Term Plan budget, the average rates rises that would be required to balance the books in one, three and five years in Table 5 of the staff report.

The meeting adjourned from 10:52am to 11:15am during the discussion of the above motion.

The meeting adjourned from 12:52pm to 1:57pm during the discussion of the above motion.

Base Capital Programme

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

That the Council approves, for the purposes of preparing the proposed 2024-34 Long-Term Plan budget:

- the ‘base’ capital programme shown in Attachment 2 of this report, with the exception of any changes made during this meeting.; and
- notes that the ‘base’ capital programme includes overall saving of \$129.6 million over the first three years and \$100.6 million over the full 10 years compared to the first base capital programme presented to Elected Members at the 11 October 2023 workshop, following further direction from the Mayor and Chief Executive.

Base Operating Budget savings

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

That the Council notes, for the purposes of preparing the proposed 2024-34 Long-Term Plan budget, that the ‘base’ operating budget includes \$332,000 savings compared to the budget presented to Elected Members at the 11 October workshop, following direction from the Mayor and Chief Executive.

PRIORITY ONE – A city that’s easy to live in:

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

That the Council, for the purposes of financial modelling:

- approves the proposed base capital programme in Attachment 7 of the staff report, with the exception of:
 - 1.8.3 LCLR Road to Zero – Programme A;
 - 1.8.4 LCLR Walking - Programme A;
 - 1.8.7 452 Eastern Pathways – School Link (Te Aroha St, Ruakura Rd);
 - 1.8.8 452 Biking and Micro Mobility Strategic Routes Programme A;
 - 1.8.9 LCLR – PT Improvements – High Frequency Routes – Strategic;
 - 1.8.12 Bus Rapid Transit Business Cases;
- notes the additional capital projects to consider in Attachment 11 (Unfunded Capital Programme) of the staff report *the addition ‘a city that’s easy to live in’, under citywide transport*

programme, recommended – Unfunded 452 Eastern Pathways school link (Peachgrove Road) \$16m gross \$7.84m net;

iii. notes the proposed operating budget in Table 9 of this report.

Base Capital Programmes

Motion: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O'Leary)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling, the following base capital programmes in Attachment 7 of the staff report :

- I. 1.8.3 LCLR Road to Zero – Programme A;
- II. 1.8.4 LCLR Walking - Programme A;
- III. 1.8.8 452 Biking and Micro Mobility Strategic Routes Programme A;
- IV. 1.8.9 LCLR – PT Improvements – High Frequency Routes – Strategic; and
- V. 1.8.12 Bus Rapid Transit Business Cases;

Amendment: (Cr Wilson/Cr Bydder)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling, the following base capital programmes in Attachment 7 of the staff report to commence in 2027-28 financial year (*deferred by three years*):

- I. 1.8.3 LCLR Road to Zero – Programme A;
- II. 1.8.4 LCLR Walking - Programme A;
- III. 1.8.8 452 Biking and Micro Mobility Strategic Routes Programme A;
- IV. 1.8.9 LCLR – PT Improvements – High Frequency Routes – Strategic; and
- V. 1.8.12 Bus Rapid Transit Business Cases.

The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment: Councillors Bydder, Pike, Taylor, Naidoo-Rauf, Donovan and Wilson

Those against the Amendment: Mayor Southgate Deputy, Mayor O'Leary, Councillors Hutt, Casey-Cox, van Oosten, Thomson, Huaki and Tauariki

The Amendment was declared LOST.

Foreshadowed Amendment: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Donovan)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling, the following base capital programmes in Attachment 7 of the staff report with a 50% reduction across each budget for each year of the Long-Term Plan (2024-34):

- I. 1.8.3 LCLR Road to Zero – Programme A;
- II. 1.8.4 LCLR Walking - Programme A;
- III. 1.8.8 452 Biking and Micro Mobility Strategic Routes Programme A;
- IV. 1.8.9 LCLR – PT Improvements – High Frequency Routes – Strategic'; and
- V. 1.8.12 Bus Rapid Transit Business Cases.

The Foreshadowed Amendment was put.

Those for the Foreshadowed Amendment: Councillors Bydder, Pike, Taylor, Naidoo-Rauf, Donovan and Wilson

Those against the Foreshadowed Amendment: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillors Hutt, Casey-Cox, van Oosten, Thomson, Huaki and Tauariki.

The Foreshadowed Amendment was declared LOST.

The Motion was then put and declared CARRIED.

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

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling, the following base capital programmes in Attachment 7 of the staff report :

- I. 1.8.3 LCLR Road to Zero – Programme A;
- II. 1.8.4 LCLR Walking - Programme A;
- III. 1.8.8 452 Biking and Micro Mobility Strategic Routes Programme A;
- IV. 1.8.9 LCLR – PT Improvements – High Frequency Routes – Strategic; and
- V. 1.8.12 Bus Rapid Transit Business Cases.

Those for the Motion: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillors Hutt, Casey-Cox, van Oosten, Thomson, Huaki and Tauariki.

Those against the Motion: Councillors Bydder, Pike, Taylor, Naidoo-Rauf, Donovan and Wilson.

The meeting adjourned from 3:02pm to 3:10pm following the above resolution.

1.8.7 452 Eastern Pathways – School Link (Te Aroha St, Ruakura Rd)

Motion: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O'Leary)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling, '1.8.7 452 Eastern Pathways – School Link (Te Aroha St, Ruakura Rd)' base capital programme in Attachment 7 of the staff report.

Amendment: (Cr Wilson/Cr Bydder)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling, '1.8.7 452 Eastern Pathways – School Link (Te Aroha St, Ruakura Rd)' base capital programme in Attachment 7 of the staff report to commence in 2027-28 financial year (*deferred by three years*).

The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment: Councillors Bydder, Pike, Taylor, Naidoo-Rauf, Donovan and Wilson.

Those against the Amendment: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillors Hutt, Casey-Cox, van Oosten, Thomson, Huaki and Tauariki.

The Amendment was declared LOST.

Foreshadowed Amendment: (Cr van Oosten/Cr Thomson)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling, '1.8.7 452 Eastern Pathways – School Link (Te Aroha St, Ruakura Rd)' with the addition of \$16million capex (for the inclusion of for Peachgrove Road from Clyde Street through to Te Aroha Street/Ruakura Road (excluding the intersections) in Year 4 (2027-28) of the Long-Term Plan to the base capital programmes.

The Foreshadowed Amendment was put.

Those for the Foreshadowed Amendment: Councillors Bydder, Pike, Taylor, Naidoo-Rauf, Donovan and Wilson.

Those against the Foreshadowed Amendment:

Mayor Southgate Deputy, Mayor O'Leary, Councillors Hutt, Casey-Cox, van Oosten, Thomson, Huaki and Tauariki.

The Foreshadowed Amendment was declared LOST.

The Motion was then put and declared CARRIED.

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

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling, '1.8.7 452 Eastern Pathways – School Link (Te Aroha St, Ruakura Rd)' base capital programme in Attachment 7 of the staff report.

Those for the Motion:

Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillors Hutt, Casey-Cox, van Oosten, Thomson, Huaki and Tauariki.

Those against the Motion:

Councillors Bydder, Pike, Taylor, Naidoo-Rauf, Donovan and Wilson.

The meeting adjourned from 3:33pm to 3:46pm following the above resolution.

Claudeland Power Resilience Programme

Resolved: (Cr van Oosten/Cr Pike)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling, the addition of \$600,000 capex over the Long-Term Plan period (2024-34) for the Claudelands Power Resilience Programme.

Landscape and Verge Maintenance

Resolved: (Cr Bydder/Deputy Mayor O'Leary)

That the Council requests staff identify low maintenance alternatives for corridors or sites where the cost of traffic management which is considered to be disproportionately higher than usual for Landscape and Verge Maintenance and organise a Briefing with Members prior to the Long-Term Plan Deliberations meeting in May 2024 to discuss.

Catchpit Cleaning

Resolved: (Cr Bydder/Deputy Mayor O'Leary)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling, the addition of \$5,540,000 opex over the Long-Term Plan period (2024-34) for Catchpit Cleaning.

Cycleway Sweeping

Resolved: (Cr Bydder/Cr Hutt)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling, the addition of \$370,000 opex per year of the Long-Term Plan period (2024-34) Cycleway Sweeping.

During the discussion the above item 6 (Draft 2024-2034 Long-Term Plan Budget) the matter was adjourned at the request of staff.

7. 2024-34 Long-Term Plan Significant Forecasting Assumptions

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

That the Council:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the use of the significant forecasting assumptions outlined in **Attachment 1** to develop the draft 2024-34 LTP budget and consultation document.

8. 2024/25 Development Contributions Policy Review - options and recommendations

Staff Recommendation - Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves, for the purpose of preparing a Proposed Development Contributions Policy 2024/25 (Proposed Policy), to:
 - i. extend the CBD remission for a further three years to 30 June 2027 but reduce the percentage remission from 50% to 33.3%;
 - ii. extend the 100% CBD high-rise remission for a further three years to 30 June 2027;
 - iii. phase development contribution charges over three years;
 - iv. amend the non-residential capped charges provisions to narrow their scope to include only commercial and retail neighbourhood centres as zoned in the District Plan;
 - v. introduce actual demand charging criteria for developments that use higher than the assumed demand in principle, subject to further legal review;
 - vi. amend the calculation basis for stormwater development contribution charges for all residential dwellings to be 1 Household Unit Equivalent (HUE);
 - vii. amend the social housing remission criteria to ensure that developments receiving the remission will remain social housing in perpetuity;
 - viii. index development contribution charges to reflect the diminishing purchasing power of money over time; and
 - ix. make other technical or minor changes as necessary;
- c) notes that a Proposed Development Contributions Policy 2024/25, which will include the levies, will be reported to the 14 March Council meeting seeking approval to go out for consultation alongside the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan:
 - i. a staff recommendation regarding supporting the principles set out in the Preamble to Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 in accordance with Section 102(3A) of the LGA 2002, to allow staff to consult further with Iwi and legal advisors;
 - ii. an option to introduce provisions into the Proposed Development Contributions Policy 2024/25 to incentivise affordable housing is deferred until feedback is received from the Affordable Housing Working Group, then the Development Contributions Working Group;
 - iii. other matters recommended by the Development Contributions Working Group;
- d) notes a recommendation to support community organisations developing new spaces with public benefit through a community remission or grant has not been included due to feedback from the Development Contributions Working Group given the current financial circumstances; and
- e) notes that the approved 2024/25 Development Contributions Policy will be operative from 1 July 2024 and that none of the recommendations in this report will immediately be operative in the Development Contributions Policy.

During the discussion the above item 8 (2024/25 Development Contributions Policy Review - options and recommendations) the item was adjourned to accommodate the discussion of item C1 (2024/25 Development Contributions Policy – DC charges).

9. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr van Oosten/Cr Hutt)

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. 2024/25 Development Contributions Policy - DC charges) 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 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:

The meeting moved into public excluded at 4:43pm.

The meeting returned to open meeting at 5:08pm.

The meeting adjourned from 5:09pm Tuesday 28 November to 9:00am Wednesday 29 November.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf left the meeting during the above adjournment.

8. 2024/25 Development Contributions Policy Review - options and recommendations – Continued

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

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves, for the purpose of preparing a Proposed Development Contributions Policy 2024/25 (Proposed Policy), to:
 - i. extend the CBD remission for a further three years to 30 June 2027 but reduce the percentage remission from 50% to 33.3%;
 - ii. extend the 100% CBD high-rise remission for a further three years to 30 June 2027;
 - iii. phase development contribution charges over three years;
 - iv. amend the non-residential capped charges provisions to narrow their scope to include only commercial and retail neighbourhood centres as zoned in the District Plan;
 - v. introduce actual demand charging criteria for developments that use higher than the assumed demand in principle, subject to further legal review;
 - vi. amend the calculation basis for stormwater development contribution charges for all residential dwellings to be 1 Household Unit Equivalent (HUE);
 - vii. amend the social housing remission criteria to ensure that developments receiving the remission will remain social housing in perpetuity;

- viii. index development contribution charges to reflect the diminishing purchasing power of money over time; and
- ix. make other technical or minor changes as necessary;
- c) notes that a Proposed Development Contributions Policy 2024/25, which will include the levies, will be reported to the 14 March Council meeting seeking approval to go out for consultation alongside the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan:
 - i. a staff recommendation regarding supporting the principles set out in the Preamble to Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 in accordance with Section 102(3A) of the LGA 2002, to allow staff to consult further with Iwi and legal advisors;
 - ii. an option to introduce provisions into the Proposed Development Contributions Policy 2024/25 to incentivise affordable housing is deferred until feedback is received from the Affordable Housing Working Group, then the Development Contributions Working Group;
 - iii. other matters recommended by the Development Contributions Working Group;
- d) notes a recommendation to support community organisations developing new spaces with public benefit through a community remission or grant has not been included due to feedback from the Development Contributions Working Group given the current financial circumstances; and
- e) notes that the approved 2024/25 Development Contributions Policy will be operative from 1 July 2024 and that none of the recommendations in this report will immediately be operative in the Development Contributions Policy.

6. Draft 2024-2034 Long-Term Plan Budget – Continued

School travel planning

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Hutt)

That the Council, for the purposes of financial modelling:

- a) approves the reallocation of funding from Road safety education activity programme for years 1-3 of the draft 2024-34 Long-Term Plan to fund 2.21- School travel planning at \$156.7k (local share \$76.7k) per year for years 1 to 3;
- b) approves opex funding of \$156.7k per year (\$76.7k local share) for School travel planning from year 4 onward of the Long-Term Plan; and
- c) notes that School travel planning funding in a) and b) above is subject to Waka Kotahi subsidy of 51% and should it not be subject to the subsidy it will be reported back to the appropriate Committee.

Those for the Motion:

Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O’Leary,
Councillors Pike, Casey-Cox, Thomson,
Donovan, Huaki, Wilson, Hutt, van
Oosten and Tauariki.

Those against the Motion:

Councillors Taylor and Bydder.

Workplace Planning

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Hutt)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of preparing the proposed 2024-34 Long-Term Plan budget, the addition of \$75k opex per year for workplace travel planning activities, noting revenue from fees of \$75k with a neutral impact on balancing the books.

PRIORITY TWO – A city where our people thrive:

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

That the Council, for the purposes of financial modelling:

- a) approves the proposed base capital programme in Attachment 7 of the staff report, with a total budget of \$100.7 million over the 10 years with the exception of:
 - i. Nature in the City Portfolio Programme Delivery Projects
- b) notes the additional capital projects to consider in Attachment 11 of the staff report;
- c) notes the proposed operating budget in Table 15 of the staff report.

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism Limited

Motion: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O'Leary)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling the reduction in funding for Hamilton & Waikato Tourism Limited be 20% of existing funding levels (as outlined on page 156 of the staff report).

Amendment: (Cr Wilson/Cr Bydder)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling the reduction in funding for Hamilton & Waikato Tourism Limited be 50% of existing funding levels (as outlined on page 156 of the staff report).

The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment: Councillors Bydder, Pike, Casey-Cox, Taylor, Thomson, Donovan, Huaki and Wilson.

Those against the Amendment: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillors Hutt, van Oosten and Tauariki.

The Amendment was declared CARRIED.

The Amendment as the Substantive Motion was then put and Declared CARRIED.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Bydder)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling the reduction in funding for Hamilton & Waikato Tourism Limited be 50% of existing funding levels (as outlined on page 156 of the staff report).

Those for the Amendment as the Substantive Motion: Mayor Southgate Councillors Bydder, Pike, Casey-Cox, Taylor, Thomson, Tauariki, Donovan, Huaki, and Wilson.

Those against the Amendment as the Substantive Motion: Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillors van Oosten and Hutt.

Te Waka Funding

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

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling the reduction in funding for Te Waka Limited be 20% (rather than 50%) of existing funding levels (as outlined on page 156 of the staff report).

Those for the Motion: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O'Leary Councillors Bydder, Hutt, Taylor, Thomson, Huaki, Tauariki, Wilson and van Oosten.

Those against the Motion: Councillors Casey-Cox, Pike and Donovan.

Nature in the City Portfolio Programme Delivery Projects

Motion: (Cr Taylor/Cr Wilson)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling, the deferral of 'Nature in the City Portfolio Programme Delivery Projects' in Attachment 7 of the staff report to commence in 2027-28 financial year (deferred by three years).

The Motion was put.

Those for the Motion: Councillors Bydder, Pike, Taylor, Donovan and Wilson.

Those against the Motion: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillors Hutt, Casey-Cox, van Oosten, Thomson, Huaki and Tauariki.

The Motion was declared LOST.

Emerging areas – industrial land supply

Resolved: (Cr Bydder/Cr Donovan)

That the Council, for the purposes of financial modelling, approves the addition of \$497,000 (\$111k Year 1, \$111k Year 2, \$130k Year 3, \$85k Year 4, and \$60k Year 5) Opex over the Long-Term Plan period (2024-34) for 2.27 Emerging areas – industrial land supply.

Those for the Motion: Councillors Bydder, Pike, Taylor, Donovan Wilson, Hutt, Casey-Cox, van Oosten, Thomson, Huaki and Tauariki.

Those against the Motion: Mayor Southgate, and Deputy Mayor O'Leary.

Momentum Waikato's Affordable Housing Fund

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Casey-Cox)

That the Council requests staff investigate with the Housing Working Group an investment in a Affordable Housing Fund to be reported back to the Council for consideration in the 2025-26 Annual Plan.

The meeting adjourned from 10:23am to 10:38am.

Civil Defence Emergency Management

Resolved: (Cr Pike/Cr Hutt)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling:

- a) the addition of \$285,000 Opex over the Long-Term Plan period (2024-34) for the Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Readiness project; and
- b) the addition of \$295,000 Opex over the Long-Term Plan period (2024-34) for the Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Hazard Research.

Partnerships, Communication and Maaori

Resolved: (Cr Tauariki/Cr Huaki)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling inclusion of the Partnerships, Communication and Maaori to ensure that meaningful engagement with mana whenua of \$200,000 opex (which includes the original \$134,000 opex) for years 1-10, with the addition amount being tagged for consent matters.

Resolved: (Cr Tauariki/Cr Huaki)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling inclusion of the Partnerships, Communication and Maaori to ensure Council will support Te Tiriti O Waitangi events of \$100,000 opex per year for years 1-10.

Those for the Motion: Mayor Southgate, Councillors Hutt, Casey-Cox, van Oosten, Thomson, Huaki and Tauariki.

Those against the Motion: Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillors Wilson, Taylor, Donovan, Pike and Bydder.

Sister Cities/International Relations

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Mayor Southgate)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling inclusion of the \$50,000 opex per year over the Long-Term Plan period (2024-34) for existing Sister Cities, Friendship Cities and International Relations.

Those for the Motion: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O'Leary Councillors Casey-Cox, van Oosten, Thomson, Wilson, Donovan, Pike, Bydder, Huaki and Tauariki.

Those against the Motion: Councillors Taylor and Hutt.

PRIORITY THREE – A central city where people love to be:

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

That the Council notes that all Council activities and key capital projects (including those funded by the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund grant that Council received from central government) contribute to the activation of the central city, therefore, no specific group of activities has been allocated to priority three – a central city where people love to be.

City Safe Support

Motion: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf/Cr Casey-Cox)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling, the addition of \$300,000 per annum from year 1, a total of \$3M opex across the Long-Term Plan (2024-34) for City Safe Support to cover the Waikato River and the three key sites, Hamilton Gardens, Te Kaaroro Nature Precinct and Waterworld.

Amendment: (Cr van Oosten/Cr Thomson)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling, the addition of \$130,000 opex per year across the Long-Term Plan (2024-34) for the continuation of the City Safe Support River Safety Trial.

The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment: Councillors van Oosten, Thomson and Tauariki.

Those against the Amendment: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillors Bydder, Hutt, Casey-Cox, Taylor, Naidoo-Rauf, Donovan, Huaki and Wilson.

The Amendment was declared LOST.

The Motion was put.

Those for the Motion: Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillors Thomson and Tauariki, Huaki, Naidoo-Rauf, Casey-Cox.

Those against the Motion: Mayor Southgate, Councillors Bydder, Hutt, van Oosten, Taylor, Donovan, and Wilson.

The Motion was declared LOST.

Cr Pike left the meeting (12:16pm) during the discussion on the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting adjourned at 12:46pm to 1:53pm.

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

PRIORITY FOUR: A fun city with lots to do:

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

That the Council, for the purposes of financial modelling:

- a) approves the proposed base capital programme in Attachment 7 of the staff report, with a total budget of \$90.8 million over the 10 years;
- b) notes the additional capital projects to consider in Attachment 11 of the staff report;
- c) notes the proposed operating budget in Table 21 of the staff report.

Park Tree

Motion: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr Thomson)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling, the addition of \$345,000 per year in Years 1-3 to carry out Park Tree inspections, capture Tree data and complete associated works on Park Trees and \$690,00 per year in Years 4-10 to enable more proactive priority Park Tree Maintenance.

Amendment: (Cr Hutt/Cr van Oosten)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of financial modelling, the addition of \$90,000 in Years 1-3 to carry out Park Tree inspections, capture Tree data on Park Trees to enable more proactive priority Park Tree Maintenance.

The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment: Mayor Southgate, Councillors Hutt, van Oosten, Thomson, Tauariki, Huaki, Naidoo-Rauf, Casey-Cox.

Those against the Amendment: Deputy Mayor O’Leary, Councillors Bydder, Wilson, Taylor, Donovan, and Pike.

The Amendment was declared LOST.

The Motion was then put.

Those for the Motion: Councillors Thomson and Casey-Cox.

Those against the Motion: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O’Leary, Councillors Pike, Bydder, Donovan, Taylor, van Oosten, Wilson, Hutt, and Tauariki.

The Motion was declared LOST.

PRIORITY FIVE: A green city

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

That the Council, for the purposes of financial modelling:

- i. approves the proposed base capital programme in Attachment 7 of the staff report, with a total budget of \$179.2 million over the 10 years, noting that this only includes the first two years of the three waters activity;
- ii. notes the additional capital projects to consider in Attachment 11 of the staff report;
- iii. notes the proposed operating budget in Table 27 of the staff report.

Matters not included in the Base Budget

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

That the Council notes, for the purposes of preparing the proposed 2024-34 Long-Term Plan budget:

- i. the operating expenditure Change Requests not currently included in the base budget in Tables 13, 18, 24, and 28 of the staff report with the exception of any changes made during this meeting;
- ii. the additional service level reductions to consider in Tables 14, 19, 25, and 29 of the staff report with the exception of any changes made during this meeting.

Renewals and Compliance

Motion: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Wilson)

That the Council, for the purpose of financial modelling:

- a) approves the proposed base renewals and compliance capital programme in Attachment 7 of the staff report with a total budget of \$938.5 million over the 10 years, including \$305.7 million over the first three-year period 2024-27; and
- b) notes the additional \$27.5 million of renewals and compliance funding to consider as in paragraph 111 of the staff report.

Amendment: (Deputy Mayor O’Leary/Cr Thomson)

That the Council approves, for the purpose of financial modelling:

- a) the proposed base renewals and compliance capital programme in Attachment 7 of the staff report with a total budget of \$938.5 million over the 10 years, including \$305.7 million over the first three-year period 2024-27; and

- b) an additional \$27.5million of funding for renewals and compliance programme consisting of \$5 million Year 1 (2024-25), \$10 million Year 2 (2025-26) and \$12.5 million Year 3 (2026-27).

The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment: Deputy Mayor O’Leary, Councillors Pike, Huaki, Bydder, Taylor, van Oosten, Hutt, Tauariki, Thomson and Casey-Cox.

Those against the Amendment: Mayor Southgate, Councillors Donovan and Wilson.

The Amendment was declared CARRIED.

The Amendment as the Substantive Motion was put and declared Carried.

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O’Leary/Cr Thomson)

That the Council approves, for the purpose of financial modelling:

- a) the proposed base renewals and compliance capital programme in Attachment 7 of the staff report with a total budget of \$938.5 million over the 10 years, including \$305.7 million over the first three-year period 2024-27; and
- b) an additional \$27.5million of funding for renewals and compliance programme consisting of \$5 million Year 1 (2024-25), \$10 million Year 2 (2025-26) and \$12.5 million Year 3 (2026-27).

Those for the Amendment as the Substantive Motion: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O’Leary, Councillors Pike, Huaki, Donovan, Bydder, Taylor, van Oosten, Hutt, Tauariki, Thomson and Casey-Cox.

Those against the Amendment as the Substantive Motion: Councillor Wilson.

Other Matters

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

That the Council:

- a) requests staff to continue work considering asset sales, and to provide an update to the Long-Term Plan Council Deliberations meeting in May 2024;
- b) requests staff to continue work considering the lease of vacant areas of the Municipal Building complex to commercial and not-for-profit organisations, and to provide an update to the Long-Term Plan Council Deliberations meeting in May 2024;
- c) approves the management of the capital programme as a three-year programme, consistent with how renewals and compliance are currently undertaken.
- d) requests staff to keep an annual watch over the Waikato Regional Airport Limited shareholding and our beneficial interest in WEL energy trust.

Parking CBD

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/ Mayor Southgate)

That the Council:

- a) for the purposes of financial modelling and proposed fees and charges approves the inclusion of demand-responsive parking pricing from **Year 1 (2024-25)** specifically for:
- i. short-term parking, with a starting price point of \$3 per hour for the first two hours (and \$6 per hour thereafter) where parking spaces generally have greater than 85% occupancy,

and \$1 per hour for the first two hours (and \$6 per hour thereafter) where parking spaces generally have less than 85% occupancy;

- b) notes that the introduction of demand-responsive pricing would mean that the two hours free parking trial in the central city **end on 1 January 2025**;
- c) notes that the central city rate will be \$72,500 set to be collected over the full 2024/25 financial year;
- d) notes that prior to the end of 2 hour free parking trial, once the technology has been implemented, there will be a transition to customer self-validation of their parking event within the central city;
- e) notes the additional parking capital improvements including license plate recognition, vehicle camera equipment and installations, and the additional parking operating and maintenance, and resourcing operating expenditure change requests (including consequential operating expenditure) are included in the 'base' capital programme; and
- f) notes that staff are currently preparing a Parking Pricing Policy as outlined in the Hamilton Parking Policy for consideration of the Infrastructure and Transport Committee in early 2024.

Those for the Motion:

Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O'Leary,
Councillors Pike, Bydder, van Oosten,
Hutt, Tauariki, Thomson, Wilson and
Casey-Cox.

Those against the Motion:

Councillor Taylor and Donovan.

The meeting adjourned at 3:03pm to 3:25pm during the discussion of the above item.

Cr Huaki left the meeting (3:36pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

Parking All Day Fringe Parking

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

That the Council:

- a) approves that demand-responsive pricing for the purposes of financial modelling and proposed fees and charges, the inclusion of demand-responsive parking pricing specifically for:
 - i. all day paid parking, enabling prices to be set between \$6 and \$12 to achieve 85% occupancy, together with increased parking enforcement activity, in accordance with the Hamilton Parking Policy;
- b) notes the additional parking capital improvements including license plate recognition, vehicle camera equipment and installations, and the additional parking operating and maintenance, and resourcing operating expenditure change requests (including consequential operating expenditure) are included in the 'base' capital programme;
- c) notes that staff are currently preparing a Parking Pricing Policy as outlined in the Hamilton Parking Policy for consideration of the Infrastructure and Transport Committee in early 2024.

Targeted Rates

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

That the Council:

- a) notes that staff will provide further advice on which costs can be paid for from the Government compliance targeted rate; and
- b) approves, for the purposes of preparing the draft 2024-34 Long-Term Plan budget, the introduction of a swimming pool safety inspection targeted rate.

Hamilton Central Business Association (HCBA)

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Mayor Southgate)

That the Council, for the purposes of financial modelling:

- a) the HCBA Change Request to increase the Business Improvement District (BID) targeted rate each year by the same amount as the approved general rate increase, capped at 5%, effective from 1 July 2024;
- b) approves **Option 2B** to increase rates for commercial properties in the Central City BID Boundary from 95% of Commercial rates to 100%, transitioned over three years (96% in year 1; 98% in year 2; and 100% in year 3 onwards), and add the additional revenue to the base;
- c) notes the outcome of Hamilton Central Business Association's BID poll on extending the BID area was invalid, and that this proposal is therefore not included in the draft Long-Term Plan, but also notes the possibility of reconsidering this issue ahead of the Long-Term Plan deliberations meeting in May 2024, subject to a change to the BID Policy; and
- d) approves the addition of \$150,000 opex per annum to improve general upkeep and/or improve of the Central City surrounds, to be prioritised in consultation with HCBA.

Rating Options/Changes Working Group

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Bydder)

That the Council:

- a) notes that in developing this long-term plan process staff and Elected Members identified a number of rates funding option that were not reasonably practicable to implement at this time.
- b) requests staff develop a plan to:
 - i. identify the cost and implications of developing new rates (e.g. district plan changes)
 - ii. review the matters listed in C.
 - iii. workshop staff advice and provide feedback from Elected Members, as required.
 - iv. complete the process in a timely manner to allow for consultation on any proposed changes to rates and associated policies or long-term plan amendment for the 2025/26 Annual Plan.
- c) notes matters to be considered, in the context of increasing the rating base:
 - i. Underdeveloped Land – including new subdividable land and vacant land and underdeveloped commercial land.
 - ii. Short-term accommodation with district plan alignment.
 - iii. Equity of rates on land with multiple separately used and inhabited parts of a rating unit.
 - iv. Assessment of exceptional land use for example high users or negative impacts.
- d) notes that the above process will be completed within the existing budget.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03pm to 4:10pm.

Procedural Motion

Motion: (Cr Wilson/Cr Taylor)

That the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday 2 December 1.00pm.

Those for the Procedural Motion: Councillors Pike, Bydder, Wilson, Taylor and Donovan.

Those against the Procedural Motion: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O’Leary, Councillor van Oosten, Thomson, Hutt, Tauariki and Casey-Cox.

The Procedural Motion was declared LOST.

Community Infrastructure Targeted Rate

Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr van Oosten)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of providing the community with options for increased service levels above the recommended base budget:

- a) a ‘Unbudgeted Proposed Community Infrastructure Targeted Rate’ which is in addition to the proposed rates increase, to be set on capital value, differentiated in the same way as the general rate;
- b) these options would be calculated based on additional rates of \$0.40, \$0.60 or \$0.80 per week for the median residential property with a Council preferred rate of \$0.40 per week; and
- c) the community would have the opportunity to submit their support or not as this is an unbudgeted item added on top of the base budget and which project it would be; and
- d) that the projects will be identified from the unfunded list of programmes and in future annual plans.

Those for the Motion: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O’Leary, Councillor van Oosten, Thomson, Hutt, Huaki, Tauariki, Casey-Cox, Pike, and Donovan.

Those against the Motion: Councillors Wilson, Bydder and Taylor.

Cr Huaki re-joined the meeting (4:58pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

Community Resilience and Extreme Weather Targeted Rate

Resolved: (Cr Hutt/Cr Thomson)

That the Council approves, for the purposes of providing the community with options for increased service levels above the recommended base budget:

- a) an ‘Unbudgeted Proposed Community Resilience and Extreme Weather Targeted Rate which is in addition to the proposed rates increase, to be set on capital value, differentiated in the same way as the general rate;
- b) these options would be calculated based on additional rates of \$0.40 or \$0.80 per week for the median residential property with a Council preferred rate of \$0.40 per week;
- c) the community would have the opportunity to submit their support or not as this is an unbudgeted item added on top of the base budget; and

- d) that the projects will be identified from the unfunded list of programmes and in future annual plans.

Those for the Motion: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O’Leary, Councillor van Oosten, Thomson, Hutt, Huaki, Tauariki, Casey-Cox, Pike, and Donovan.

Those against the Motion: Councillors Wilson, Bydder and Taylor.

Catering

Motion: (Cr Pike/Cr Wilson)

That the Council, for the purposes of financial modelling, a reduction in Council’s catering budget to achieve an opex savings of \$51,000 per year / \$510,000 over 10 years:

- i. Staff \$29,000 (to allow for basic provisions/hosting);
- ii. Councillors & Mayors office \$5,000 (small allocation for special events for hosting);
- iii. CE \$5,000 (special events for hosting); and
- iv. Amorangi Maaori \$5,000 (for hosting).

Amendment: (Cr Thomson/Cr Hutt)

That the Council, for the purposes of financial modelling, a reduction in Councillor’s catering budget to \$8000 each year over the Long-Term Plan year plan.

The amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment : Mayor Southgate, Councillor Hutt, Casey-Cox and Thomson.

Those against the Amendment: Deputy Mayor O’Leary, Councillors van Oosten, Huaki, Tauariki, , Pike, Donovan, Wilson, Bydder and Taylor.

The Amendment was LOST.

The Motion was then put.

Those for the Motion: Councillors Pike, Donovan, Wilson, Bydder and Taylor.

Those against the Motion: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O’Leary, Councillors van Oosten, Huaki, Tauariki, Hutt Thomson and Casey-Cox.

The Motion was declared LOST.

The meeting was adjourned 5.25pm to 5.45pm following the above motion.

Previously resolved financial modelling decisions

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

That the Council:

- a) approves for the purposes of preparing the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan the 'Nature in the City Portfolio Programme Delivery Projects' in Attachment 7 of the staff report;
- b) approves the following previously resolved decisions (recorded above) made for the purposes of financial modelling are changed to be 'approves for the purposes of preparing the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan', noting the original votes for each of the decisions stand:
 - i. PRIORITY ONE – A city that's easy to live in including;
 - a. 1.8.3 LCLR Road to Zero – Programme A
 - b. 1.8.4 LCLR Walking - Programme A
 - c. 1.8.8 452 Biking and Micro Mobility Strategic Routes Programme A
 - d. 1.8.9 LCLR – PT Improvements – High Frequency Routes – Strategic'
 - e. 1.8.12 Bus Rapid Transit Business Cases
 - f. 1.8.7 452 Eastern Pathways – School Link (Te Aroha St, Ruakura Rd)'
 - g. Claudelands Power Resilience Programme
 - h. Catchpit Cleaning
 - i. Cycleway Sweeping
 - j. School travel planning
 - k. Workplace Planning
 - ii. PRIORITY TWO – A city where our people thrive including;
 - a. Hamilton & Waikato Tourism Limited
 - b. Te Waka Funding
 - c. Emerging areas – industrial land supply
 - d. Civil Defence Emergency Management
 - e. Partnerships, Communication and Maaori
 - f. Sister Cities/International Relations
 - iii. PRIORITY THREE – A central city where people love to be;
 - iv. PRIORITY FOUR: A fun city with lots to do;
 - v. PRIORITY FIVE: A green city
 - vi. Renewals and Compliance
 - vii. Parking CBD
 - viii. Parking All Day Fringe Parking
 - ix. Hamilton Central Business Association (HCBA)

Consultation document

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

That the Council approves the Chief Executive to prepare a draft Consultation Document (for approval at the 14 March 2024 Long-Term Plan Council meeting) on the basis of the approved draft 2024-34 Long-Term Plan budget, in consultation with the Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O'Leary and Councillors van Oosten, Wilson, Hutt and Tauariki that includes:

- i. the option of introducing a Community Infrastructure targeted rate;

- ii. the option of introducing a Community Resilience and Extreme Weather targeted rate; and
- iii. questions concerning the period over which Council should balance the books, and whether to add additional targeted rates as set out in resolutions ii) i and ii, as well as any other key issues identified at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned 5.37pm to 6.00pm.

Cr Huaki retired from the meeting during the above adjournment.

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

Financial Strategy

Motion: (Mayor Southgate/Deputy Mayor O'Leary)

That the Council:

- a) approves the inclusion of an additional financial principle, specifying that 'Rates increases will consider Local Government inflation and interest cost levels to ensure a prudent financial position is maintained';
- b) approves the amendment of the existing financial principle 'Rates certainty will be a key consideration' to 'Rates certainty will be considered', for consistency with the language of the other financial principles;
- c) approves, for the purposes of preparing the draft 2024-34 Long-Term Plan budget, to Balance the Books over three years, with the average rates increases over the 10 year as set out below:

Rates %	18.6%	15.2%	15.2%	5.7%	5.7%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
BTB	-42,312,163	-16,323,724	2,000,000	5,665,931	2,000,000	9,735,570	6,202,981	11,286,022	24,344,920	37,351,768
DtR	280%	270%	193%	199%	209%	210%	203%	205%	212%	206%

*notes that in Year 3 relating to waters exit has not been applied prior to applying an increase to the remaining rates base

- d) agrees, for the purposes of preparing the proposed draft 2024-34 Long-Term Plan, to not seek to balance the books using the alternative government measure in Year 1; and
- e) notes a staff recommendation regarding supporting the principles set out in the Preamble to Te Ture Whenua Maaori Act 1993 in accordance with Section 102(3A) of the LGA 2002, to allow staff to consult further with Iwi and legal advisors.

Amendment: (Cr Wilson/Cr Donovan)

That the Council:

- a) approves the inclusion of an additional financial principle, specifying that 'Rates increases will consider Local Government inflation and interest cost levels to ensure a prudent financial position is maintained';
- b) approves the amendment of the existing financial principle 'Rates certainty will be a key consideration' to 'Rates certainty will be considered', for consistency with the language of the other financial principles;

- c) approves, for the purposes of preparing the draft 2024-34 Long-Term Plan budget, to Balance the Books to the Government Measure in Year 1, with the average rates increases over the 10 year as set out below:

Rates %	25.5%	12.9%	8.7%	6.3%	6.3%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
BTB	-24,554,148	2,000,000	2,000,000	3,829,003	2,049,797	10,197,386	6,656,936	11,795,421	24,900,889	37,947,8
DtR	265%	254%	185%	192%	202%	203%	197%	199%	205%	200%
GOVT BTB	2,000,000	37,854,050	-1,641,802,065	25,405,604	20,155,259	16,750,185	27,256,058	32,356,173	29,961,196	44,394,8

*note that in Year 3 relating to waters exit has not been applied prior to applying an increase to the remaining rates base

- d) agrees, for the purposes of preparing the proposed draft 2024-34 Long-Term Plan, to not seek to balance the books using the alternative government measure in Year 1; and
- e) notes a staff recommendation regarding supporting the principles set out in the Preamble to Te Ture Whenua Maaori Act 1993 in accordance with Section 102(3A) of the LGA 2002, to allow staff to consult further with Iwi and legal advisors.

The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment : Councillors Tauariki, Naidoo-Rauf, Pike, Donovan, Wilson, Bydder, Taylor, Hutt and Thomson.

Those against the Amendment: Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O'Leary, Councillors van Oosten and Casey-Cox.

The Amendment was declared CARRIED.

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

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Donovan)

That the Council:

- a) approves the inclusion of an additional financial principle, specifying that 'Rates increases will consider Local Government inflation and interest cost levels to ensure a prudent financial position is maintained';
- b) approves the amendment of the existing financial principle 'Rates certainty will be a key consideration' to 'Rates certainty will be considered', for consistency with the language of the other financial principles;
- c) approves, for the purposes of preparing the draft 2024-34 Long-Term Plan budget, to Balance the Books to the Government Measure in Year 1, with the average rates increases over the 10 year as set out below:

Rates %	25.5%	12.9%	8.7%	6.3%	6.3%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
BTB	-24,554,148	2,000,000	2,000,000	3,829,003	2,049,797	10,197,386	6,656,936	11,795,421	24,900,889	37,947,8
DtR	265%	254%	185%	192%	202%	203%	197%	199%	205%	200%
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*note that in Year 3 relating to waters exit has not been applied prior to applying an increase to the remaining rates base

- d) agrees, for the purposes of preparing the proposed draft 2024-34 Long-Term Plan, to not seek to balance the books using the alternative government measure in Year 1; and

- e) notes a staff recommendation regarding supporting the principles set out in the Preamble to Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 in accordance with Section 102(3A) of the LGA 2002, to allow staff to consult further with Iwi and legal advisors.

Those for the Amendment as the Substantive Motion:

Councillors Tauariki, Naidoo-Rauf, Pike, Donovan, Wilson, Bydder, Taylor, Hutt, van Oosten, Casey-Cox and Thomson.

Those against the Amendment as the Substantive Motion:

Mayor Southgate and Deputy Mayor O'Leary.

Cr Tauariki closed the meeting with a Karakia Whakamutunga.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.03pm.

Minute Note 8/10/2024

On 8/10/2024 the following resolutions were determined to be released to the public via these minutes and the quarterly update.

DC Changes

Resolved

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the following process for Development Contribution Assessments for developments lodged with Council up until 30 June 2024:
 - i. staff will continue to generally require development contributions at the first available milestone, typically upon grant of resource consent;
 - ii. staff have authority to identify exceptions to this general requirement where a new consent application is lodged with Council up until 30 June 2024 ("Exception");
 - iii. exceptions will be identified in accordance with the criteria approved by the Council on 26 February 2019 (and set out at paragraph 25 of the staff report) where a 'good reason' exists, the development may be considered an exception;
 - iv. for identified exceptions, staff are directed to defer requirement of development contributions to the granting of a building consent or authorisation of a service connection, noting that those decisions will be legally reviewed and signed off by the General Manager of Strategy, Growth and Planning;
 - v. any development for which a Development Contributions Assessment is calculated to be in excess of \$1M will be treated as an exception candidate by default;
 - vi. exceptions will be reported in the quarterly Development Contributions remissions report;
- c) notes that:
 - i. a Proposed Development Contributions Policy 2024/25 will be presented to the Council 14 March 2024 Council meeting for approval to go out for community consultation alongside the 2024/34 Long Term Plan;
 - ii. these recommended exceptions process does not provide staff with any delegations they do not already hold. It is recommended to protect development contribution assessment staff by adding senior staff and legal oversight (as outlined in recommendation 3 b) iv above), and to acknowledge the complexity and materiality of assessment decisions; and

d) notes that the decision and information in relation to this matter be released at the appropriate time, to be determined by the Chief Executive.