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## Finance and Monitoring Committee

### *Te Komiti Aroturuki me ngaa Puutea*

### OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and Monitoring Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Tuesday 26 August 2025 at 9:30 am.

#### PRESENT

**Chairperson** Cr Maxine van Oosten  
**Heamana**

**Members** Mayor Paula Southgate  
Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary  
Cr Maria Huata (via audio-visual link)  
Cr Emma Pike  
Cr Anna Casey-Cox  
Cr Tim Macindoe  
Cr Ewan Wilson  
Cr Louise Hutt (via audio-visual link)  
Cr Geoff Taylor  
Cr Sarah Thomson  
Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf

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*The Chair opened the meeting with a karakia whakatuuwheera for Cr Tauariki’s loss.*

**1. Apologies – Tono aroha**

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr Pike)

That the Finance and Monitoring Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Cr Bydder and Cr Tauariki.

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

**Resolved:** (Cr van Oosten/Cr Macindoe)

That the Finance and Monitoring Committee confirm the agenda.

**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.

**5. Confirmation of the Finance and Monitoring Committee Unconfirmed Open Minutes 24 June 2025**

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson /Cr Taylor )

That the Finance and Monitoring Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Finance and Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 24 June 2025 as a true and correct record.

*Deputy Mayor O’Leary left the meeting (9.32 am) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.*

**6. Chair's Report**

The Chair took the reports as read and thanked staff for their efforts during the triennium.

**Resolved:** (Cr van Oosten/Cr Wilson)

That the Finance and Monitoring Committee receives the report.

**7. Capital Portfolio Monitoring Report to 30 June 2025**

The Infrastructure & Asset Contract Finance Manager, General Manager Development and the Design & Deliver Unit Director outlined the report highlighting capital revenue, capital deferrals, work in progress, and projects. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning bulk water storage, groundwater dewatering, project tracking and of deferrals prioritisation.

**Resolved:** (Cr Thomson/Cr Wilson)

That the Finance and Monitoring Committee receives the report.

*Deputy Mayor O’Leary joined to the meeting (9.49 am) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.*

**8. Financial Performance & Strategy Report to 30 June 2025 (Recommendation to the Council)**

The Finance Accounts Manager provided an update on the budgeted deficits, operational surplus, market interests, New Zealand Transport Agency funding impacts and noted a change in contract expenses of waste bins was a simple change in the contract. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning operating costs in School Links of the report, costs for Official Information requests professional costs and project impact identification.

**Resolved:** (Deputy Mayor O’Leary/Cr Hutt)

That the Finance and Monitoring Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) recommends that the Council:
  - i. approves the capital movements as identified in the Capital Portfolio Monitoring Report on the agenda;
  - ii. notes the draft Financial Strategy position for 30 June 2025 for Debt to Revenue, Net Debt and Balancing the Books as set out in paragraphs 55 to 57 of this staff report; and
  - iii. notes that there may be further adjustments in the preparation of the annual report.
- c) requests staff provide a report on the budget, volume, and cost of official information requests, including:
  - i. where the budget is reported;
  - ii. what associated costs are included and how are they tracked;

- iii. number of requests received annually;
- iv. what is the threshold for charging the requester and how many of these have occurred in the last financial year; and
- d) notes that this report will be provided to the appropriate Committee at its first meeting of the 2025-2028 triennium.

**Cr Taylor, Pike, Wilson and Macindoe Dissenting**

**9. Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**Procedural Motion:**

**Resolved:** (Deputy Mayor O'Leary/Cr Hutt)

That the matter under debate be put.

**Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr Casey-Cox)

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

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

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1. Confirmation of the Finance and Monitoring Committee Unconfirmed Public Excluded Minutes 24 June 2025	) Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Te Kaaroro Nature Precinct - Contract Award		
C3. Fleet All of Government Contracts		
C4. Report on overdue debtors as at 31 July 2025 and debt write-offs 2024/25		

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:

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| Item C1. | to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence and disclosure would likely prejudice continual supply of similar information where it is in the public | Section 7 (2) (c) (i) |
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	interest for that information to continue to be available	
Item C2.	to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage	Section 7 (2) (h)
Item C3.	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)
Item C4.	to protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7 (2) (a)
	to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage	Section 7 (2) (h)
	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)

**The meeting moved in the Public Excluded at 10.31 am**

**The meeting was declared closed at 11.46 am**