
Thursday, 17 August 2023

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Hastings District Council: Extraordinary Council Meeting

Ngā Minitī

Minutes

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Thursday, 17 August 2023**

Venue **Council Chamber
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

Time start - end **1.00pm – 2.38pm**

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Kua Tae ā-tinana: **Chair - Tiamana:** Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst
Present: **Councillors - Ngā KaiKaunihera:**
Councillors Ana Apatu, Marcus Buddo, Alwyn Corban, Malcolm Dixon, Michael Fowler, Damon Harvey, Kellie Jessup, Tania Kerr (Deputy Mayor), Renata Nepe, Simon Nixon, Ann Redstone, Wendy Schollum, and Kevin Watkins

Chief Executive - Nigel Bickle
Deputy Chief Executive - Bruce Allan
Interim Recovery Manager – Craig Cameron
Group Manager: Asset Management - Craig Thew
Group Manager: Community Wellbeing and Services – Rebekah Dinwoodie
General Counsel – Scott Smith
Kua Tatū: Pou Ahurea Matua: Principal Advisor: Relationships, Responsiveness and Heritage – Dr James Graham
In attendance: Strategy Manager – Lex Verhoeven
Strategic Project Manager – Dean Ferguson
Project Manager Strategy, Growth and Development – David Elliot
Chief Risk Officer – Regan Smith
Risk Manager – Steffi Bird
Manager: Democracy and Governance Services – Louise Stettner
Democracy and Governance Advisor – Lynne Cox
Democracy and Governance Advisor – Caitlyn Dine

Kei Konei: External Consultant from Frank Engagement – Erin Harford
Also present: External Independent Chair of Risk and Assurance Committee – Jon Nichols

1. OPENING PRAYER - KARAKIA

The opening prayer was given by Councillor Nepe.

2. APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE - NGĀ WHAKAPĀHATANGA ME TE WEHENGĀ Ā-HUI

Leave of Absence had previously been granted to Councillor Heke.

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Kerr

That the apology for absence from Councillor Lawson be accepted.

The leave of absence be granted to:

Councillor Fowler for 1 hour and 30 minutes on 24 August

Councillor Dixon for 25 – 29 September

CARRIED

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - HE NGĀKAU KŌNATUNATU

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - TE WHAKAMANA I NGĀ MINITI

There were no minutes to confirm.

5. LONG TERM PLAN AMENDMENT AND CONSULTATION DOCUMENT FOR CYCLONE GABRIELLE - VOLUNTARY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND PROPERTY RIGHTS PURCHASE

(Document ref 23/285)

Chief Executive, Nigel Bickle, Deputy Chief Executive, Bruce Allan and Strategy Manager, Lex Verhoeven, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Schollum/Councillor Kerr

- A) That Council receive the report titled Long Term Plan Amendment and Consultation Document for Cyclone Gabrielle - Voluntary Residential Property and Property Rights Purchase dated 17 August 2023.
- B) That Council adopt for community consultation the attached Amendment to the 2021-31 Long Term Plan for the introduction of voluntary residential property and property rights purchase.
- C) That Council adopt the Consultation Document attached for community consultation for the introduction of voluntary residential property and property rights purchase.
- D) That Council utilise the provisions of the Severe Weather Emergency Legislation Act 2023 which introduce sections 83C and 93DA to the Local Government Act 2002 and specifically resolve to:
 - i. Undertake a Special Consultative Process with a minimum period of 14 days available for the community to express their views.

- ii. Receive written submissions only with opportunities for the public to verbally interact with Council during the consultation process.
 - iii. Prepare an unaudited Long Term Plan Amendment and associated Consultation Document.
- E) That the Council notes an inconsistency with its Financial Strategy in year 2025/26 in respect of the debt to income ratio exceeding 175% (Amendment 184.08%), and a minor non achievement of the Balanced Budget Benchmark in years 2023/24 (Amendment 97%) and 2024/25 (Amendment 98%), and that no change to policy is considered necessary at this time.
- F) And delegate to the Chief Executive to make amendments to the Consultation Document as directed by Council and any other minor amendments as required.

CARRIED

6. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

(Document ref 23/276)

Councillor Kerr/Councillor Buddo

- A) That Council receive the report titled Proposed Amendments to Schedule of Meetings dated 17 August 2023.
- B) That Council adopt changes to the 2023 Schedule of Meetings as follows:

Council	New Meeting	Thursday 14 September 2023 at 1pm
Performance and Monitoring Committee	Postponed	From Thursday 14 September 2023 1pm to Thursday 21 September 2023 at 1pm
HDC: Tangata Whenua Wastewater	New Meetings	Friday 15 September 2023 at 1pm and Wednesday 8 November 2023 at 10am
Risk and Assurance Committee	Change of Date	From Monday 27 November 2023 at 1pm to Monday 20 November 2023 at 1pm

CARRIED

7. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER & RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK UPDATES

(Document ref 23/278)

External Independent Chair of Risk and Assurance Committee, Jon Nichols, Chief Risk Manager, Regan Smith and Risk Manager, Steffi Bird, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Ms Bird noted that the documents addressed in paragraph 1.2 of the report had been presented to the Risk and Assurance Committee, which had met on 31 July 2023 (not 17 July 2023 as had been stated in the report).

Councillor Redstone/Councillor Fowler

- A) That Council receive the report titled Strategic Risk Register & Risk Management Framework Updates dated 17 August 2023.
- B) That Council adopt:
 - i. The updated Strategic Risk Register including revised risk levels.
 - ii. Addition of a new opportunity risk 'Effective Strategic Partnerships' and new threat risk 'Liability for Legal Challenge' to the Strategic Risk Register.
 - iii. The Enterprise Risk Management Policy and Framework with no changes required.

CARRIED

8. MINOR ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE ITI

There were no additional business items.

9. URGENT ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI

There were no extraordinary business items.

10. RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM ITEMS 10 AND 11

SECTION 48, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Kerr

THAT the public now be excluded from the following parts of the meeting, namely;

11 Appointment of Independent Member to the Risk and Assurance Committee

12 Affordable Housing Fund - Request for Proposal

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this Resolution in relation to the 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 is as follows:

GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER, AND PARTICULAR INTERESTS PROTECTED	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF EACH RESOLUTION
11 Appointment of Independent Member to the Risk and Assurance Committee	<p>Section 7 (2) (a)</p> <p>The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.</p> <p>To protect the privacy of the individual being recommended to the position.</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)</p> <p>Where the Local Authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act under Section 6 or 7 (except Section 7(2)(f)(i)) of this Act.</p>
12 Affordable Housing Fund - Request for Proposal	<p>Section 7 (2) (h)</p> <p>The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.</p> <p>Commercially Sensitive.</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)</p> <p>Where the Local Authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act under Section 6 or 7 (except Section 7(2)(f)(i)) of this Act.</p>

CARRIED

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Kerr

That the External Independent Chair of Risk and Assurance Committee, Jon Nichols, is permitted to remain after the public has been excluded because of his knowledge of matters pertaining to Agenda Item 11, that would assist Council in making its decision.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 2.38pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: