

Thursday, 19 September 2024

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council: Performance and Monitoring Committee Meeting

Ngā Minitī

Minutes

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Thursday, 19 September 2024**

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

Time start - end **9.00am – 11.15am**

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Chair: Councillor Michael Fowler

Councillors: Ana Apatu, Marcus Buddo (Deputy Chair), Alwyn Corban, Malcolm Dixon, Damon Harvey, Kellie Jessup, Tania Kerr, Eileen Lawson (via Zoom), Hana Montaperto-Hendry, Simon Nixon, Wendy Schollum, Heather Te Au-Skipworth and Kevin Watkins

Kua Tae ā-tinana:

Present:

Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst

Hastings District Rural Community Board appointee: Jonathan Stockley (RCB Chair)

Chief Executive - Nigel Bickle

Deputy Chief Executive – Bruce Allan (Lead)

Group Manager: Asset Management - Craig Thew

Chief Financial Officer – Graham Watson

Financial Controller – Aaron Wilson

Group Manager: People & Capability - Bronwyn Bayliss

Group Manager: Community Wellbeing & Services – Rebekah Dinwoodie

Group Manager: Marketing, Communications & Engagement – Naomi Fergusson

Group Manager: Democracy and Strategy – Craig Cameron

Kua Tatū:

In attendance:

Community Grants and Partnerships Advisor - Kev Carter

Manager, Arts & Culture - Megan Peacock-Coyle

Strategic Financial Advisor - Jess Noiseux

Manager- Aquatics, Sports & Recreation - Tom Page

Community Strategies Manager - Emma Morgan

Health, Safety & Wellbeing Partner – Nikola King

Manager: Democracy & Governance Services – Louise Stettner

Democracy & Governance Advisor - Christine Hilton

Democracy & Governance Advisor – Caitlyn Dine

1. OPENING PRAYER - KARAKIA

The opening prayer was led by Councillor Te Au-Skipworth.

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

Councillor Dixon/Mayor Hazlehurst

That an Apology for Absence from Councillor Heke be accepted.

Leaves of Absence

Councillor Watkins formally withdrew his leave of absence for 17 to 20/9/24.

Councillor Watkins – 1.45pm on Thursday, 26/9 to midday on Friday, 27/9/24.

Councillor Jessup - 24/9 to 27/9/24

Councillor Schollum – 9/10 to 11/10/24.

CARRIED

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - HE NGĀKAU KŌNATUNATU

Councillor Montaperto-Hendry declared a Conflict of Interest in regard to Item 5.

Councillors Kerr, Dixon and Te Au-Skipworth each declared a Conflict of Interest in regard to Item 6.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - TE WHAKAMANA I NGĀ MINITI

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Dixon

That the minutes of the Performance & Monitoring Committee Meeting held Thursday 25 July 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

5. HASTINGS CYCLONE GABRIELLE MAYORAL RELIEF FUND REPORT

(Document 24/393)

As noted earlier in the minutes, Councillor Montaperto-Hendry had declared a potential Conflict of Interest in regard to this item and withdrew from the table, taking no part in discussion or voting.

The Community Grants and Partnerships Advisor, Kev Carter, spoke to the agenda report and responded to questions from the Committee.

The meeting acknowledged the work undertaken by the committee, led by Councillor Dixon, and the officers who had been involved in the administration of the allocation of this relief fund. They also thanked the wider community and those who had given gifts and donations to support those needing this relief.

Councillor Dixon/Councillor Apatu

That the Performance and Monitoring Committee receive the report titled Hastings Cyclone Gabrielle Mayoral Relief Fund Report dated 19 September 2024.

CARRIED

6. EXEMPTION OF COUNCIL CONTROLLED STATUS FOR COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS.

(Document 24/412)

As noted earlier in the minutes, Councillors Kerr, Dixon and Te Au-Skipworth had each declared a potential Conflict of Interest in regard to this item and withdrew from the table, taking no part in discussion or voting.

The Strategic Financial Advisor, Jess Noiseux, and the Deputy Chief Executive, Bruce Allan, spoke to the agenda report and responded to questions from the Committee.

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Buddo

- A) That the Performance and Monitoring Committee receive the report titled Exemption of Council Controlled Status for Council Controlled Organisations. dated 19 September 2024.
- B) That the Committee approve pursuant to Section 6(4)(i) and Section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, that the following CCOs be exempted from being Council Controlled Organisations for three years to 30 June 2026:
 - i. Hastings District Holdings Ltd; and
 - ii. Hastings District Properties Ltd.
- C) That the Committee approve pursuant to Section 6(4)(i) and Section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, that the following CCOs be exempted from being Council Controlled Organisations for three years to 30 June 2027:
 - i. Te Mata Park Trust Board;
 - ii. Hawke's Bay Local Authority Shared Services Limited; and
 - iii. Hawke's Bay Opera House.
- D) That the Committee approve pursuant to Section 6(4)(i) and Section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, that the Hawke's Bay Opera House Limited be exempted from being a Council Controlled Organisation for the three year period ending 30 June 2024.

CARRIED

7. UNAUDITED FINANCIAL YEAR END RESULTS 30 JUNE 2024

(Document 24/416)

The Chair gave an initial overview, noting that the council had been kept informed throughout the year by officers regarding the financial details that had arisen and were outlined in the agenda report. The Deputy Chief Executive then also made some opening comments regarding the budget variances.

The Financial Controller, Aaron Wilson, spoke to the agenda report and responded to extensive questions from the Committee. He and the Chief Executive, Nigel Bickle, particularly noted the complex situation officers had worked through in making decisions and adjustments to allow for the timing of funding from central government. Some work had been undertaken once funding agreements with the government had been reached, but before the actual funding had been received, so those costs had been carried by the council in the interim period.

It was noted that Officers remained in active discussion with the Crown regarding the structure of the payment of government funding still to be received in order to reach a point of “fiscal neutrality”.

Mr Wilson displayed and spoke to a power point presentation (CG-17-4-00158).

Cr Jessup withdrew from the meeting at 9.49am and rejoined the meeting at 9.57am.

The Mayor and the meeting congratulated and thanked those who had got on and carried out the necessary work following Cyclone Gabrielle, but highlighted the financial impact that the council and ratepayers had incurred as a result of the continuation of this work while waiting for the agreed funding to be paid by the government.

Councillor Schollum/Councillor Kerr

- A) That the Performance and Monitoring Committee receive the report titled Unaudited Financial Year End Results 30 June 2024 dated 19 September 2024.
- B) That the Committee approve that the funds arising from the Rating Area 2 deficit for the 2023/24 financial year, as considered by the Hastings District Rural Community Board, align with the overall allocation resolved by the Performance and Monitoring Committee.
- (C) That in line with the 2024-34 Long Term Plan financial strategy, it is recommended that the Rating Area 1 deficits incurred from the general rate and the targeted rates be funded by debt, with the Rating Area 2 deficit to be funded from Rating Area 2 reserves as detailed in the table below:

	RA1	RA2	Total
Total Surplus (Deficit) on General Rate	(\$5,213,898)	(\$210,944)	(\$5,424,842)
Allocation of General Rate Surplus/ (Deficit):			
Debt funding required	\$5,213,898		\$5,213,898
Rural Flood & Emergency Event Reserve		\$57,181	\$57,181
Transportation NZTA Fund Reserve		\$153,763	\$153,763
Total Surplus/(Deficit) on Targeted Rate	(\$5,531,271)	\$6,109	(\$5,525,162)
Allocation of Targeted Rate Surplus/ (Deficit)			

Debt funding required/Offset	\$5,531,271	\$6,109	\$5,525,162

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10.40am and resumed at 10.51am

At this point, the new Chief Financial Officer, Graham Watson, spoke as to how the Council would be monitoring its financial operations going forward – including the restructuring of financial reporting processes.

8. HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLBEING ANNUAL REPORT - 2023/2024

(Document 24/366)

The Group Manager: People & Capability, Bronwyn Bayliss, spoke to the agenda report, highlighting the main points and responding to questions from the Committee.

Councillor Dixon/Councillor Watkins

That the Performance and Monitoring Committee receive the report titled Health, Safety & Wellbeing Annual Report - 2023/2024 dated 19 September 2024.

CARRIED

9. MINOR ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE ITI

There were no additional business items.

10. URGENT ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI

There were no extraordinary business items.

The meeting closed at 11.15am

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: