

Tuesday, 29 April 2025

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council: Council Meeting

Ngā Minitī

Minutes

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Tuesday, 29 April 2025**

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

Time start - end **1.00pm – 3.23pm**

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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, Henry Heke, Tania Kerr (Deputy Mayor), Eileen Lawson (via zoom), Hana Montaperto-Hendry (via zoom), Simon Nixon, Wendy Schollum, Heather Te Au-Skipworth and Kevin Watkins

Kua Tatū:
In attendance: Chief Executive - Nigel Bickle
Deputy Chief Executive - Bruce Allan
Group Manager: Infrastructure - Craig Thew
Group Manager: Democracy and Emergency Management – Craig Cameron
Group Manager: Community Wellbeing and Services – Rebekah Dinwoodie
Group Manager: Marketing and Communications – Naomi Fergusson
Chief Financial Officer – Graham Watson
General Counsel – Scott Smith
Communications and Engagement Lead – Diane Joyce
Strategy Manager – Lex Verhoeven
3 Waters Manager – Steve Cave
Management Accountant - Development Contributions -Richard Elgie
Manager: Democracy and Governance Services – Louise Stettner
Senior Advisor, Democracy and Governance Services – Lynne Cox
Democracy and Governance Advisor – Caitlyn Dine

1. OPENING PRAYER - KARAKIA

The opening prayer was given by Councillor Heke.

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

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Watkins

That apologies for absence from Councillor Jessup be accepted.

That leave of absence be granted to:

Councillor Heke for 12 – 23 May 2025.

Councillor Apatu for 12 – 19 July 2025.

Councillor Te Au-Skipworth for 5 – 6 May 2025.

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 confirmed.

5. LOCAL WATER DONE WELL CONSULTATION

(Document ref 25/135)

Chief Financial Officer, Graham Watson spoke to the report and presented a presentation (CG-17-1-01589). Communications and Engagement Lead, Diane Joyce, gave councillors a draft Local Water Done Well 'have your say' information document (CG-17-1-01588).

Officers responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Schollum/Councillor Fowler

- A) That Council receive the report titled Local Water Done Well Consultation dated 29 April 2025.
- B) That Council approves that Council consult on the below three delivery models for consultation:
 - i. Option 1 – Internal Business Unit – Modified Status Quo (also referred to as In-House and Council Delivered Service), as required by legislation; and
 - ii. Option 2 – A Single-Council Owned Water Organisation (HDC CCO); and
 - iii. Option 3 – A Regional Hawke's Bay Multi-owned Water Organisation (Regional CCO).
- C) Agrees to endorse Option 3 – Regional CCO as the preferred delivery model for water services.

- D) That Council notes, in endorsing the Regional CCO as the preferred Three Waters Delivery Model for consultation, that the intention of this incumbent Council is that, should the Regional CCO proceed and Three Waters debt transfer off Council's books, the next Council should, following a review of borrowing limits, consider returning to a borrowing limit of 150% of revenue as part of Hastings District Council's financial strategy to reflect the changed debt environment.
- E) That Council approves the draft consultation document attached as **Attachment 3** for consultation process subject to any minor amendments required and instructs the Chief Executive to approve the final consultation document.
- F) Council notes that a summary consultation document will be developed, delivered and be available to all residents in the Hastings District with the consultation period commencing 12 May 2025 and the final day for submissions being 15 June 2025.
- G) That Council directs the Chief Executive to prepare advice on the next steps should a Regional CCO be approved following consultation on the basis that any advice will be used to support that decision making process.
- H) Note that the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 requires Council to produce and submit a Water Services Delivery Plan to Central Government by 3 September 2025.
- I) Note that Council is required by Government to:
 - i. Consider and consult with the community on at least two options for future delivery of water services
 - ii. Demonstrate, as part of its water service delivery plan, that it will meet requirements that the delivery of water services will be financially sustainable by 30 June 2028
 - iii. Moving forward, ring-fence revenue for three waters so that it is separate from other Council activities.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2.35pm
And resumed at 2.48pm

6. STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL - WHAKATU WEST STORMWATER SCHEME

(Document ref 25/150)

Strategy Manager, Lex Verhoeven, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Buddo/Councillor Dixon

- A) That Council receive the report titled Statement of Proposal - Whakatu West Stormwater Scheme dated 29 April 2025.
- B) That Council adopt the Statement of Proposal for community consultation in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government Act 2002. That the Council circulate the proposal directly to impacted property owners and encourage their involvement in the consultation process recognising their status as affected parties.

- C) That Council delegate to the Chief Executive to make any necessary corrections and additions to the Statement of Proposal prior to its distribution.
- D) That Council notes that the proposed new rate does not amount to a significant or material departure from the 2024/34 Long Term Plan Funding Impact Statement.

CARRIED

7. REVIEW OF REGIONAL STRUCTURES

(Document ref 25/168)

Interim Group Manager: strategy, Gus Charteris, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Harvey/Councillor Heke

- A) That Council receive the report titled Review of Regional Structures dated 29 April 2025.
- B) That Council note that the Matariki Governance Group (MGG), in its capacity as shareholder representative, has accepted the recommendations of the *'Review of Regional Structures, Recommendation Report'*, dated 14 April 2025.
- C) That Council note that the key decisions and areas of engagement for Council will be related to the following:
 - i. Contributing to the development, and endorsement, of the 'regional priorities' approach and Letters of Expectation that will guide the delivery, monitoring, and evaluation of regional priorities and outcomes we want for our communities.
 - ii. Agreement to ongoing funding for HBREDA based on the "regional priorities" approach and strengthened accountability disciplines that meet local government legislative requirements.
 - iii. Confirming and agreeing the Terms of Reference of MGG and any delegations provided by Councils.
- D) That Council direct the Chief Executive to create fit-for purpose internal processes to support the Mayor as the Council's MGG representative. This includes:
 - i. Supporting the Mayor, as Council's MGG representative, to provide more structured updates and reporting on MGG and the delivery of regional priorities to Council.
 - ii. Nominating the Group Manager, Strategy, as the senior council officer responsible for MGG. This role will support the Mayor and Chief Executive to participate effectively in MGG discussions and for sharing and disseminating MGG-related information (e.g. papers supporting MGG discussion and minutes) to support coordination and alignment of, and with, identified shared regional priorities.
 - iii. Creating a regular (e.g. annual) process to consider key regional priorities from Council's perspective. This information would be used to inform MGG consideration of shared regional priorities.
 - iv. Creating an annual process to consider Council feedback on the Letter of Expectation for HBREDA.

- v. Building, with MGG and HBREDA an efficient and comprehensive reporting process whereby Council is provided with performance and outcome reporting on the activities delegated to MGG and/or HBREDA so Council can execute its responsibilities under the Local Government Act (LGA).

CARRIED

8. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

(Document ref 25/136)

Councillor Buddo/Councillor Watkins

- A) That Council receive the report titled Proposed Amendments To Schedule Of Meetings dated 29 April 2025.
- B) That Council adopt changes to the 2025 Schedule of Meetings as follows:

Thursday 15 May, 1pm to Tuesday 27 May, 9am Council Chamber	Postponed	Strategy and Recovery Committee
Tuesday 24 June, 9am to Tuesday 15 July, 9am Council Chamber	Postponed	Strategy and Recovery Committee
Tuesday 19 August, 9am Council Chamber	Cancelled	Strategy and Recovery Committee
Thursday 22 May, 11am Council Chamber	New Meeting	Civic Development Subcommittee
Tuesday, 2 September, 10.30am Landmarks Room	New Meeting	HB Crematorium Committee

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.

11. RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM ITEMS 12 AND 13

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;

12 Appointment of Chair to Hawke's Bay Museums Trust

13 Appointment of Independent Member of the Risk and Assurance Committee

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:

<i>GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED</i>	<i>REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER, AND PARTICULAR INTERESTS PROTECTED</i>	<i>GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF EACH RESOLUTION</i>
12 Appointment of Chair to Hawke's Bay Museums Trust	<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 project the privacy of individuals being recommended for appointment.</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>
13 Appointment of Independent Member of 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.</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

The meeting closed at 3.23pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: