

Thursday, 26 June 2025

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Hastings District Council: Council Meeting

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Minutes

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 26 June 2025**

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

Time start - end **1.00pm – 3.25pm**

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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, Kellie Jessup, Hana Montaperto-Hendry, Simon Nixon, Wendy Schollum, Heather Te Au-Skipworth and Kevin Watkins and one councillor vacancy

Kua Tatū:
In attendance: Chief Executive - Nigel Bickle
Deputy Chief Executive - Bruce Allan
Group Manager: Infrastructure - Craig Thew
Group Manager: Planning and Regulatory Services - John O'Shaughnessy
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
Pou Ahurea Matua: Principal Advisor Relationships, Responsiveness and Heritage – Petera Hakiwai
Strategy Manager – Lex Verhoeven
Principal Advisor: District Development – Mark Clews
Management Accountant – Development Contributions – Richard Elgie
Team Leader Environmental Policy – Craig Scott
Team Leader Environmental Health/Liquor – Tony Stothart
Licensing Inspector – Janine Green
Manager – Aquatics, Sports and Recreation – Tom Page
Manager: Democracy and Governance Services – Louise Stettner
Democracy and Governance Advisor – Caitlyn Dine
Senior Advisor: Democracy and Governance Services – Lynne Cox

Kei Konei:
Also present: Sergeant Raymond Wylie and Constable David Power – Item 9

1. OPENING PRAYER - KARAKIA

The opening prayer was given by Pou Ahurea Matua: Principal Advisor Relationships, Responsiveness and Heritage, Petera Hakiwai.

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

Leave of Absence had previously been granted to Councillor Kerr.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - HE NGĀKAU KŌNATUNATU

Councillor Montaperto-Hendry declared a conflict in relation to item 8.
Councillor Montaperto-Hendry and Councillor Corban declared a conflict in relation to item 9.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - TE WHAKAMANA I NGĀ MINITI

Councillor Dixon/Councillor Buddo

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 10 June 2025 be confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

5. MAYOR'S VERBAL UPDATE

(Document ref 25/25)

There was no mayoral update. There will be an update at a future Council Meeting.

6. ADOPTION OF 2025/26 ANNUAL PLAN

(Document ref 25/216)

Mayor Hazlehurst made opening comments on the 2025/26 Annual Plan.

Councillor Fowler/Councillor Buddo

- A) That Council receive the report titled Adoption of 2025/26 Annual Plan dated 26 June 2025.
- B) That Council adopts the 2025/26 Annual Plan in accordance with section 95 (1) of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

7. RESOLUTION TO SET THE RATES FOR THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR

(Document ref 25/165)

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Nixon

- A) That Council receive the report titled Resolution to Set the Rates for the 2025/26 Financial Year dated 26 June 2025.
- B) That pursuant to Sections 23, 24 and 57 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 the Hastings District Council sets the rates on rating units in the District for the financial year commencing on 01 July 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026 and sets the due dates and penalty dates for the 2025/26 financial year, as follows:

INTRODUCTION

Hastings District Council has adopted its 2025/26 Annual Plan. This has identified the Council's budget requirement, and set out the rating policy and funding impact statement. The Council hereby sets the rates described below to collect its identified revenue needs for 2025/26 commencing 01 July 2025. All rates are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax.

GENERAL RATES

A general rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on the land value of all rateable land within the district on a differential basis as set out below:

Differential Group Name	Factor	Cents per Dollar of \$ LV
Differential Rating Area One		
Residential	1	0.349336
Residential Clive	0.81	0.282962
Residential Non-Urban (Including Townships and Small Settlements)	0.76	0.265496
Horticulture / Farming	0.68	0.237549
CBD Commercial	3.00	1.048009
Other Commercial	2.75	0.960675
Commercial Non-Urban – Peripheral	2.35	0.820940
Differential Rating Area Two		
Residential	0.85	0.133595
Lifestyle / Horticulture / Farming	1	0.157170
Commercial	1.65	0.259331

UNIFORM ANNUAL GENERAL CHARGE

A uniform annual general charge set and assessed in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, of \$246 on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the district.

TARGETED RATES

All differential categories of targeted rates areas are as defined in the Funding Impact Statement for 2025/26. For the purposes of the Havelock North Promotion, Hastings City Marketing, Hastings CBD Targeted Rate, Havelock North Parking, Havelock North CBD Targeted Rate, and Security Patrols (Hastings and Havelock North), a commercial rating unit is one that fits the description as set out under DRA1 CBD Commercial and DRA1 Other Commercial in Part B of the Funding Impact Statement for 2025/26.

COMMUNITY SERVICES & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT RATE

A targeted rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on a differential basis, on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district as follows:

Differential Category	Factor	\$ per SUIP
Differential rating area one		
Residential	1	\$647
CBD Commercial	1	\$647
Other Commercial	1	\$647
Residential Clive	0.75	\$485
Residential Non-Urban (Including Townships & Small Settlements)	0.75	\$485
Horticulture / Farming	0.75	\$485
Commercial Non-Urban (Peripheral)	0.75	\$485
Differential rating area two		
Residential	1	\$387
Lifestyle / Horticulture / Farming	1	\$387
Commercial	1	\$387

CYCLONE RECOVERY TARGETED RATES

Two targeted rates set and assessed for the purposes of funding the costs of Cyclone Gabrielle recovery. The first as a rate in the dollar of land value and the second as a fixed amount.

All land in the Hastings District will be allocated to either Differential Rating Area One or Differential Rating Area Two. These areas are defined on Council map 'Differential Rating Areas' and are based on broad areas of benefit from the Council's services and facilities. The costs of cyclone recovery have been allocated into the two rating groups with 67% of costs assigned to Differential Rating Area One and 33% of costs allocated to Differential Rating Area Two.

A differential targeted rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Schedule 2 Clause 6, and Schedule 3 Clause 3 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on the land value of all rateable land within the district. The rate is set on a differential basis, based on the location of

the land within the district. This is applied to the same two differential rating areas as defined and used for the general rate:

Location	Cents per Dollar of \$ LV
Differential Rating Area One	0.039344
Differential Rating Area Two	0.039066

A differential targeted rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 16, Section 18 (2) and Schedule 2 Clause 6 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, as a fixed amount per rating unit in the district. The rate is set on a differential basis, based on the location of the land within the district: This is applied to the same two differential rating areas as defined and used for the general rate:

Location	\$ per Rating Unit
Differential Rating Area One	\$247
Differential Rating Area Two	\$623

HAVELOCK NORTH PROMOTION

A targeted rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on the land value of any commercial rating unit located within Havelock North as defined on Council Map “Havelock North Promotion Rate”, of 0.093330 cents per dollar of land value.

SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

A targeted rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, as a fixed amount on every rating unit where a swimming pool (within the meaning of the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987) is located, of \$88 per rating unit.

HAVELOCK NORTH PARKING

A targeted rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on a differential basis, on each separately used or inhabited rating unit located within Havelock North as defined on Council Map “Havelock North Parking Rate Map”, as follows:

Differential Category	Factor	\$ per SUIP
Residential	1	\$35
CBD Commercial/Other Comm	3	\$105
All others	1	\$35

HASTINGS CITY MARKETING

A targeted rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on the land value of any commercial rating units located within Hastings as defined on Council Map “Hastings City Marketing Rate Map”, of 0.207631 cents per dollar of land value.

HASTINGS CBD TARGETED RATE

A targeted rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on the land value of any commercial rating unit located within Hastings as

defined on the Council Map “Hastings CBD Targeted Rate Map”, of 0.143205 cents per dollar of land value.

HAVELOCK NORTH CBD TARGETED RATE

A targeted rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on the land value of any commercial rating unit located within Havelock North as defined on Council Map “Havelock North CBD Upgrades Map”, of 0.050205 cents per dollar of land value.

SECURITY PATROLS

Targeted rates set and assessed in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on the land value of any commercial rating unit located within each respective Council Map defined “Hastings Area - Security Patrol Map” and “Havelock North Security Patrol Area Map”, as follows:

Hastings Security Patrol Area - 0.088608 cents per dollar of land value.

Havelock North Security Patrol Area - 0.042539 cents per dollar of land value.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

A differential targeted rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, based on the provision or availability to the land of the service. The rate is set as an amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

A differential targeted rate for all non-residential rating units classified as “connected”, based on the use to which the land is put. The rate is an amount for each water closet or urinal after the first.

The rates apply to connected or serviceable rating units in all areas excluding those in the Waipatiki scheme area.

The rates for the 2025/26 year are:

Category	Factor	\$ per SUIP
(1) Connected	1	\$511
(2) Serviceable	0.5	\$255.50

Where connected, in the case of non-residential use, the differential charge for each water closet or urinal after the first is as follows:

Differential category	Factor	Charge Per Water Closet and Urinal After the First
Schools/Churches	0.13	\$66.43
Chartered Clubs / Rest Homes / Prisons / Commercial Accommodation providers / Hospitals / Child Care Centres	0.40	\$204.40
HB Racing Centre / A&P Showgrounds / Regional Sports Park	0.25	\$127.75
All other Non-Residential	0.80	\$408.80

WAIPATIKI SEWAGE DISPOSAL

A differential targeted rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, based on the provision or availability to the land of the service. The rate is set as an amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

A differential targeted rate for all non-residential rating units classified as “connected”, based on the use to which the land is put. The rate is an amount for each water closet or urinal after the first.

The rates apply only to connected or serviceable rating units in the Waipatiki scheme area.

The rates for the 2025/26 year are:

Category	Factor	\$ per SUIP
(1) Connected	1	\$1022
(2) Serviceable	0.5	\$511

Where connected, in the case of non-residential use, the differential charge is set for each water closet or urinal after the first as follows:

Differential Category	Factor	Charge Per Water Closet and Urinal After the First
Schools/Churches	0.13	\$132.86
Chartered Clubs / Rest Homes / Prisons / Commercial Accommodation providers / Hospitals / Child Care Centres	0.40	\$408.80
All other Non-Residential	0.80	\$817.60

WASTEWATER TREATMENT

A differential targeted rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, based on the provision or availability to the land of the service. The rate is set as an amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

A differential targeted rate for non-residential rating units classified as “connected”, based on the use to which the land is put. The rate is an amount for each water closet or urinal after the first.

The rates apply to connected or serviceable rating units in all areas excluding those in the Waipatiki scheme area.

The rates for the 2025/26 year are:

Category	Factor	\$ Per SUIP
(1) Connected	1	\$111
(2) Serviceable	0.5	\$55.50

Where connected, in the case of non-residential use, the differential charge is set for each water closet or urinal after the first as follows:

Differential Category	Factor	Charge Per Water Closet and Urinal After the First
Schools/Churches	0.13	\$14.43
Chartered Clubs / Rest Homes / Prisons / Commercial Accommodation providers / Hospitals / Child Care Centres	0.40	\$44.40
HB Racing Centre / A&P Showgrounds / Regional Sports Park	0.25	\$27.75
All other Non-Residential	0.80	\$88.80

WATER SUPPLY

Targeted rates set and assessed in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit and based on the provision or availability to the land of the service, for each water supply service, on a differential basis as follows.

The rates for the 2025/26 year are:

Water Supply Area	Connected (Factor 1 Per SUIP)	Serviceable (Factor 0.5 Per SUIP)
Water Rate	\$762	\$381

The Council has water supply services for Hastings, Havelock North, Flaxmere, Waipatu, Haumoana/Te Awanga, Clive, Whakatu, Omahu, Paki Paki, Waimarama, Waipatiki, Whirinaki, Te Pohue.

WATER BY METER

A targeted rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on the volume of water supplied as extraordinary water supply, as defined in Hastings District Council Water Services Policy Manual (this includes but is not limited to residential properties over 1,500m² containing a single dwelling, lifestyle lots, trade premises, industrial and horticultural properties) of \$1.20 per cubic metre of water supplied over and above the typical household consumption as defined in the Hastings District Council Water Services Policy Manual.

RECYCLING

A targeted rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit and based on the provision or availability to the land of the service provided in the serviced area. The service areas are set out in council maps “Recycling Map incl Clive Whakatu”, “Recycling Map incl Hastings, Flaxmere, Havelock North”, “Recycling Map incl Haumoana Te Awanga” and “Recycling incl Whirinaki”.

Rating units which Council officers determine are unable to practically receive the Council service and have an approved alternative service will not be charged the rate.

The rate for 2025/26 is \$119 per separately used or inhabited part of the rating unit.

REFUSE

A targeted rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the serviced areas, differentiated based on the use to which the land is put and location.

Rating units which Council officers determine are unable to practically receive the Council service and have an approved alternative service will not be charged the rate. The Council maps “Refuse Map Incl Clive Whakatu”, “Refuse Map incl Hastings”, “Refuse Map Incl Haumoana Te Awanga” and “Refuse Map Incl Whirinaki” set out the serviced areas.

Residential rating units currently receive a weekly collection. Commercial rating units located within the Hastings area as defined on Council Map “Hastings CBD Targeted Rate Map”, and located within the Havelock North area as defined on Council Map “Havelock North CBD Upgrades Map” currently receive a twice weekly collection.

The rates for the 2025/26 year are:

Differential Category	Factor	\$ Per SUIP
Residential	1	\$210
Commercial CBD	2	\$420

WAIMARAMA REFUSE

A targeted rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit located within Waimarama as defined on Council Map “Waimarama Refuse Collection”, and based on the provision or availability to the land of the service provided, of \$170 per separately used or inhabited part of the rating unit.

WAIMARAMA SEA WALL

A targeted rate set and assessed in accordance with Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on a differential basis, on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within each individual zone defined on Council Map “Waimarama Sea Wall Map Zones 1-3” of the following amounts per separately used or inhabited part of the rating unit:

Zone 1 shall pay 67% of the cost to be funded, whilst Zone 2 shall pay 23% of the cost and Zone 3 10% of the cost, based on the extent of the provision of service.

Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
\$394	\$277	\$102

DUE DATES AND PENALTY DATES

Due Dates for Payment and Penalty Dates (for Rates other than Water by Meter Rates):

The Council sets the following due dates for payment of rates (other than Water by Meter) and authorises the addition of penalties to rates not paid on or by the due date, as follows:

Rates will be assessed in quarterly instalments for an equal amount and are payable on the due dates below:

Instalment	Due Date	Penalty Date
1	22 August 2025	27 August 2025
2	21 November 2025	26 November 2025
3	20 February 2026	25 February 2026
4	22 May 2026	27 May 2026

A penalty of 10% will be added to any portion of rates (except for Water by Meter) assessed in the current year which remains unpaid after the relevant instalment due date, on the respective penalty date above.

Arrears Penalties on Unpaid Rates from Previous Years

Any portion of rates assessed in previous years (including previously applied penalties) which are unpaid on 03 July 2025 will have a further 10% added, to be added on 7 July 2025, and if still unpaid, again on 07 January 2026.

Due Dates for Payment and Penalty Dates (for Water by Meter Rates):

For those properties that have a metered water supply, invoices will be issued either three-monthly or six-monthly. The due dates for both options are set out in the following table:

Instalment	3 Monthly Invoicing Due Date	Penalty Date
1	23 October 2025	30 October 2025
2	23 January 2026	28 January 2026
3	24 April 2026	30 April 2026
4	24 July 2026	29 July 2026
Instalment	6 Monthly Invoicing Due Date	Penalty Date
1	23 January 2026	28 January 2026
2	24 July 2026	29 July 2026

A penalty of 10% will be added to any portion of rates for water supplied by meter, which remains unpaid after the relevant instalment due date, on the respective penalty date above.

With the reasons for this decision being:

The Council is required to collect funds from rates on properties to undertake the functions outlined in the 2025/26 Annual Plan.

CARRIED

8. ADOPTION OF THE NAPIER/HASTINGS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

(Document ref 25/224)

Councillor Montaperto-Hendry declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 8 and left the table for this item.

In accordance with Hastings District Council Standing Orders 9.5 Chairs Recommendation, Mayor Hazlehurst added two additional recommendations H) and I) to the officers report for consideration.

Councillor Buddo/Councillor Schollum

- A) That Council receive the report titled Adoption of the Napier/Hastings Future Development Strategy 26 June 2025.
- B) That Council notes the resolution of the Napier Hastings Future Development Strategy Joint Committee (FDSJC) from its Committee Meeting on 19 May 2025 as shown in the meeting minutes (**Attachment 5**). In particular resolution B which recommended the endorsement of the IHP report with the exclusion of Riverbend Road NC4b
- C) That Council notes this Agenda Report fulfils the Requirement of Resolution D (Report for Partner Councils) of the FDSJC.
- D) That Council notes the draft final FDS (**Attachment 1**) does not include the FDSJC Resolution (refer Recommendation B) to exclude NC4b Riverbend Road.
- E) Notes that ~~the Partner Councils~~ [HDC/NCC], in accordance with Section 3.12 of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 which relates to requirements local authorities to prepare and publish a Future Development Strategy (FDS), accepts in part the recommendations of the FDSJC, but with the inclusion of Riverbend Road NC4b, ~~and~~

- F) **Adopts Approves** a final FDS that includes Riverbend Road NC4b with additional wording below relating to that specific site (to be added to page 59, following the wording describing Ahuriri Station).

Riverbend (NC4b)

Riverbend (NC4b) has long been identified as a potential location for future urban development, including through the Heretaunga Plains Urban Development Strategy 2010 and 2017 editions. Active planning work has been undertaken over recent years involving the landowner and Napier City Council.

HBRC has expressed concerns about the potential for development at Riverbend given the site's susceptibility to flooding risk and other natural hazards. There is well documented evidence of flooding affecting the site (for example, recent events in November 2020 and February 2023). The low-lying topography means the site is vulnerable to runoff and flooding, including from the existing neighbouring residential area.

Significant site-specific engineering works would be required to manage stormwater and flooding effects arising from development at Riverbend, including to maintain important environmental values to an acceptable level. Additional land will be required to manage these effects outside of the existing identified NC4b area if mitigation works cannot be achieved onsite. This is acknowledged in a footnote to Table 3 of the FDS.

The inclusion of Riverbend NC4b in the FDS does not predetermine the outcome of subsequent planning process, including structure planning, plan changes, and resource consent applications.

As part of any application for consent or rezoning proposal to develop the Riverbend NC4b site, further detailed work will need to be undertaken to ensure the site's suitability for development and necessary mitigation of stormwater and flooding impacts. This should include consideration of 'residual risks' (i.e. circumstances where events may exceed design and construction capacity of stormwater mitigation works) as has been recommended in the 2024 Hawke's Bay Independent Flood Review Panel's report.

- G) That Council notes that if the adopted draft final FDS aligns with F, then consequential amendments will be required to be made to **Attachment 1** to include the additional wording.
- H) **Notes the decision made by Hawke's Bay Regional Council on 25 June 2025 to adopt a FDS which excludes the following sites identified by the Hearings Panel as New Residential Greenfield Development Areas: Riverbend Road NC4b and Middle Road Hn3a and Hn3b.**
- I) **Directs staff to work with [HDC/NCC] and Hawke's Bay Regional Council staff to prepare a joint FDS which takes into account the decisions made by all Partner Councils, and then report back with a final joint FDS that can be adopted by the Partner Councils and published in accordance with clause 3.12 of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020.**

Councillor Corban moved an amendment to the motion which was seconded by Councillor Dixon.

Team Leader Environmental Policy, Craig Scott spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1.39pm
And resumed at 1.42pm

Councillor Corban/Councillor Dixon

- J) Recommendations A) to I) as they stand with the removal of Middle Road HN3A and HN3B and Wall Road H5 from the FDS.

(7 VOTES FOR / 6 VOTES AGAINST)

AMENDMENT CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1.50pm
And resumed at 2.20pm

Mayor Hazlehurst advised that the meeting would take items 9, 10 and 11 out of order then come back to the substantive motion on the table for item 8.

9. ADOPTION OF THE FINAL HASTINGS DISTRICT LOCAL ALCOHOL POLICY 2025

(Document ref 24/562)

Councillor Montaperto-Hendry and Councillor Corban declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 9 and left the table for this item.

Councillor Dixon spoke to the Local Alcohol Policy 2025, noting that he had heard submissions in April 2025 alongside Councillors Apatu and Buddo. Councillor Dixon thanked all stakeholders involved in the process.

Councillor Dixon/Councillor Apatu

- A) That Council receive the report titled Adoption of the Final Hastings District Local Alcohol Policy 2025 dated 26 June 2025.
- B) That Council formally receive;
- i. The 62 submissions (**Attachment 3**) received through the Special Consultative Procedure and the Preferred Position Paper 2025 (**Attachment 2**).
- C) That Council approve;
- i. The Final Hastings District Local Alcohol Policy 2025, supported by evidence gathered throughout the LAP review process. (**Attachment 1**)
 - ii. Public notification of the Final Local Alcohol Policy on the 30 June 2025, as per the Section 90 (1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
 - iii. An enforcement date of:
 - 30 September 2025 for provisions relating to maximum trading hours
 - 30 July 2025 for the remainder of the policy
- D) That Council note a follow up report will be presented in mid-2026 to assess the initial impacts of the reduced trading hours for on-licences (Taverns, Bars, Nightclubs) to determine whether a full impact assessment or formal review of the LAP is required.
- E) That a research working party of the key agencies is developed to start gathering evidence to support the review of the policy required within 6 years by the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

CARRIED

10. SPLASH PLANET - OPTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND OPERATIONAL CHANGES FOR 2025/26 SEASON

(Document ref 25/185)

Manager – Aquatics, Sports and Recreation, Tom Page, presented a powerpoint presentation (CG-17-1-01695), spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Fowler/Councillor Schollum

- A) That Council receive the report titled Splash Planet - Options for Improvements and Operational Changes for 2025/26 Season dated 26 June 2025.
- B) That Council endorses:
 - i. The proposed changes to the opening days of Splash Planet full summer operations.
 - a. That the opening period be changed to weekends only for the first four weeks of the summer season (15th November 2025 to 7th December 2025).
 - b. That 7 day/week operations run for an 8 week period (8th December 2025 to 1st February 2026).
 - c. That the closing period of weekends only be reduced to four weeks (7th February 2026 to 1st March 2026).
 - d. That delegation is given to the CE to extend full operation to the end of March if conditions are favourable for a positive financial impact.
 - ii. The proposed change to opening times of 10am -6pm, except for the first Monday to Friday of operations (8th December to 12th December) where a 9.30 am – 5.30pm day will continue to facilitate school bookings.
 - iii. That Splash Planet operational services be made available in full or part for bookings or events where there is no additional budgetary requirement.
 - iv. That a reduced weekend only service 'Destination Playground' (4.9) continues at Splash Planet following the end of the summer season if budgetary savings have been made as modelling forecasts.
- C) A report will be brought back to council to consider the long-term options for Splash Planet early in 2026. Financial implications of these can then be considered as part of the next long-term plan.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2.46pm
And resumed at 3.07pm

11. REQUESTS RECEIVED UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987 (LGOIMA) UPDATE

(Document ref 25/227)

Councillor Nixon/Councillor Buddo

- A) That Council receive the report titled Requests Received Under The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) Update dated 26 June 2025.
- B) That the LGOIMA requests received from 21 April 2025 to 1 June 2025, as set out in **Attachment 1** of the Report be noted.

CARRIED

The meeting returned to item 8.

8. ADOPTION OF THE NAPIER/HASTINGS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

(Document ref 25/224)

Councillor Montaperto-Hendry declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 8 and left the table for this item.

Councillor Schollum/Councillor Buddo

That the report titled 'Adoption of the Napier/Hastings Future Development Strategy' be left to lie on the table and uplifted at a future Council Meeting and not further discussed at the meeting as per section 25. (d) of the Hastings District Council Standing Orders.

CARRIED

12. MINOR ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE ITI

There were no additional business items.

13. URGENT ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI

There were no extraordinary business items.

14. RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM ITEM 15

SECTION 48, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

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

15 Ōhiti Land Transfer to Hawkes's Bay Regional Council

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**

**GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION
48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF
EACH RESOLUTION**

**MATTER, AND PARTICULAR INTERESTS
PROTECTED**

**15 Ōhiti Land Transfer to
Hawkes's Bay Regional Council**

Section 7 (2) (h)

The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

Section 7 (2) (i)

The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

Commercially sensitive and to protect Council's negotiation position.

Section 48(1)(a)(i)

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.

The meeting closed at 3.25pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: