

Tuesday, 9 September 2025

*Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga*

**Hastings District Council: Council Meeting**

*Ngā Minitī*

# Minutes

*Te Rā Hui:*  
Meeting date: **Tuesday, 9 September 2025**

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

Time start - end **10.00am – 10.08am**

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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), Hana Montaperto-Hendry, Simon Nixon, Wendy Schollum, Heather Te Au-Skipworth and Kevin Watkins

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*Kua Tatū:*  
**In attendance:** Chief Executive - Nigel Bickle  
Deputy Chief Executive - Bruce Allan  
Group Manager: Democracy & Emergency Management – Craig Cameron  
Chief Financial Officer – Graham Watson  
General Counsel – Scott Smith  
Strategic Financial Advisor – Jess Noiseux  
Manager: Democracy & Governance Services – Louise Stettner  
Democracy and Governance Advisor – Caitlyn Dine  
Senior Advisor, Democracy and Governance Services – Lynne Cox

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**1. OPENING PRAYER - KARAKIA**

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

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

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Buddo

That apologies for absence from Councillor Heke be accepted.

That leave of absence for 24 – 30 September 2025 be granted to Councillor Te Au-Skipworth

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 be confirmed.

**5. TRANSITIONAL GOVERNANCE GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE (HAWKE'S BAY WATER SERVICES COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATION PROJECT).**

(Document ref 25/384)

Deputy Chief Executive, Bruce Allan, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Schollum/Councillor Watkins

- A) That Council receive the report titled Transitional Governance Group Terms of Reference (Hawke's Bay Water Services Council Controlled Organisation Project). dated 9 September 2025.
- B) That pursuant to Clause 30(1)(b) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Council appoint the Transitional Governance Group (TGG) as a joint committee of the Council together with the participating councils of Central Hawke's Bay District Council and Napier City Council.
- C) Note the TGG will not be discharged at the point of the next election, in accordance with Clause 30(7), Schedule 7 the Act.
- D) That the Council adopt the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Transitional Governance Group Joint Committee (Attachment 1).
- E) That Council delegates to the TGG all powers, duties and functions needed for it to carry out its responsibilities.
- F) That Council notes the appointment of Mayor Hazlehurst and Councillor Fowler as representatives to the Transitional Governance Group Joint Committee for the remainder of this triennium.

- G) Note that the participating councils of Central Hawke's Bay District Council and Napier City Council are also set to take decisions on Tuesday 9 September, 2025.

CARRIED

## 6. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

(Document ref 25/383)

Manager, Democracy and Governance Services, Louise Stettner, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting.

Councillor Te Au-Skipworth/Councillor Dixon

- A) That Council receive the report titled Proposed Amendments To Schedule Of Meetings dated 9 September 2025.
- B) That Council adopt changes to the 2025 Schedule of Meetings as follows:

Thursday, 2 October 2025 at 9am	New Meeting	Council
Council Chambers		

CARRIED

Councillor Jessup closed the meeting with a karakia.

## 7. MINOR ITEMS - *NGĀ TAKE ITI*

There were no additional business items.

## 8. URGENT ITEMS - *NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI*

There were no extraordinary business items.

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The meeting closed at 10.08am

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: