

Wednesday, 18 March 2026

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Hastings District Council: Performance and Monitoring Committee Meeting

Ngā Minitī

Minutes

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Wednesday, 18 March 2026**

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

Time start - end **1:00 PM – 3:47 PM**

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Chair: Councillor Michael Fowler

Kua Tae ā-tinana:

Present:

Councillors: Alwyn Corban, Siam Daniel, Stephen Gibson, Kellie Jessup, Yvonne Lorkin, Elisha Milmine, Hana Montaperto-Hendry, Simon Nixon, Derek Nowell-Usticke, Henare O’Keefe (*present for part of meeting*), Nicholas Ratcliffe, Callum Ross (Deputy Chair), Heather Te Au-Skipworth and Kevin Watkins

Mayor Wendy Schollum

Hastings District Rural Community Board appointee: Isabelle Crawshaw (*present for part of meeting*)

Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee appointee: Vacancy

Kua Tatū:

In attendance:

Chief Executive - Nigel Bickle

Deputy Chief Executive – Bruce Allan (Lead)

Group Manager: Infrastructure - Craig Thew

Group Manager: Democracy & Emergency Management – Craig Cameron

Chief Financial Officer – Graham Watson

Financial Improvement Analyst – Jess Noiseux

Financial Controller – Aaron Wilson

Group Manager: Planning & Regulatory Services - John O’Shaughnessy

Building Consents Manager - Tony Manunui

Team Leader Environmental Policy Planning & Regulatory Services - Craig Scott

Group Manager: Community Wellbeing & Services – Rebekah Dinwoodie

Group Manager: Marketing, Communications & Engagement – Naomi Fergusson

Marketing, Tourism & Experience Lead - Vicky Roebuck (Items 6 and 7)

Health, Safety & Wellbeing Manager – Jennie Kuzman

Interim Group Manager: Strategy - Gus Charteris (Item 5)

Manager: Democracy & Governance Services – Louise Stettner

Democracy & Governance Advisor - Christine Hilton

Democracy & Governance Advisor – Caitlyn Dine

Kei Konei:

Also present:

- Michael Basset-Foss (CE), Nicky Solomon (Chair) and Tony Gray (Director) of Foodeast Haumako (Item 5)
- Dave Simmons (Board Chair) of HB Tourism (Item 6)
- Jude Minor (Board Chair) of Arts Inc Heretaunga; Jade Baker (Director) and Board member Ana Apatu (Item 7)
- Nick Flack (CE); Jon Nichols (Chair of the Board of Directors); and Rochelle Ham (CFO) of Hawke's Bay Airport Ltd (Item 8)

1. OPENING PRAYER - KARAKIA

The opening prayer was given by Councillor O'Keefe.

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

There were no apologies or Leaves of Absence.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - HE NGĀKAU KŌNATUNATU

The following Committee members declared conflicts of interest:

- Councillor Ross – Item 5
- Councillor Lorkin – Item 7
- Councillor Montaperto-Hendry – part of Item 11.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - TE WHAKAMANA I NGĀ MINITI

This is the first Performance and Monitoring Committee meeting of this triennium and so there were no previous minutes to be confirmed.

With the agreement of the Committee, Agenda Item 7 was taken out of order and addressed as the first business item at this meeting.

7. ARTS INC HERETAUNGA ARTS FESTIVAL

(Document 26/120) (Two attachments in separate attachment document)

As had been noted earlier in the minutes, Councillor Lorkin had declared a Conflict of Interest in regard to this item and took no part in discussion or voting.

Jude Minor (Board Chair) of Arts Inc Heretaunga and Jade Baker (Director); supported by Board member Ana Apatu, spoke to the Hawke's Bay Arts Festival 2025 post-event report and responded to questions from the meeting. They also showed and spoke to a series of slides (CG-18-04-00013).

The meeting acknowledged the work that had been undertaken between the Board and the Hastings District Council. As part of the points they raised, the Board advised that there had been an uptake in family passes and so they were actively looking to include family activities as part of future events and to hold activities in school holidays.

Mayor Schollum/Councillor Te Au-Skipworth

- A) That the Performance and Monitoring Committee receive the report titled Arts Inc Heretaunga Arts Festival dated 18 March 2026.
- B) That the Committee receives the 2025 Arts Inc Heretaunga Hawke's Bay Arts Festival Post-Event report in accordance with the Funding Agreement.

CARRIED⁴

5. **FOODEAST-HAUMAKO HALF-YEAR REPORT AND DRAFT STATEMENT OF INTENT 26/27**

(Document 26/95) (Three attachments in separate attachment document)

As had been noted earlier in the minutes, Councillor Ross had declared a Conflict of Interest in regard to this item and took no part in discussion or voting.

Michael Basset-Foss (CE), Nicky Solomon (Chair) and Tony Gray (Director) of Foodeast Haumako spoke to the Half-year report and Draft Statement of Intent 2026/27 and responded to questions from the meeting. They also showed and spoke to a series of slides (CG-18-04-00019).

Councillor Jessup withdrew from the meeting at approximately 1.30pm and rejoined at 1.41pm.

The meeting acknowledged the work and innovations that Foodeast had undertaken and developed.

Mayor Schollum/Councillor Nixon

- A) That the Performance and Monitoring Committee receive the report titled Foodeast-Haumako Half-year Report and Draft Statement of Intent 26/27 dated 18 March 2026.
- B) That the Performance and Monitoring Committee receive and note the Foodeast Limited Partnership Annual Report for the 6 months to December 2025.
- C) That the Performance and Monitoring Committee provide any feedback to the Board of Foodeast Haumako on the Draft Statement of Intent which will be presented at the Limited Partners meeting on 18 March 2026.

CARRIED

6. HAWKE'S BAY TOURISM SIX MONTH REPORT

(Document 26/121) (Three attachments in separate attachment document)

Dave Simmons (Board Chair) of HB Tourism spoke to the Six Month Report and responded to questions from the meeting. He also showed and spoke to a series of slides (CG-18-04-00014).

The meeting gave feedback on a number of matters, including asking how much the organisation was involved with Māori tourism events in the region. The meeting also asked how HB Tourism felt the current fuel crisis could affect people wanting to visit this region to attend events.

Mayor Schollum/Councillor Corban

- A) That the Performance and Monitoring Committee receive the report titled Hawke's Bay Tourism Six Month report dated 18 March 2026.
- B) That the Committee note the performance update provided by Hawke's Bay Tourism in accordance with the Funding Agreement.

CARRIED

With the agreement of the Committee, Agenda Item 9 was then taken out of order and addressed prior to the afternoon tea break, as the presenters for Item 8 had not yet arrived.

9. HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLBEING POLICY

(Document 26/86)

The Health, Safety and Wellbeing Manager, Jennie Kuzman, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting – including outlining the process if any changes were to be made to the wording of that policy.

Councillor Jessup withdrew from the meeting at 2.14pm and rejoined at 2.17pm.

Councillor Lorkin/Councillor Ratcliffe

That the Performance and Monitoring Committee endorse the Overarching Health, Safety and Wellbeing Policy.

CARRIED

Hastings District Rural Community Board appointee, Isabelle Crawshaw, left the meeting at this point, at 2.20pm. when the meeting adjourned for afternoon tea.

The meeting resumed at 2.30pm but Councillor O'Keefe did not rejoin until slightly later.

8. HAWKE'S BAY AIRPORT LTD DRAFT 26/27 STATEMENT OF INTENT AND INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

(Document 26/114) (Two attachments in separate attachment document)

Nick Flack (CE); Jon Nichols (Chair of the Board of Directors); and Rochelle Ham (CFO) of Hawke's Bay Airport Ltd spoke to the Draft 26/27 Statement of Intent and Interim Report for the Six Months ending 31 December 2025. They responded to questions from the meeting, including whether consideration had been given to the effects of the current fuel crisis, or if there were contingency policies to address other possible interruptions to the airport's services. They also showed and spoke to a series of slides (CG-18-04-00015).

Councillor Jessup left the meeting at 2.38pm.

Councillors Jessup and O'Keefe both rejoined the meeting at 2.42pm.

Councillor Jessup left the meeting again at 2.47pm and rejoined at 2.55pm.

Councillor Milmine/Councillor Nixon

- A) That the Performance and Monitoring Committee receive the report titled Hawke's Bay Airport Ltd Draft 26/27 Statement of Intent and Interim Report for the six month period ending 31 December 2025 dated 18 March 2026.
- B) That the Committee receive the Hawke's Bay Airport Limited Interim Report for the six-month period ending 31 December 2025.
- C) That the Committee receive the Hawke's Bay Airport Limited draft 2026-27 Statement of Intent and provide any feedback as required.

CARRIED

10. SIX MONTHS FINANCIAL RESULTS 31 DECEMBER 2025

(Document 26/109)

The Chief Financial Officer, Graham Watson, gave a brief overview as background to this item. He and the Financial Controller, Aaron Wilson, spoke to the report and responded to questions from the meeting. They also showed and spoke to a series of slides (CG-18-04-00022).

Councillor Nixon/Councillor Watkins

That the Performance and Monitoring Committee receive the report titled Six Months Financial Results 31 December 2025.

CARRIED

11. PERFORMANCE AND MONITORING REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

(Document 26/116) (Attachments in separate attachment document – Vol 2)

As had been noted earlier in the minutes, Councillor Montaperto-Hendry had declared a Conflict of Interest in regard to part of this item and took no part in discussion or voting in relation to the “Bus Stop Implementation” section.

The Deputy Chief Executive, Bruce Allan, and other Group Managers and officers spoke to the report and responded to extensive questions from the Committee regarding the various sections of the separate attachment document and the associated council activities.

The Mayor acknowledged the shared IT work that had been undertaken between the councils in the region, in regard to the shared HB Regional Technology Services, with the meeting agreeing that it would like to see an increase in shared services across the region where possible. It was requested that this be recorded in the minutes.

Councillor O’Keefe left the meeting at 3.32pm.

Councillor Corban/Councillor Lorkin

That the Performance and Monitoring Committee receive the report titled Performance and Monitoring Report for the quarter ended 31 December 2025 dated 18 March 2026.

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.

Closing Karakia was given by Councillor Daniel.

The meeting closed at 3.47pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: