

Thursday, 5 March 2026

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council: Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting

Ngā Minitī

Minutes

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Thursday, 5 March 2026**

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

Time start - end **1:00 PM -3.10 PM**

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Chair: Councillor Heather Te Au-Skipworth

Kua Tae ā-tinana:

Present:

Ngā KaiKaunihera

Councillors: Alwyn Corban, Siam Daniel, Steve Gibson, Yvonne Lorkin, Elisha Milmine (Deputy Chair), Hana Montaperto-Hendry, Simon Nixon, Derek Nowell-Usticke, Henare O’Keefe, Callum Ross and Kevin Watkins

Mayor Wendy Schollum

Kua Tatū:

In attendance:

Deputy Chief Executive - Bruce Allan

Interim Group Manager - Strategy - Gus Charteris

Group Manager: Democracy & Emergency Management – Craig Cameron

Group Manager: Infrastructure - Craig Thew

Chief Financial Officer - Graham Watson

Environmental Policy Manager - Anna Summerfield

Senior Environmental Planner - Tiffany Gray

General Counsel - Scott Smith

Deputy Group Manager & Director Infrastructure Delivery - Darren de Klerk

Manager – Strategic Projects – Dean Ferguson

Manager: Democracy & Governance Services – Louise Stettner

Senior Advisor - Democracy and Governance - Lynne Cox

Democracy and Governance Advisor - Caitlyn Dine

Kei Konei:

Also present:

Hawke’s Bay Regional Council (item 6)

Chris Dolley, Andrew Caseley and James Park

Councillor O’Keefe opened the meeting with a karakia.

1. APOLOGIES – *NGĀ WHAKAPĀHATANGA*

Mayor Schollum/Councillor Milmine

That apologies for absence from Rural Community Board Appointee Abby Morley and Councillor Jessup be accepted.

Leave of Absence had previously been granted to Councillor Fowler, and for Councillor Ratcliffe who was on Council Business.

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - *HE NGĀKAU KŌNATUNATU*

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - *TE WHAKAMANA I NGĀ MINITI*

As this was the first meeting of the triennium there were no Minutes to confirm.

4. UPDATE ON STRATEGIC WORK PROGRAMME

(Document 26/57)

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

Mayor Schollum/Councillor Nowell-Usticke

That the Strategic and Recovery Committee receive the report titled Update on Strategic Work Programme dated 5 March 2026.

CARRIED

5. CLIMATE ACTION FRAMEWORK

(Document 25/474)

Project Manager, Graham Palmer spoke to the report and updated the Committee with a powerPoint presentation (CG-18-03-00021), covering the Climate Action Framework (Climate Fundamentals):

- Mitigation / Adaptation
- Mitigation in Action – Havelock North Village Pools Boiler Electrification
- Mitigation – next steps
- Adaptation – next steps

Mayor Schollum/Councillor Corban

- A) That the Strategy and Policy Committee receive the report titled Climate Action Framework dated 5 March 2026.
- B) That the Committee endorse the Climate Action Framework to provide strategic direction for Council’s climate response across mitigation and adaptation.

- C) That the Committee note that the Climate Action Work Programme (CAWP) will continue to evolve and will be refined over time as projects mature, further information becomes available, and national direction develops.
- D) That the Committee direct officers to develop and bring back to the Strategy and Policy Committee a strengthened monitoring, reporting and governance framework for the CAWP. This would become the basis for ongoing reporting to the Performance and Monitoring Committee.
- E) That the Committee note that any funding or investment required to implement actions within the CAWP will be considered through the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan processes.

Councillor Gibson requested that his vote **AGAINST** be recorded.

Councillor Ross left the meeting at 1.30pm and did not return.

6. RESILIENCE AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION WORK PROGRAMMES

(Document 26/101)

Manager – Strategic Projects, Dean Ferguson introduced Hawke’s Bay Regional Council staff, Andrew Caseley, Chris Dolley and James Park to the Committee.

Andrew Caseley took the Committee through updates on HBRC Flood Protection Led Projects and gave a powerPoint presentation (CG-18-03-00022) to include Key Projects within the Hastings District:

Pākōwhai, Ōhiti / Ōmāhu, Waiohiki, Whirinaki.

Other Projects included stopbank level of service upgrade near Fernhill Bridge, planned pump station upgrades, regional telemetry upgrades and Targeted Flood Protection Scheme reviews to include Haumoana, Karamū and Esk/Whirinaki.

Chris Dolley updated the Committee on Reimagining Flood Resilience (HBRC Led) and along with Dean Ferguson also updated the Committee on the Coastal Hazards Strategy and the Haumoana Shallow Ground Water Assessment.

All Officers responded to questions from the Committee.

Councillor Corban/Councillor Nowell-Usticke

- A) That the Strategy and Policy Committee receive the report titled Resilience and Climate Adaptation Work Programmes dated 5 March 2026.
- B) That the Committee notes the ongoing work programmes and that these work programmes will be reported as a standing item at each Strategy and Policy Committee meeting going forward.

CARRIED

7. CHANGES TO HASTINGS DISTRICT PLAN IN RESPONSE TO THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD FOR DETACHED MINOR RESIDENTIAL UNITS (GRANNY FLATS)

(Document 26/22)

Senior Environmental Planner, Tiffany Gray spoke to the report and along with Environmental Policy Manager, Anna Summerfield responded to questions from the Committee.

Councillor Lorkin left the room at 2.06pm and returned at 2.09pm.

Councillor Gibson/Councillor Nowell-Usticke

- A) That the Strategy and Policy Committee receive the report titled Changes to Hastings District Plan in response to the National Environmental Standard for Detached Minor Residential Units (Granny Flats) dated 5 March 2026.
- B) That the Committee recommends that Council approve that the following note be added to the District Plan in each of the chapters identified in Table 1 (paragraph 3.4 of the report)-
 - i. *Note: Detached Minor Residential Units – the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Detached Minor Residential Units) Regulations 2025 (NES-DMRU) provides for certain Detached Minor Residential Units as a Permitted Activity. For the avoidance of doubt, the NES-DMRU requires compliance with certain rules and standards where they fall within Regulation 7(2) and (3). These may include some of the provisions below. Provided all requirements of the NES-DMRU are satisfied, the DMRU will be a Permitted activity.*

CARRIED

8. MINOR ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE ITI

There were no additional business items.

9. URGENT ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI

There were no extraordinary business items.

10. RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM ITEMS 12 AND 12 SECTION 48, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

Councillor O'Keefe/Councillor Watkins

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

11 Update on Regional Coordination

12 Development Contributions Project Report

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 MATTER, AND PARTICULAR INTERESTS PROTECTED	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF EACH RESOLUTION
11 Update on Regional Coordination	<p>Section 7 (2) (i)</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Direction may impact contractual relationships of parties..</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>
12 Development Contributions Project Report	<p>Section 7 (2) (j)</p> <p>The withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.</p> <p>To eliminate the risk of 3rd parties gaining advantage ahead of any proposed amendments to the DC Policy Framework..</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 3.10 pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: