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Ordinary Meeting of Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee Ngā Meneti | Minutes

9:30 am Rāpare, 22 Haratua 2025

9:30 am Thursday, 22 May 2025

Ngake (16.09), Level 16, Tahiwī

113 The Terrace

Pōneke | Wellington



PRESENT

Councillor Abdurahman
Councillor Apanowicz
Councillor Brown
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Chung
Deputy Mayor Foon
Councillor Free
Pouiwi Hohaia
Pouiwi Kelly
Councillor Matthews
Councillor McNulty
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Randle
Councillor Rogers
Mayor Whanau
Councillor Wi Neera
Councillor Young

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1. Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson declared the meeting (hui) open at 9:33am.

1.2 Apologies

No apologies were received.

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Pouiwi Kelly declared a financial conflict of interest regarding several clauses within item 3.4 Deliberation of the Long-term Plan amendment and 2025/26 Annual Plan. They advised the meeting they would not debate or vote on the relevant clauses.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Councillor Matthews, seconded Councillor O'Neill

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee:

1. Approves the minutes of the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee Meeting held on 28 April 2025, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

1.6 Public Participation

1.6.1 Paula Muollo

Paula Muollo addressed the hui regarding Begonia House.

1.6.2 Bernard Nunns

Bernard Nunns addressed the hui regarding the 2024-34 Long-term Plan amendment and 2025/26 Annual Plan.

1.6.3 Maxwell Marshall

Maxwell Marshall addressed the hui regarding the 2024-34 Long-term Plan amendment and 2025/26 Annual Plan.

1.6.4 Maree Newson

Maree Newson addressed the hui regarding Khandallah Pool.

1.6.5 Siobhán Garrett

Siobhán Garrett addressed the hui regarding Khandallah Pool.

1.6.6 John Swan – Better Wellington

On behalf of Better Wellington, John Swan addressed the hui regarding the Long-term Plan and Mātai Moana.

1.6.7 Heather Baldwin – Karori Community Hall Trust

On behalf of Karori Community Hall Trust, Heather Baldwin addressed the hui regarding the Karori Events Centre.

1.6.8 Craig Dawick

Craig Dawick addressed the hui regarding Khandallah Pool.

2. Petitions

2.1 Save the Begonia House

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Young

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee:

1. Receive the information and thank the petitioners.

Carried

The hui adjourned at 10:30am and returned at 10:46am with the following members present: Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Mayor Whanau, Councillor Wi Neera, and Councillor Young.

(Councillor Apanowicz joined the hui at 10:50am.)

3. General Business

3.1 Traffic Resolution to Support the implementation of Metered Motorcycle Parking

Moved Councillor Free, seconded Councillor Brown

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee:

1. Receive the information
2. Approve Traffic resolution TR05/25 with the following change: **Option E, being:**
 - Introducing a fee of \$1.00/hour, applicable: Monday to Friday 8am-8pm, with a daily cap of \$6/day.
 - ~~2.1 Change enforcement from 7 days a week to only be Monday to Friday.~~

Carried

Secretarial note: The motion was moved with changes to officers' recommendations in the report, as marked in red. A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Chung, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 12:6

Carried

(Councillor Apanowicz left the hui at 11:15am.)

(Councillor Apanowicz joined the hui at 11:17am.)

The hui adjourned at 11:22am and returned at 11:33am with all members present.

The hui adjourned at 11:41am and returned at 11:47am with all members present.

3.2 Local Water Done Well - Confirmation of Water Services Delivery Model

Moved Mayor Whanau, seconded Councillor Rogers

That the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee:

1. Receives the information
2. **Recommends** that Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council **agrees** to jointly establish and co-own a new water CCO (water organisation) for three waters together with Upper Hutt City Council, Hutt City Council, Porirua City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council.
3. **Recommends** that Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council **notes** the intention to transfer its assets, debt, liabilities and services in relation to drinking water, wastewater and stormwater to the new jointly owned water organisation by 1 July 2026.
4. **Recommends** that Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council **requests** officers to develop a joint Water Services Delivery Plan and foundation documents for Council's approval in August prior to submission to the Secretary of Local Government (Department of Internal Affairs) by 3 September 2025, **and in doing so:**
 - 4.1 Direct officers to provide advice by the end of July on how the management of stormwater can be reinforced through the foundational documents and SoE to ensure appropriate personnel are employed, appropriate levels of investment are made and that collaborative working relationships are maintained with WCC staff.
 - 4.2 Note the expectation that stormwater services are not funded through volumetric charges.
 - 4.3 Note the expectation that the new water entity is established on a cost reflective pricing model that keeps affordability for Wellington City residents at the forefront of decision making.

4.4 Direct officers to provide advice by mid-August on how a consumer advocacy group could be established and funded to scrutinise the water entity and provide financial support to renters and those on low incomes during the switch to a user charges model, including the potential to:

- require the regional water entity to provide requested information on its activities and funding.
- require the regional water entity, to provide a forward-looking five year investment and revenue plan for scrutiny and review.
- Monitor the consequences for residents of water charges, and to use this information as the basis of advice to Council on any adverse impacts and suggested ways to mitigate these.

4.5 Direct officers to work with the regional project team and provide advice on options for a proportional voting model for the Stakeholder Committee ahead of decisions on foundation documents in August, noting Wellington City Council supports in principle a form of proportional voting.

4.6 Note the expectation that an equitable debt transfer position is agreed ahead of transferring water assets, revenue and debt to the new entity and that the agreement ensures Wellington city ratepayers are in a 'no worse off' position as a result.

4.7 Note the expectation that the WSDP will not oblige Wellington city ratepayers (through water charges) to service debt assumed from other co-owner councils.

Secretarial note: The motion was moved with changes to officers' recommendations in the report, as marked in red.

Secretarial note: The chairperson vacated the chair and the deputy chairperson assumed the chair at 12:41pm.

The hui adjourned at 12:43pm and returned at 12:51pm with the following members present: Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Mayor Whanau, Councillor Wi Neera, and Councillor Young.

Secretarial note: The chairperson assumed the chair with the return of the hui at 12:51pm.

(Councillor Abdurahman joined the hui at 12:52pm.)

Moved Councillor Brown, seconded Pouwi Kelly, the following amendment

Resolved

~~4.5 Direct officers to work with the regional project team and provide advice on options for a proportional voting model for the Stakeholder Committee ahead of decisions on foundation documents in August, noting Wellington City Council supports in principle a form of proportional voting. Note Council's strong preference that the Shareholders Agreement and / or Constitution (as applicable) for that Regional Water CCO includes provisions:~~

- Prohibiting the use of a shareholders committee. Instead, Council will have a direct relationship with the board of the Regional Water CCO.
- Requiring the agreement of both WCC and any one other voting shareholder on any matter which requires a shareholders' resolution.
- Matters that require a shareholders' resolution to include, at a minimum:
 - The appointment of directors.
 - The skills matrix used to select applicant directors put forward for shareholder support (other than the establishment directors) and the process that is to be followed for the selection of individuals to be put forward for shareholder support as directors.
 - The Investment and Revenue Plan that will be required from the Regional Water CCO as soon as practicable after its formation.

~~4.8 Note the expectation that the foundational governance arrangements and documents will confirm how councils and mana whenua partners will work together when establishing water priorities and outcomes and in the overall governance oversight of the new entity. Note that the expectation that the foundational governance arrangements and documents will confirm how councils and mana whenua partners will work together to determine the Regional Water CCO's ongoing goal setting, monitoring, and direction. Request that as soon as practicable, officers arrange a meeting between Wellington City Councillors and representatives of Council's Tā kai Here partners to discuss how the above objectives will be achieved.~~

Lost

Secretarial note: A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chung, Councillor Free, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle

Against:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon, Pouwi Hohaia, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 8:10

Lost

The hui adjourned at 12:59pm and returned at 1:33pm with all members present.

Moved Mayor Whanau, seconded Councillor Rogers, the substantive motion

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee:

1. Receives the information
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3. **Recommends** that Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council **notes** the intention to transfer its assets, debt, liabilities and services in relation to drinking water, wastewater and stormwater to the new jointly owned water organisation by 1 July 2026.
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 - 4.1 Direct officers to provide advice by the end of July on how the management of stormwater can be reinforced through the foundational documents and SoE to ensure appropriate personnel are employed, appropriate levels of investment are made and that collaborative working relationships are maintained with WCC staff.
 - 4.2 Note the expectation that stormwater services are not funded through volumetric charges.
 - 4.3 Note the expectation that the new water entity is established on a cost reflective pricing model that keeps affordability for Wellington City residents at the forefront of decision making.
 - 4.4 Direct officers to provide advice by mid-August on how a consumer advocacy group could be established and funded to scrutinise the water entity and provide financial support to renters and those on low incomes during the switch to a user charges model, including the potential to:
 - require the regional water entity to provide requested information on its activities and funding.
 - require the regional water entity, to provide a forward-looking five year investment and revenue plan for scrutiny and review.
 - Monitor the consequences for residents of water charges, and to use this information as the basis of advice to Council on any adverse impacts and suggested ways to mitigate these.
 - 4.5 Direct officers to work with the regional project team and provide advice on options for a proportional voting model for the Stakeholder Committee ahead of decisions on foundation documents in August, noting Wellington City Council supports in principle a form of proportional voting.
 - 4.5.1 Note WCC's strong preference to ensure accountability of the new water services entity is that the Stakeholders Agreement and/or Constitution (as applicable) for the Regional Water CCO includes:

- A requirement that there is some form of direct relationship between Council's and the board of the Regional Water CCO
- The following matters should require a shareholders resolution:
 - The appointment of directors
 - A skills matrix
 - An investment and revenue plan

4.6 Note the expectation that an equitable debt transfer position is agreed ahead of transferring water assets, revenue and debt to the new entity and that the agreement ensures Wellington city ratepayers are in a 'no worse off' position as a result.

4.7 Note the expectation that the WSDP will not oblige Wellington city ratepayers (through water charges) to service debt assumed from other co-owner councils.

4.8 Note the expectation that foundational governance arrangements and documents will confirm how councils and mana whenua partners will work together to determine the Regional Water CCO's ongoing goal setting, monitoring, and direction. Request that as soon as practicable, officers arrange a meeting between Wellington City Councillors and representatives of Council's Tākai Here partners to discuss how the above objectives will be achieved.

Carried

Attachments

- 1 Tabled Q&A document

Secretarial note: With leave of the meeting, the substantive motion was altered to include clauses 4.5.1 and 4.8. Voting was taken in parts. All clauses were carried. A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

Clause 2

For:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

Against:

Councillor Brown, Councillor Free, Councillor Pannett

Majority Vote: 15:3

Carried

Clause 3

For:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon, Pouwi Hohaia, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

Against:

Councillor Brown, Councillor Chung, Councillor Free, Councillor Pannett, Pouiwi Kelly

Majority Vote: 13:5

Carried

All remaining clauses

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Majority Vote: 18:0

Carried

Secretarial note: In accordance with Standing Order 19.1, the chairperson re-ordered the agenda to be considered in the following order:

4. Public Excluded

4.1 Proposed Sale of Ground Lease - 68 Jervois Quay

3. General Business (continued)

3.3 Deliberation of the Long-term Plan amendment and 2025/26 Annual Plan

3.4 Decision register updates and upcoming reports

4. Public Excluded

Moved Councillor Matthews, seconded Councillor Apanowicz

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
4.1 Proposed Sale of Ground Lease - 68 Jervois Quay	<p>7(2)(b)(ii) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.</p> <p>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).</p>	<p>s48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.</p>

2. Direct officers to consider the release of publicly excluded information that can be publicly released following the hui.

Carried

The hui went into public-excluded session at 1:52pm and returned from public-excluded session at 2:04pm.

The hui adjourned at 2:05pm and returned at 2:41pm with the following members present: Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau.

(Deputy Mayor Foon joined the hui at 2:44pm.)

3.3 Deliberation of the Long-term Plan amendment and 2025/26 Annual Plan

Moved Mayor Whanau, seconded Councillor Apanowicz

That the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee:

1. **Recommend** that Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:
 - 1.1 **Receive** the information.
 - 1.2 **Note** that the financial information included in this paper, includes the recommended approach to metered motorcycle parking; the proposed sale of the ground lease at 68 Jervois Quay; and the water services delivery model for which there are separate agenda items at this committee meeting. Any amendments to those agenda items may have consequential impact to the financial information included in this agenda item – LTP Amendment and 2025/26 Annual Plan.

Process and consultation results

- 1.3 **Note** that the Committee deliberations are the final decision stage for developing the 2024-34 LTP amendment and 2025/26 Annual Plan and their respective budgets. After these deliberations, there is a final review by Audit NZ and then formal adoption at Council on 26 June. Any changes that occur after these committee deliberations other than editorial changes and those that respond to Audit NZ feedback will mean that the Council is not able to adopt the Annual Plan and LTP Amendment by the statutory deadline of 30 June.
- 1.4 **Note** the consultation process, engagement tools and consultation and survey results for the 2024-34 LTP amendment and 2025/26 Annual Plan as outlined in Attachment 1. All submissions are available online.

LTP Amendment

- 1.5 Agree to proceed with Option 1 from the Consultation Document - Large debt headroom and small investment fund, to help mitigate under insurance and lack of investment diversity risks.

1.6 Agree to create the increased debt headroom with the following options from the Consultation Document:

- 1.6.1 Begonia House – Option C: Do minimum (increase budget from \$8.1m to \$11m) and agree to commence work on the Begonia House project
- 1.6.2 Karori Event Centre – ~~Option 1: Sell the Site (reduce budget from \$2m to \$1m plus proceeds from sale of site) and agree to recommend to Council to sell the Karori Event Centre site.~~ Agree to offer the Karori Event Centre back to the Karori Community Hall Trust for the Trust to remediate the building and complete the fit out with the following support and conditions to be agreed with the Trust and satisfied:
 - 1.6.2.1 WCC financial contribution to complete remediation of the building of up to \$1m of debt funded opex being the amount currently provided for in WCC's capital programme.
 - 1.6.2.2 A further WCC financial of \$0.9m of debt funded opex brought forward from Te Awe Mapara outyear funding.
 - 1.6.2.3 The Trust must submit a detailed work programme and revised cost estimate before any further commitment is made. This revised estimate should be documented and independently confirmed by a third-party Quantity Surveyor (QS).
 - 1.6.2.4 WCC will manage the financial contribution directly, with the Trust invoicing for work completed, based on the approved work programme and QS-verified costs, up to the agreed financial contribution amount.
 - 1.6.2.5 A WCC officer is appointed to the project governance board.
 - 1.6.2.6 Any significant deviation from the approved plan, defined as a cost increase greater than 10% of the estimated and QS-verified total project cost, can trigger a review of WCC's commitment to the project.
 - 1.6.2.7 Direct officers to communicate that, if the Event Centre is gifted back to the Trust, it is with the expectation that Wellington City Council will not contribute funding to the ongoing operations of the Event Centre.
 - 1.6.2.8 Agree that if negotiations with the Trust are not completed within three months, Council will proceed with Option 1 from the Consultation Document: ~~Sell the Site (reduce budget from \$2m to \$1m plus proceeds from sale of site).~~
- 1.6.3 Paneke Pōneke – Option 1: Deliver programme over 20 years (reduce budget from \$115.2m to \$66.9m)
- 1.6.4 City Streets projects – Rescale and rephase (New LTP total: \$34.5m, savings of \$130.6m)
- 1.6.5 Low cost, low risk transport projects – Rescale and rephase (New LTP total \$96.7m, savings of \$67.8m)
- 1.6.6 Frank Kitts Park redevelopment – Rephase and rescope (New LTP total \$8.4m years 1 to 6 to support the Fale Malae, plus \$15m in years 10+, savings \$46.1m)
- 1.6.7 Wellington Zoo upgrades – Retain and rephase (retain lions upgrade, rephase Savannah upgrade to years 11+ New LTP total \$12.6m, savings of \$1.2m)
- 1.6.8 Venues upgrades – remove all funding from budget as it is currently unallocated (New LTP total \$0, saving of \$13.2m)
- 1.6.9 Bond Store upgrade – Rephase (rephase \$19m to years 8 to 10, with \$1.5m across years 1 to 2 for targeted strengthening. Savings is \$0 but funding moved to later in the LTP easing debt to revenue ratio).
- 1.6.10 Te Awe Māpara (Community facilities plan) – Reduce (reduce \$10m in years 8 and 9. New LTP total \$103.1m, savings of \$10m)
- 1.6.11 Suburban Town Centre upgrades – Rephase (rephase \$11m into \$5.5m in both years 4 and 8, savings is \$0 but funding moved to later in the LTP easing debt to revenue ratio)

1.6.12 Te Ngākau / civic square redevelopment - Remove (remove all budgets not currently allocated to set projects. New LTP total \$113.9m, savings of \$89.4m years).

- 1.7 **Agree** the following LTP Amendment attachments to be provided to Audit NZ, and note that they will be updated to reflect any decisions of this committee meeting before being audited, and going for adoption on June 26 at Council:
- Attachment 02: Amended Financial Strategy
 - Attachment 03: Amended Infrastructure Strategy
 - Attachment 04: Amended Prospective Financial Statements
 - Attachment 05: Amended Funding Impact Statements
 - Attachment 06: Amended Significant Forecasting Assumptions
 - Attachment 07: Amended Volume 1 of the 2024-34 LTP
 - Attachment 08: Amended Volume 2 of the 2024-34 LTP (Statements of Service Provision).

2025/26 Annual Plan

- 1.8 **Agree** Mātai Moana Reserve Option 1 – Joint Management (preferred option in CD).
- 1.9 ~~**Agree** the preferred option for rating short-term accommodation providers and update the Rating Policy to reflect this option – Commercial rates will apply to entire units being rented or available to rent short-term for more than 60 days per financial year.~~ **Agree in principle to amend the rating policy to introduce a new general rates differential (lower than the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential) for short-term accommodation providers in the 2026/27 financial year, subject to consultation in the 26/27 Annual Plan.**
- 1.9.1 **Note** that capital funding for key resilience work (i.e. retaining wall upgrades, footpath structures, tunnel strengthening etc.) declines in the later part of the LTP, and that scaling up capital works quickly can at times be challenging for contractors and the sector.
- 1.9.2 **Agree** to include a paragraph in the Infrastructure Strategy to outline this risk as well as the importance of creating certainty around a pipeline of capital works for contractor resilience.
- 1.10 **Agree** parklet fee structures changes as outlined in the Consultation Document.
- 1.11 **Agree** other fees and user charges as outlined in Attachment 16.
- 1.12 **Note** that Council received eight new funding requests as part of the consultation process as outlined in Attachment 12.
- 1.13 **Agree** not to support any new funding requests as in the recommendations outlined in Attachment 12, **with the following exceptions:**
- 1.13.1 **Agree** to fund additional \$0.15m for Capital Kiwi for a period of 5 years through savings to the Parks, Sports, and Recreation operating budgets.
- 1.14 **Agree** the capital carry forwards and rephasing as outlined in Attachment 13.
- 1.15 **Agree** to update the capital budget for the Thorndon Quay project by an increase of \$4.4m in 2025/26 to reflect the outcome of negotiations undertaken to complete the agreed scope of the project. Note that this is partially offset by NZTA funding of \$2m.

- 1.16 **Agree** to increase the capital budget by \$0.46m in 2026/27 to account for the sales proceeds of Wadestown community centre being reinvested in Wadestown. This is based on the resolution at the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee on 30 May 2024.
- 1.17 **Note** that several budget adjustments, including updated depreciation and interest have been incorporated into updated 2025/26 Annual Plan and LTP amendment budgets.
- 1.18 **Agree** to include in the budget an estimated \$0.86m for the Commerce Commission and Taumata Arowai regulatory frameworks levies and these costs will be funded by debt as part of the transitional costs.
- 1.19 **Agree** to ring-fence the lease incentive for the new staff accommodation to mitigate costs related to the delay in move to the new staff accommodation.
- 1.20 **Note** that:
- 1.20.1 the Regulatory Processes Committee referred the decision on introducing motorcycle parking fees to Council and Council has delegated this decision to the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee.
- 1.20.2 anticipated revenue from motorcycle charging will be updated in the 2025/26 budget in accordance with the decision of the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee.
- 1.21 **Note** the progress update on the organics processing facility as outlined in Attachment 15 is part of the report back resolution in the 26 November 2024 Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee meeting.
- 1.22 **Note** the progress report back on Khandallah Pool as outlined in Attachment 14, is part of the 30 May 2024 Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee on 30 May 2024 resolution.
- 1.23 ~~**Agree to close the Khandallah Pool facility and landscape the site, at an estimated cost of \$4.5m capex.**~~ **Agree to proceed with Khandallah Pool remediation identified through the review at a cost of \$7.5m.**
- 1.23.1 **Agree** the additional operational costs of \$0.4m (net of revenue) per year in FY25/26 and FY26/27.
- 1.23.2 **Note** that ongoing operational budget for the upgraded Pool will need to be reflected in the 2027-37 LTP.
- 1.24 **Note** that the average rates increase for 2025/26 is forecasted to be 12.0% (after growth and including the sludge levy) based on the budget updates and recommendations outlined in this report, and that this is a 0.2% reduction compared to what was proposed in the Consultation Document.
- 1.25 **Agree** the following 2025/26 Annual Plan attachments, and note that they will be updated to reflect any decisions of this committee meeting before being adopted on 26 June at Council:
- Attachment 09: Annual Plan Prospective Financial Statements
 - Attachment 10: Annual Plan Funding Impact Statements
 - Attachment 11: Overview of Annual Plan structure
- 1.26 **Request** that officers:
- 1.26.1 include a report on the current safety and wellbeing situation in Newtown, including maintenance and lighting, as part of the next City Safety Plan briefing and recommend what further actions could be taken to improve these issues.
- 1.26.2 work with Wellington Water and any new water entity to establish what water infrastructure is required to enable the further housing development at Tapu te Ranga Marae and if this can be prioritised.
- 1.26.3 continue to engage with the Chinese Garden Society to explore opportunities for the garden at Frank Kitts Park as they arise as per the MOU signed with the Society.

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1.27 Agree to investigate the feasibility of opening central libraries late into the evening, in order to provide a family-friendly alternative to city nightlife.

Secretarial note: The motion was moved with changes to officers' recommendations in the report, as marked in red. With leave of the meeting, clause 1.20.2 was corrected to reflect the Committee decision on item 3.1 Traffic Resolution to Support the implementation of Metered Motorcycle Parking.

Meeting duration

Moved Councillor Matthews, seconded Councillor Apanowicz

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance and Performance Committee:

1. In accordance with standing order 11.7, agree to extend the meeting beyond 6 hours.

Carried

Moved Councillor Calvert, seconded Councillor Chung, the following amendment

Resolved

1.8.1 Note that the Council will lose approx. \$247k in annual rates revenue received from the Government if the Mātai Moana Reserve land proceeds to be classified as a reserve

1.9.3 Agree that as part of preparing consultation material for the 2026/27 Annual Plan on the ratings policy, that a comprehensive review is undertaken to understand sector and economic impacts from introducing any recommended policy changes.

1.10 Agree to parklet fee structures changes as outlined in the Consultation Document for 2025/26, and that further work be carried out in time for the 2026/27 year to better align the revenue generated from parklets for a space with that being generated by motorcycles.

1.13.2 Agree if funding support of \$150k for Capital Kiwi is approved, that this funding should be allocated from the budget for the Mātai Moana Reserve (subject to its approval). If no funding is granted for Mātai Moana Reserve, then this funding should come from the savings on this budget.

1.27 Request officers to provide a briefing prior to the next committee meeting of 25 June 2025, outlining the planned work packages for the Golden Mile project including:

1.27.1 their individual scope and key milestones (including due date for execution of each work package with the contractor) and

1.27.2 an update on the discussions around the condition of the associated water infrastructure, prioritisation, costs renewals and available budget

1.27.3 the impact of delaying the finalisation and contract execution of Work Package 2 until the end of the calendar year.

Partially carried

Secretarial note: Voting was taken in parts. Clause 1.8.1 carried. All other clauses were lost. A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

Clause 1.8.1

For:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Randle, Councillor Young

Against:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Free, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera

Majority Vote: 11:7

Carried

Clause 1.9.3

For:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor Free, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Randle, Councillor Young

Against:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Apanowicz, Deputy Mayor Foon, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera

Majority Vote: 8:10

Lost

Clause 1.10

For:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor Free, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Randle, Councillor Young, Councillor Wi Neera

Against:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Deputy Mayor Foon, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers

Majority Vote: 8:10

Lost

Clause 1.13.2

For:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Randle

Against:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Young, Councillor Wi Neera

Majority Vote: 4:14

Lost

Clause 1.27 (inclusive of 1.27.1-1.27.3)

For:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Young

Against:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Apanowicz, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera

Majority Vote: 8:10

Lost

Moved Councillor Randle, seconded Councillor Young, the following amendment

Resolved

1.6.3 Paneke Pōneke – ~~Option 1: Deliver programme over 20 years (reduce budget from \$115.2m to \$66.9m)~~ **Option 3: Finish What's Started (reduce budget from \$115.2m to \$37.5m, a decrease of \$77.8m)**

Lost

Moved Councillor Wi Neera, seconded Councillor O'Neill, the following amendment

Resolved

1.28 Request a report on a small-scale trial of Participatory Budgeting in the next Long-Term Plan, or as part of future Citizens' Assemblies.

Carried

The hui adjourned at 3:41pm and returned at 3:45pm with all members present.

Moved Councillor Abdurahman, seconded Councillor McNulty, the following amendment

Resolved

1.13.2 Agree to meet the increased funding request from Wellington Free Ambulance for the 2025/26 FY whilst the Community Outcomes Framework is finalised for the 2026/27 FY.

1.29 Agree in respect of the City Safety Plan to extend the geographical area to include Newtown.

1.30 Agree per resolution of Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee on 15 February 2024, that work to upgrade Carrara Park Toilets will commence within the 2025/26 FY.

1.6.2 ~~Agree to offer the Karori Event Centre back to the Karori Community Hall Trust for the Trust to remediate the building and complete the fit out with the following support and conditions to be agreed with the Trust and satisfied:~~ Karori Event Centre – Option 4. Increase capex budget to achieve building compliance (additional \$1.3m of capex).

1.6.10 Te Awe Māpara (Community facilities plan) — ~~Reduce (reduce \$10m in years 8 and 9. New LTP total \$103.1m, savings of \$10m)~~ agree to increase the budget to \$123m over the ten years of the 24-34 Long-term Plan.

Partially carried

Secretarial note: Voting was taken in parts. Clause 1.30 carried. All other clauses were lost. A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

Clause 1.13.2

For:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Randle

Against:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor McNulty, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, , Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 2:16

Lost

Clause 1.29

For:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Chung, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Randle, Councillor Young

Against:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera

Majority Vote: 5:13

Lost

Clause 1.30

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Majority Vote: 18:0

Carried

Clause 1.6.2

For:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle

Against:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 6:12

Lost

Clause 1.6.10

For:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Chung, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle

Against:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 5:13

Lost

Moved Mayor Whanau, seconded Councillor Apanowicz, the substantive motion

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee:

1. **Recommend** that Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:
 - 1.1 **Receive** the information.
 - 1.2 **Note** that the financial information included in this paper, includes the recommended approach to metered motorcycle parking; the proposed sale of the ground lease at 68 Jervois Quay; and the water services delivery model for which there are separate agenda items at this committee meeting. Any amendments to those agenda items may have consequential impact to the financial information included in this agenda item – LTP Amendment and 2025/26 Annual Plan.

Process and consultation results

- 1.3 **Note** that the Committee deliberations are the final decision stage for developing the 2024-34 LTP amendment and 2025/26 Annual Plan and their respective budgets. After these deliberations, there is a final review by Audit NZ and then formal adoption at Council on 26 June. Any changes that occur after these committee deliberations other than editorial changes and those that respond to Audit NZ feedback will mean that the Council is not able to adopt the Annual Plan and LTP Amendment by the statutory deadline of 30 June.
- 1.4 **Note** the consultation process, engagement tools and consultation and survey results for the 2024-34 LTP amendment and 2025/26 Annual Plan as outlined in Attachment 1. All submissions are available online.

LTP Amendment

- 1.5 Agree to proceed with Option 1 from the Consultation Document - Large debt headroom and small investment fund, to help mitigate under insurance and lack of investment diversity risks.

1.6 Agree to create the increased debt headroom with the following options from the Consultation Document:

- 1.6.1 Begonia House – Option C: Do minimum (increase budget from \$8.1m to \$11m) and agree to commence work on the Begonia House project
- 1.6.2 Karori Event Centre – ~~Option 1: Sell the Site (reduce budget from \$2m to \$1m plus proceeds from sale of site) and agree to recommend to Council to sell the Karori Event Centre site.~~ Agree to offer the Karori Event Centre back to the Karori Community Hall Trust for the Trust to remediate the building and complete the fit out with the following support and conditions to be agreed with the Trust and satisfied:
 - 1.6.2.1 WCC financial contribution to complete remediation of the building of up to \$1m of debt funded opex being the amount currently provided for in WCC's capital programme.
 - 1.6.2.2 A further WCC financial of \$0.9m of debt funded opex brought forward from Te Awe Mapara outyear funding.
 - 1.6.2.3 The Trust must submit a detailed work programme and revised cost estimate before any further commitment is made. This revised estimate should be documented and independently confirmed by a third-party Quantity Surveyor (QS).
 - 1.6.2.4 WCC will manage the financial contribution directly, with the Trust invoicing for work completed, based on the approved work programme and QS-verified costs, up to the agreed financial contribution amount.
 - 1.6.2.5 A WCC officer is appointed to the project governance board.
 - 1.6.2.6 Any significant deviation from the approved plan, defined as a cost increase greater than 10% of the estimated and QS-verified total project cost, can trigger a review of WCC's commitment to the project.
 - 1.6.2.7 Direct officers to communicate that, if the Event Centre is gifted back to the Trust, it is with the expectation that Wellington City Council will not contribute funding to the ongoing operations of the Event Centre.
 - 1.6.2.8 Agree that if negotiations with the Trust are not completed within three months, Council will proceed with Option 1 from the Consultation Document: ~~Sell the Site (reduce budget from \$2m to \$1m plus proceeds from sale of site).~~
- 1.6.3 Paneke Pōneke – Option 1: Deliver programme over 20 years (reduce budget from \$115.2m to \$66.9m)
- 1.6.4 City Streets projects – Rescale and rephase (New LTP total: \$34.5m, savings of \$130.6m)
- 1.6.5 Low cost, low risk transport projects – Rescale and rephase (New LTP total \$96.7m, savings of \$67.8m)
- 1.6.6 Frank Kitts Park redevelopment – Rephase and rescope (New LTP total \$8.4m years 1 to 6 to support the Fale Malae, plus \$15m in years 10+, savings \$46.1m)
- 1.6.7 Wellington Zoo upgrades – Retain and rephase (retain lions upgrade, rephase Savannah upgrade to years 11+ New LTP total \$12.6m, savings of \$1.2m)
- 1.6.8 Venues upgrades – remove all funding from budget as it is currently unallocated (New LTP total \$0, saving of \$13.2m)
- 1.6.9 Bond Store upgrade – Rephase (rephase \$19m to years 8 to 10, with \$1.5m across years 1 to 2 for targeted strengthening. Savings is \$0 but funding moved to later in the LTP easing debt to revenue ratio).
- 1.6.10 Te Awe Māpara (Community facilities plan) – Reduce (reduce \$10m in years 8 and 9. New LTP total \$103.1m, savings of \$10m)
- 1.6.11 Suburban Town Centre upgrades – Rephase (rephase \$11m into \$5.5m in both years 4 and 8, savings is \$0 but funding moved to later in the LTP easing debt to revenue ratio)

1.6.12 Te Ngākau / civic square redevelopment - Remove (remove all budgets not currently allocated to set projects. New LTP total \$113.9m, savings of \$89.4m years).

- 1.7 **Agree** the following LTP Amendment attachments to be provided to Audit NZ, and note that they will be updated to reflect any decisions of this committee meeting before being audited, and going for adoption on June 26 at Council:
- Attachment 02: Amended Financial Strategy
 - Attachment 03: Amended Infrastructure Strategy
 - Attachment 04: Amended Prospective Financial Statements
 - Attachment 05: Amended Funding Impact Statements
 - Attachment 06: Amended Significant Forecasting Assumptions
 - Attachment 07: Amended Volume 1 of the 2024-34 LTP
 - Attachment 08: Amended Volume 2 of the 2024-34 LTP (Statements of Service Provision).

2025/26 Annual Plan

1.8 **Agree** Mātai Moana Reserve Option 1 – Joint Management (preferred option in CD).

1.8.1 **Note that the Council will lose approx. \$247k in annual rates revenue received from the Government if the Mātai Moana Reserve land proceeds to be classified as a reserve.**

1.9 **Agree** in principle to amend the rating policy to introduce a new general rates differential (lower than the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential) for short-term accommodation providers in the 2026/27 financial year, subject to consultation in the 26/27 Annual Plan.

1.9.1 **Note** that capital funding for key resilience work (i.e. retaining wall upgrades, footpath structures, tunnel strengthening etc.) declines in the later part of the LTP, and that scaling up capital works quickly can at times be challenging for contractors and the sector.

1.9.2 **Agree** to include a paragraph in the Infrastructure Strategy to outline this risk as well as the importance of creating certainty around a pipeline of capital works for contractor resilience.

1.10 **Agree** parklet fee structures changes as outlined in the Consultation Document.

1.11 **Agree** other fees and user charges as outlined in Attachment 16.

1.12 **Note** that Council received eight new funding requests as part of the consultation process as outlined in Attachment 12.

1.13 **Agree** not to support any new funding requests as in the recommendations outlined in Attachment 12, **with the following exceptions:**

1.13.1 **Agree to fund additional \$0.15m for Capital Kiwi for a period of 5 years through savings to the Parks, Sports, and Recreation operating budgets.**

1.14 **Agree** the capital carry forwards and rephasing as outlined in Attachment 13.

1.15 **Agree** to update the capital budget for the Thorndon Quay project by an increase of \$4.4m in 2025/26 to reflect the outcome of negotiations undertaken to complete the agreed scope of the project. Note that this is partially offset by NZTA funding of \$2m.

- 1.16 **Agree** to increase the capital budget by \$0.46m in 2026/27 to account for the sales proceeds of Wadestown community centre being reinvested in Wadestown. This is based on the resolution at the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee on 30 May 2024.
- 1.17 **Note** that several budget adjustments, including updated depreciation and interest have been incorporated into updated 2025/26 Annual Plan and LTP amendment budgets.
- 1.18 **Agree** to include in the budget an estimated \$0.86m for the Commerce Commission and Taumata Arowai regulatory frameworks levies and these costs will be funded by debt as part of the transitional costs.
- 1.19 **Agree** to ring-fence the lease incentive for the new staff accommodation to mitigate costs related to the delay in move to the new staff accommodation.
- 1.20 **Note** that:
- 1.20.1 the Regulatory Processes Committee referred the decision on introducing motorcycle parking fees to Council and Council has delegated this decision to the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee.
- 1.20.2 anticipated revenue from motorcycle charging will be updated in the 2025/26 budget in accordance with the decision of the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee.
- 1.21 **Note** the progress update on the organics processing facility as outlined in Attachment 15 is part of the report back resolution in the 26 November 2024 Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee meeting.
- 1.22 **Note** the progress report back on Khandallah Pool as outlined in Attachment 14, is part of the 30 May 2024 Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee on 30 May 2024 resolution.
- 1.23 ~~Agree to close the Khandallah Pool facility and landscape the site, at an estimated cost of \$4.5m capex.~~ **Agree to proceed with Khandallah Pool remediation identified through the review at a cost of \$7.5m.**
- 1.23.1 **Agree** the additional operational costs of \$0.4m (net of revenue) per year in FY25/26 and FY26/27.
- 1.23.2 **Note** that ongoing operational budget for the upgraded Pool will need to be reflected in the 2027-37 LTP.
- 1.24 **Note** that the average rates increase for 2025/26 is forecasted to be 12.0% (after growth and including the sludge levy) based on the budget updates and recommendations outlined in this report, and that this is a 0.2% reduction compared to what was proposed in the Consultation Document.
- 1.25 **Agree** the following 2025/26 Annual Plan attachments, and note that they will be updated to reflect any decisions of this committee meeting before being adopted on 26 June at Council:
- Attachment 09: Annual Plan Prospective Financial Statements
 - Attachment 10: Annual Plan Funding Impact Statements
 - Attachment 11: Overview of Annual Plan structure
- 1.26 **Request** that officers:
- 1.26.1 include a report on the current safety and wellbeing situation in Newtown, including maintenance and lighting, as part of the next City Safety Plan briefing and recommend what further actions could be taken to improve these issues.
- 1.26.2 work with Wellington Water and any new water entity to establish what water infrastructure is required to enable the further housing development at Tapu te Ranga Marae and if this can be prioritised.
- 1.26.3 continue to engage with the Chinese Garden Society to explore opportunities for the garden at Frank Kitts Park as they arise as per the MOU signed with the Society.

- 1.26.4 Update the wording in the LTP Amendment with respect to the Michael Fowler Centre (MFC) to reflect that while a budgetary provision has been made to respond to earthquake strengthening requirements, this does not in itself mean that the MFC will be demolished. Further work will be required, including understanding implications of the Government's Review on regulations around earthquake prone buildings and a full business case. This will be subject to future Council decision-making.
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- 1.28 Request a report on a small-scale trial of Participatory Budgeting in the next Long-Term Plan, or as part of future Citizens' Assemblies.
- 1.30 Agree per resolution of Kōraū Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee on 15 February 2024, that work to upgrade Carrara Park Toilets will commence within the 2025/26 FY.

Carried

Secretarial note: Voting was taken in parts. All clauses carried. A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

Clauses 1-1.6

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Majority Vote: 18:0

Carried

Clause 1.6.1

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Brown, Councillor McNulty

Majority Vote: 16:2

Carried

Clause 1.6.2

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Abdurahman, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett

Majority Vote: 14:4

Carried

Clause 1.6.2.1

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Abdurahman, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Pannett

Majority Vote: 15:3

Carried

Clause 1.6.2.2

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Abdurahman, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 14:4

Carried

Clauses 1.6.2.3-1.6.2.7

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Abdurahman, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Pannett

Majority Vote: 15:3

Carried

Clause 1.6.2.8

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Calvert, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett

Majority Vote: 14:4

Carried

Clause 1.6.3

For:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle

Majority Vote: 14:4

Carried

Clause 1.6.4

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Wi Neera

Majority Vote: 15:3

Carried

Clause 1.6.5

For:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera

Majority Vote: 13:5

Carried

Clause 1.6.6

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor McNulty

Majority Vote: 16:2

Carried

Clause 1.6.7

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor McNulty

Majority Vote: 16:2

Carried

Clause 1.6.8

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Randle

Majority Vote: 15:3

Carried

Clause 1.6.9

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Majority Vote: 18:0

Carried

Clause 1.6.10

For:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

Against:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Chung, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle

Majority Vote: 13:5

Carried

Clause 1.6.11

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Calvert, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Randle

Majority Vote: 14:4

Carried

Clause 1.6.12

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Chung, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 15:3

Carried

Clause 1.7

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

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Wellington City Council**
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Against:

Councillor Abdurahman

Majority Vote: 17:1

Carried

Clause 1.8

For:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Randle

Majority Vote: 14:4

Carried

Clause 1.8.1

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Councillor Pannett

Majority Vote: 13:5

Carried

Secretarial note: Pouwi Kelly, having declared a financial conflict of interest in relation to clause 1.9, agreed not to participate in debate or vote on that clause.

Clause 1.9

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera

Not voting:

Pouwi Kelly

Majority Vote: 13:4

Carried

Clauses 1.9.1-1.9.2

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Majority Vote: 18:0

Carried

Clause 1.10

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Free, Councillor McNulty

Majority Vote: 16:2

Carried

Clause 1.11

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Randle

Majority Vote: 15:3

Carried

Clauses 1.12-1.13

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Randle

Majority Vote: 15:3

Carried

Clause 1.13.1

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Randle

Majority Vote: 15:3

Carried

Clause 1.14

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor McNulty

Majority Vote: 17:1

Carried

Clause 1.15

For:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera

Against:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Randle, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 12:6

Carried

Clause 1.6-1.19

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Majority Vote: 18:0

Carried

Clause 1.20 (inclusive of 1.20.1-1.20.2)

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Randle

Majority Vote: 15:3

Carried

Clause 1.21

For:

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor Randle, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 14:4

Carried

Clauses 1.22-1.23.2

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Randle, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Brown, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 15:3

Carried

Clause 1.24-1.25

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Randle, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 16:2

Carried

All remaining clauses

For:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Mayor Whanau

Against:

Councillor Randle, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 16:2

Carried

3.4 Decision register updates and upcoming reports

Moved Councillor Matthews, seconded Councillor Apanowicz

Resolved

That the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

The hui concluded at 4:48pm.

Authenticated: _____
Chair

Ordinary Meeting of Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee

Minute item attachments

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9:30 am Thursday, 22 May 2025
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Questions & Answers

Kōrau Tōtōpū| Long-Term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee

Rāpare, 22 Haratua 2025
(Thursday, 22 May 2025)

3. General Business

3.2 Local Water Done Well – Confirmation of Water Services Delivery Model

1. Has the work been done or can it be done to cost in the associated Catchment and urban design considerations for stormwater? Or is the current budget focused on pipe solutions only?

Council's WSDP must include an investment programme for all waters within scope of the proposed entity. The draft investment programme is high level and based on asset condition, risks and indicative investment requirements to address these and deliver outcomes, rather than specific solutions.

In relation to stormwater, the draft plan recognises that stormwater will require an integrated approach at a catchment level working with a range of partners and stakeholders including consideration of urban design, land use and integration with roads, parks and private property.

The investment programme is under development. Therefore, there is scope to include additional items, however the addition of further costs will need to be balanced with affordability to the consumer. Work could be done over the coming months to model investment and affordability. As we know, the Wellington region's infrastructure is already in need of significant investment and care will need to be taken with the final investment programme. At the 9th May workshop DIA referenced four key elements for the WSDP:

- i. Legislative compliance – does the Plan meet the requirements outlined in legislation?
- ii. Revenue sufficiency – is there sufficient revenue to cover the costs (including servicing debt) of water services delivery?
- iii. Investment sufficiency – is the projected level of investment sufficient to meet regulatory requirements and provide for growth?
- iv. Financing sufficiency – are funding and finance arrangements sufficient to meet investment requirements?

Point ii. will be important for Council to consider when adding additional requirements to the investment programme.

2. How do we request an action plan for best practice and reporting for stormwater? For example – require in house personnel with freshwater science, urban ecology skills are part of the team on this new organisation?

If Council agrees to a regional delivery model then we have several options for how we could address these types of requirements. As we work through discussions with the

partner councils to establish shared foundational governance documents such as the shareholder/stakeholder agreement and statement of expectations, WCC would put these requirements forward for inclusion and agreement by all parties. If it were not possible to gain agreement, then the draft legislation provides councils with the ability to articulate specific water and or district requirements. The cost for this would need to be borne by Wellington city residents.

The LWDW draft legislation proposes to introduce strengthened monitoring and reporting e.g. wastewater and stormwater environmental performance standards (the Water Services Authority | Taumata Arowai). For stormwater specifically, there will be a statutory requirement for councils to develop a stormwater risk management plan. As we currently understand it, the risk management plan is intended to support mitigating network and community risk. Councils are expected to implement the plan.

3. How and when do we make sure a culture of working cross organization - i.e. WCC and new water entity's urban design, transport and planning teams etc.

As per the above response – this requirement is best brought to light at this time so as to enter into this new governing partnership on a no surprises basis. The inclusion of this requirement would best be articulated in the statement of expectations. Councils and the new entity would also need to enter into service level agreements setting out clear roles and responsibilities, including ways of working together. As part of this Councillors could also consider the establishment of a “working group”, connecting representatives of the respective WCC business units (as mentioned in the question) with representatives of the water entity and possibly even select members of the community. Such a group would not be a decision-making group but should be set up to work together to achieve common community outcomes (with the agreement of the Board of the water entity).

4. How and when do we ensure we will get the Te Mana o Te wai/ Healthy catchments outcomes through this process?

The expectation is that the new entity will continue to focus on achieving Te Mana o Te Wai outcomes. It is anticipated that this will be reflected in the stakeholder/shareholder agreement, the consumer charter and the statement of expectations.

Our Tākai Here partners have already called out the need to ensure a continuation of Te Mana o Te Wai. If WCC were also in support of this, then that would be a strong signal / expectation to the new entity.

5. How do we ascertain that our piped streams are healthy and if and where possible are daylighted rather than piped?

At this stage, the in progress draft investment programme is high level and based on risks and indicative investment requirements to deliver outcomes, rather than specific solutions. Daylighting of streams could potentially be achieved through direction through the statement of expectations and then reflected in the new entity's Water Service Strategy which includes a requirement for consultation. If there were significant cost impacts as a result of this type of solution, the new entity would need to ensure that this was part of the consultation process in order to meet the Commerce Commission's expectations about demonstrating value for money.

6. How do we make sure we are incentivising for using rainwater, rain harvesting etc?

This is a topic the collective councils will need to give some thought to, should they agree to establish a water entity together. Something could be added to the foundational governance docs as mentioned in this Q&A set, however this type of incentivisation will need to be balanced (certainly in the early couple of years) with establishing the entity itself and working to meet governments new statutory requirements e.g. meeting performance standards and monitoring and reporting requirements. Council could consider the approach suggested by Mr Farrant in his submission (Morphum Environmental LTD) where the entity establishment and pricing framework is set up in such a way so as to not preclude rainwater / rainwater harvesting opportunities. And if a 'working group' (as mentioned above) were to be set up, this type of group would undoubtedly keep this topic front and centre.

3.3 Deliberation of the Long-term Plan amendment and 2025/26 Annual Plan

Mātai Moana

7. **If/when this area is designated as ‘reserve’, will it be possible for commercial ventures such as food carts to operate in the area? I note the area has been compared to Stanley Park, in Vancouver, which has five restaurants and 15 food carts (some of which operate only during summer months)? The licence fees could contribute towards the ongoing maintenance costs.**

Yes, commercial activities may be permitted under the Reserves Act if they align with the reserve's purpose and are provided for in the Reserves Act and/or the Reserve Management Plan. Revenue streams from leases and licences could provide alternative funding for the proposed reserve in the future.

8. **Will there be any provision for public lavatories and, if so, will they be funded within the \$750k annual funding proposed by officers.**

The draft Coastal Reserve Management Plan has identified the need for provision for additional toilets around the northern Miramar Peninsula and recommends the addition of one toilet block. Matai Moana toilet provision will be supported by provision of toilets at major entrances, including Scorching Bay (existing provision), Mahanga and Shelly Bays, and Mt Crawford, to be developed over the next 5-8 years. Other toilet provision within the park is to be identified through a future landscape development plan as part of the Reserve Management Plan. We would expect appropriate toilet provision to support future activities including events within the park.

9. **What contributions (fiscal, manpower, etc) will our partners Taranaki Whānui make towards Matai Moana?**

Taranaki Whānui is finalising the amount of their annual operating contribution to the proposed joint management of Mātai Moana; this will be confirmed prior to any subsequent Council decisions on the joint management model. They will also provide administrative, management and governance support alongside community engagement support that will be required for the planning of the area.

10. **Can a copy of the original signed and agreed revised Thorndon Quay/Hutt Road contracts be provided along with an explanation of why removing the Hutt Road component only resulted in a saving of \$5.6M instead of the \$10M originally estimated by officers (including the detailed savings estimates for both amounts)?**

This contract remains commercially confidential, but one session will be arranged with Brad Singh which will enable Councillors & Pouwiwi to review the contract in person, on the basis that the details remain confidential

This estimation in cost savings by the Councillor is incorrect. The cost savings from the removal of Hutt Rd that has been achieved is higher than originally anticipated.

Description	Million \$
Original funding	\$ 93.58
Design Costs	-\$ 5.62
Current TQ+AQ budget	-\$ 51.77
Sub total	\$ 36.19
NZTA contribution	-\$ 18.10
Hutt Rd deferral costs	-\$ 4.44
property	-\$ 1.31
Total saving	\$ 12.35

11. Can a cost estimate for the Hutt Road work that was cancelled be provided?

The revalued estimate for the cost of Hutt Rd is \$24.7m

12. Can a copy of the currently signed Golden Mile contract(s) be provided?

This contract remains commercially confidential but one session will be arranged with Brad Singh which will enable Councillors & Pouiri to review the contract in person, on the basis that the details remain confidential

13. Can a copy of the current Zero Waste Project plan be provided along with the update budget estimate and a copy of the draft RFP? When will the first implementation commitment for the Zero Waste Project occur and what is the initial commitment amount?

The draft RFP document and detailed project plan for the regional organics processing solution cannot be provided due to commercial sensitivity. However, we can confirm that the RFP is about to be released, and the evaluation of responses for a regional solution, selection of a preferred supplier and comparison of these against a local option will occur towards the end of 2025/beginning of 2026. This is being done in collaboration with Hutt City Council. There is no updated budget estimate available as this is reliant on receiving responses from the market.

14. Can a copy of the Mātai Moana Reserve Budget be provided on which the funding request of \$750,000/year is based?

The \$750,000 per annum figure has been included in the Long-Term Plan since 2018 (following the 2018 City Strategy Committee resolution that agreed in principle that Council would control and manage the proposed reserve). The value represents financial modelling carried out to establish the reserve, equating to roughly \$10k per hectare of land.

15. With respect to the City-to-Sea Bridge, has the strengthening of the Civic Square basement wall proceeded or is planned to proceed so that it can be completed in time for the opening of the Central Library and Town Hall?

Correct. The Civic Basement Strengthening work has started and is planned to be completed by opening of Te Matapihi in March 2026.

16. What is the current estimated cost of just strengthening the Civic Square basement wall?

Civic Basement Project cost is \$26.8m as stated in resolution decision paper by Environment and Infrastructure Committee 12/09/2024.

17. With respect to the Funding Impact statement for Waste Reduction and Energy Conservation, what is the \$22M in targeted rates for and going to fund? Is this targeted rate to be offset by lower general rates and, if so, how much of a reduction in General Rates is planned to occur?

A waste collection targeted rate is set from 2027/28 to pay for our organics and rubbish collection using wheelie bins. In 2027/28 this targeted rate amounts to \$22m. The waste collection targeted rate was approved as part of the 2024-34 LTP. Rubbish collection is a user pays system, so the targeted rate is not designed to 'offset' any existing rates. As noted in the 2024-34 LTP Committee paper, most households currently pay for a private collection service. Based on the analysis outlined in said paper, the majority of households will be better off under the proposed service. (Attachment 2, Page 80 - [Agenda of Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee - Thursday, 30 May 2024](#)).

18. With respect to the Funding Requests outlined in Appendix 12:

- a. What was the estimated amount of extra funding requested by Jennie Reid – Mt Cook?
This request did not specify a funding amount.
- b. What was the estimated amount of extra funding requested by Carol Comber – Carrara Park Toilet?
This request did not specify a funding amount. However, as per Appendix 12 of the Committee paper, the funding for this project has been reinstated for the 2025/26 year as it had been allocated to Year 4 of the LTP in error.
- c. What was the estimated amount of extra funding requested by Wellington Free Ambulance?
This information is included in Appendix 12 of the Committee paper.
- d. What was the estimated amount of extra funding requested by Glenside Progressive Association – Glenside?
This request did not specify a funding amount.
- e. What was the estimated amount of extra funding requested by Newtown Resident Association – Carrara Park and Owen Park Toilets?
This request did not specify a funding amount. However, as per Appendix 12 of the Committee paper, the funding for the Carrara Park toilets project has been reinstated

for the 2025/26 year as it had been allocated to Year 4 of the LTP in error. The request in relation to the Owen Park toilets did not specify a funding amount.

- f. **What was the estimated amount of extra funding requested by Steve Cosgrove – Carrara Park Toilets?**

This request did not specify a funding amount. However, as per Appendix 12 of the Committee paper, the funding for this project has been reinstated for the 2025/26 year as it had been allocated to Year 4 of the LTP in error.

- 19. With respect to the Funding Requests outlined in Appendix 16 Changes to user fees and charges, can the justification for the increase in the Certificate of Acceptance fees be provided?**

The fee increase is broadly in line with inflation to reflect the increased costs of providing the service. We have rounded the amount to the closest 50c.

- 20. Has there been any feedback from the auditor Standard and Poors so far that relates to the available debt headroom we are proposing as being prudent? How do we know if we are on the right track or in the vicinity of being prudent?**

Standard and Poors will not make an assessment regarding financial prudence. Audit NZ did not raise any issues in the audit report in relation to available debt headroom and financial prudence.

Payments to Taumata Arowai

- 21. Were these costs made clear to the councils? Was there any discussion about this being another cost for councils and the new water entity to charge to residents?**

Council's submission to the Water Services Authority – Taumata Arowai, dated January 2025, did comment on costs and the option for a Crown contribution to cost recovery. Our submission supported a Crown Contribution being maintained (as was proposed) and requested that this continues in future levy periods. The Authority's discussion document indicated that if implemented as proposed, the annual levy would be circa \$800k for Wellington City for the first levy period (2025-2028). Our submission also highlighted the additional costs Council would incur to implement and manage an ongoing levy arrangement, taking into account the need to update invoicing / billing systems, set up ringfenced finance systems for the assumed separate levies, and have capacity to address residents' questions and complaints.

The consultation document was unclear as to whether the levy would be charged to councils or new water organisations. Council's submission noted our assumption that the regulator would invoice Council as the levy was expected to commence on 1 July 2025 (but not invoiced until after that date), i.e. well before any new water entity would be stood up.

New Council Premises

22. Delay to moving to the building? I may have missed the briefing, but can this be more fully explained, please in terms of costs increases?

Further to the resolutions passed in November 2023, as the planning took place, we were better able to define the timelines to bring Council and Councillors back to the Te Ngākau precinct.

While the timing for initial occupation of the new building has shifted slightly from what was originally indicated in the November 2024 Council paper, this reflects the natural progression of detailed planning and sequencing work, rather than a delay in project delivery.

Following the November decisions, more detailed planning was able to advance — particularly in relation to the fit-out design and relocation logistics. This has informed the current strategy for staged occupation of the premises commencing late December 2025.

It's also important to note that kaimahi engagement on the specific requirements for the new space was dependent on the lease being finalised. At the time of the November decisions, the lease was still subject to final confirmation. Once finalised, this enabled detailed planning and engagement to proceed.

There are no increases to the approved project budget, and the programme remains on track from a financial and delivery perspective.

Karori Events Centre

23. Are there plans to upgrade the community centre and create more space? If yes, what are the costs anticipated for this? When is the work due to be planned and completed? What would the expected capacity be when this is done?

Under Te Awe Mapara (Community Facilities Plan), there are currently no plans to investigate an upgrade to the Karori Community Centre.

Note, if the preferred option, sell the site as is, is adopted, advice will be provided to Council on how the \$1m contributed by the Community for the construction of the building can be allocated to another appropriate community facility or project in Karori.

Thorndon Quay

24. Can a more fulsome explanation be given for this increased budget, please? How can we have assurance it is necessary? Have officers checked on other solutions so as not to require these extra costs?

The request seeks to assign the correct budget to the TQ project and does not reflect additional work or a cost increase to deliver the project.

The removal of the Hutt Rd portion from the total TQ/HR programme (in mid-2024 through the 2024 LTP development) triggered a reassessment of all the costs, impacts, savings etc. for both the total programme and for each project in a compressed timeframe. This included rescoping, financial analysis, budgeting and replanning delivery of the TQ component. The process also included establishing initial operating assumptions which would be later tested and updated as actual costs and results accrued.

As new contract negotiations proceeded, the impacts of the exclusion of the Hutt Rd portion became clear. However, the rescoping of the TQ project happened after the 2024 LTP was adopted with the updated TQ budget established in late 2024.

NZTA also established their updated contribution to the project. The request as part of the LTP Amendment programme is to approve the WCC share.
The project is now in its final stages with a planned completion of date of 15 July 2025.
There is therefore no scope for further savings.

25. What are the systems and processes that we have in place to prevent this not happening again?

The key learning for the future is for all relevant stakeholders to have clarity on, and a fulsome understanding of a project's underpinning assumptions and their impact on the project and related decision making. Officers will integrate this into project planning, governance and operational decision-making frameworks through, for example, the Investment Delivery Framework – a key programme commissioning and approval framework (governed by the Project Management Office).

Khandallah Pool

26. Why was this lower-cost option not available earlier or at the time of going out to the community?

The independent technical review underpinning the on-budget option, was conducted, the infrastructure engineering consultant Beca in December 2024. The establishment of the Committee and Council Advisory group followed this review.

The latest Concept Design estimate with indicative option costings (based on draft concept drawings by Beca), was received by Officers on Friday 9 May 2025, which was after the 2025 LTP amendment consultation period. The sequence of activity leading up to the current position is as follows:

- The Khandallah Pool was consulted on as part of the original 2024-34 Long-term Plan deliberations. Following community feedback, the Long-term Plan, Finance and Performance Committee agreed to keep the pool open in Y1 and establish an advisory group to be engaged with and receive the findings of an engineering review, to identify whether a cheaper fix of the pool was possible (within \$7.5m budget).
- The previous cost estimate of \$11.5m, to rebuild the pool, was designed to mitigate flooding associated with a 1-in-100-year event. To achieve that outcome, it was proposed that the pool be raised by 1.8m.
- The \$7.5m 'on-budget' option is designed to mitigate a 1-in-30-to-50-year event. It would require Council accepting a degree of flooding risk compared to the original proposal, albeit this risk would be mitigated by the location, configuration, and materiality of new buildings, plant, and other site features.
- The on-budget option also includes some re-shaping of the stream and stormwater control to help reduce the likelihood of flooding on the site. Other contributors to a higher forecast cost than the original proposal, includes heating the entire pool to improve community appeal. compared to heating of the toddler's pool only as part of the on-budget scenario.

27. When is the cycle way to the pool due to be completed? Is there any plan to install bike racks at the park?

Design for a cycle lane for this section of the primary network is due to start in 2026, with construction in 2027. There are currently no plans for bike racks at the park.

28. What would this part (Ngaio to Woodmancoate Road) of the cycleway cost to install?

The section between the Ngaio Roundabout and where Box Hill Rd meets Cashmere Ave is part of the Johnsonville to Ngaio route, which is approximately 4.6 km of primary route. The whole route is budgeted at \$5.1 million. This section is expected to be between \$2-\$3 million.

Fees Increases – Organics at the landfill

(Noting the Environmental Reference group and another submission on not increasing organics disposal and green waste disposal fees.)

29. How much have fees gone up for organics and green waste at the landfill over the last 6 years?

The organic and green waste prices have increased \$45.40 (78%) in the past 6 years see table below.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total increased
Green waste	58.10	58.10	58.10	69.00	80.50	92.00	103.50	
Increase \$		-	-	10.90	11.50	11.50	11.50	45.40
Increase %		0%	0%	19%	17%	14%	13%	78%

The goal of the green waste price change is to eventually increase the green waste disposal price to be in line with 50% of the general waste price as is standard at landfills across New Zealand.

In 25FY the green waste price is \$103.50 per tonne, which is 41% of commercial general waste is \$252.43 per tonne and 36% of domestic general waste is \$287.00 per tonne.

In 26FY, the proposed price for green waste is \$115.00 per tonne, which is 43% of commercial general waste is \$267.38 per tonne and 38% of domestic general waste is \$304.30 per tonne. The min charge is proposed to be increased, for the first time in over 10 years. This is proposed to increase due to increased operational, weighbridge and admin costs.

30. Has there been any research done to look at changing behaviours to incentivise the separation of organics by not increasing fees for organics?

Yes. Pricing can be used as a lever to influence behaviours, and disposal of green waste has been incentivised by offering a significantly discounted green waste disposal fee at Southern Landfill since 1997.

31. Would officers recommend not increasing the organics fees over time and increasing the waste disposal fees instead?

From a behaviour change perspective, we would recommend that organics disposal costs remain significantly lower than general waste disposal costs. However, the costs for ratepayers need to reflect the costs associated with processing organics into compost. Currently the Southern Landfill offers the cheapest green waste disposal charges of the three landfills in the region. It is the only one processing organic material into a saleable product. The two other regional landfills charges are as below:

- Spicer Landfill Porirua \$135.66 per ton Min Charge \$67.83
- Silverstream Landfill \$126.50 per ton Min charge \$15.00

As such, officers continue to recommend small increases in the green waste disposal charges. The general waste minimum charge hasn't been increased for four years, and this year is proposed to increase from \$20 to \$30. This price continues to incentivise separation of organics, with a minimum green waste charge of \$10.

Thorndon Quay (TQ)

Budget Transparency & Forecasting

32. Why was the \$10m saving estimate not stress-tested more rigorously before being banked in the LTP?

The current Thorndon Quay (TQ) project started as the larger Thorndon Quay / Hutt Road (TQHR) programme. The decision to separate the Thorndon Quay project from the TQHR programme (Hutt Rd portion was excluded through the LTP in mid-2024) triggered a reassessment of all the costs, impacts, savings etc. on both the total programme and each project in a compressed time frame. It is not unusual, in rescoping and planning delivery, to establish initial operating assumptions, and then test and update them as actual costs and results accrue over implementation.

An indicator of the successful operation of the approach is that the cost savings from the removal of Hutt Rd have been retained close to the original estimate of \$10m, as is detailed in the savings breakdown below. It is important to note that ongoing operational update and review, as well as post-project evaluation (identifying opportunities for improvement), underpins the overall project assurance. This is particularly important where there are material changes to the programme scope, as evidenced here.

Description	Million \$
Original funding	\$ 93.58
Design Costs	-\$ 5.62
Current TQ+AQ budget	-\$ 51.77
Sub total	\$ 36.19
NZTA contribution	-\$ 18.10
Hutt Rd deferral costs	-\$ 4.44
property	-\$ 1.31
Total saving	\$ 12.35

33. What payment/credit has already been provided to the main contractor – Downers in respect of reducing the scope of the project

As described above – \$4.44m

34. When were officers first aware the savings would fall short, and why was this not raised earlier?

The removal of the Hutt Rd portion from the total TQ/HR programme (in mid-2024 through the 2024 LTP development) triggered a reassessment of all the costs, impacts, savings etc. on both the total programme and each project in a compressed time frame. This included a rescoping, financial analysis, budgeting and replanning delivery of the TQ component. initial operating assumptions were established and would later be tested and updated as actual costs and results accrued. The updated TQ budget was established in late 2024.

35. How does the \$4.4m request reconcile with the \$2.4m projected underspend against the NZTA-agreed Thorndon Quay budget?

The current NZTA budget was approved in September 2024. It confirmed the total budget for the entire project (including Aotea Quay but removing Hutt Rd) as \$73.8m with NZTA's contribution being \$36.9m.

The remaining TQ project, which excludes both Aotea Quay and Hutt Road, is expected to be delivered for \$57.4m, with a WCC contribution required of \$28.7m. The WCC budget available is \$24.2m, leaving our local share short by \$4.4m.

Cost Drivers & Specific Line Items

36. Can officers provide a breakdown of the \$4.4m, itemising what additional costs it covers?

The request seeks to assign the correct budget to the TQ project as per the response at Q34. It does not reflect additional work or a cost increase to deliver the project.

37. Is the \$1.4m bus stop relocation fully included in this \$4.4m, or is it additional? Who authorised the relocation and confirmed its cost with GWRC?

The bus stop relocation at Gun City was part of the approved design and scope and was approved under the original P95 allocation.

Risk Management & Oversight

38. Why is a project reporting "green" status concurrently seeking a 10% budget top-up?

The project is reporting green on time, and is within the updated NZTA approved TQ budget. This request is seeking to assign the correct WCC budget to the TQ project as outlined in the response to Q34. The request does not reflect additional work or cost increases to deliver the project.

39. What lessons have been learned from this cost estimation error, and how will it be prevented in future rescoping exercises?

See the Answer to question 25 noting that the change in costs followed the decision to separate the combined Hutt Road / Thorndon Quay programme.

40. Is there any remaining financial or delivery risk that could affect final completion or budget performance before July 2025?

See the answer to question 42 below.

Reporting & Governance

41. Can Council be provided a revised cashflow forecast and updated budget reconciliation that reflects this top-up request?

This request is to assign the correct budget to the TQ project as per the response at Q34 and does not reflect additional work or a cost increase to deliver the project.

42. What assurance can be given that no further requests will be made for this project?

The project is reporting green on time, and within the updated NZTA approved TQ budget.

Karori Event Centre

Costing and Scope of Works

43. What specific work is included in the \$3.3 million estimate? Is it purely for weathertightness and compliance, or does it include fit-out or operational readiness costs (e.g., kitchen, AV, accessibility features)?

The \$3.3m estimate is to achieve building code compliance only. Further funding would be required to complete the fitout to allow the building to open.

44. Can a staged approach to compliance be taken to prioritise weathertightness first, with further fit-out phased in?

Yes.

Legal and Governance Position

45. Does the Deed of Gift legally prevent Council from spending over \$1.9 million if it voluntarily chooses to do so? Or does it simply limit Council's obligation to that level?

The deed sets out the basis on which the Council accepted the gifting of the Centre. It does not oblige Council to carry out the work (refer Clause 4.2 of the Deed), but if Council does carry out the work, states that we will not spend more than the Maximum Amount. However, Council could choose to spend more if they wanted to.

46. What are the implications (if any) of removing the Karori Community Hall Trust from all future involvement? Can this be done unilaterally by Council, or is a formal resolution or legal mechanism required?

Answer: This will be dependent on the decision taken by Committee as to the future of the Karori Event Centre. If the decision is Option 4, Increase of capex budget to achieve building compliance, then continued engagement will be expected as part of the Deed.

Current Building Condition and Liability

47. Is there a current building condition report and risk register? What are the potential liabilities (legal, financial, safety) if the building is left incomplete or deteriorates?

Several building condition reports have been completed as part of the project with the most recent undertaken in 2024. It is likely that the building condition will continue to deteriorate over time which will increase the cost and complexity of completing the building work.

The building is currently secure and regular security patrols of the exterior of the building are undertaken.

48. Is the building currently secure and weatherproof, or are there any risks of further degradation?

The building is secure. Repairs have not yet been made to prevent further water ingress as it is intended that this work would be undertaken as part of the main building work.

Operating Model and Community Benefit

49. What are the projected annual operating costs and potential revenue scenarios for the Event Centre once completed?

In line with other Council properties, we estimate potential annual operating costs based on a range of \$125-\$150 per square meter. For KEC, this ranges between \$50k and \$60k per annum for a 400/sqm building. If Council is also to provide administration staff (to manage bookings and administration) for KEC, additional funding for staff operating costs would be required. We assume an additional \$65k per annum.

We have not modelled user fees and charges for the Karori Event Centre so do not have an indication of possible revenue. Given the community expectation that hire fees are held as low as possible, it is unlikely that user fees and charges would cover the full costs of operating the building.

50. Has any modelling or planning been done to assess co-usage of the Community Centre and Recreation Centre with the Event Centre?

Could shared management or programming reduce overhead and increase utilisation?

Te Awe Mapara contains a short-term action (D9) to undertake a pilot to develop collaboration between facilities co-located in Karori to support more cohesive provision. This could include physical changes, joint marketing, events, programmes and sharing resources.

This could, in time, achieve reductions in overhead costs and increased utilisation however this is not certain. It is important to note that there is available capacity within both the Karori Community Centre and Recreation Centre, and completion of the Karori Event Centre would result in a significant increase in community facility capacity. This may result in a reduction in the utilisation of existing facilities.

51. Are there precedents for similar Council-owned venues being operated by independent trusts, community leases, or commercial operators on a cost-neutral basis?

We are not aware of similar Council-owned venues being operated by independent trusts, community leases, or commercial operators on a cost-neutral basis. Similar facilities typically receive subsidies through grants, property management and/or minimal/reduced lease costs.

Population Growth and Strategic Planning

52. Have the implications of the 200+ new homes and associated growth in Karori been included in the most recent facility planning?

The same growth projections were used for this work as for the District Plan. This provides for a range in population growth to 2050 and developments of this nature were anticipated as part of these projections.

Te Awe Mapara is the Community Facilities Plan that Council developed and published in November 2023. Te Awe Mapara includes 58 actions and a process for undertaking investigations in partnership with communities to ensure that the Council takes an

equitable approach to providing and managing community facilities. Growth projections for Te Awe Mapara were based on the best available information at the time.

53. What is the current status of any updates to the Karori Recreation Needs Assessment (originally 2014/2015)?

Te Awe Mapara – the Community Facilities Plan 2023, is the most recent assessment by Council and is designed to guide the Council’s provision and decision-making about community facilities over the next 30 years – including libraries, community centres, recreation centres, and community spaces. It was informed by a city-wide needs analysis of our facility network and provides one overarching direction and approach.

Capital Programme Context

54. If Council were to increase the capex to \$3 million, could this be offset by reallocating funds from under-spent or deferred capital projects?

As the financial year results are not yet finalised, any underspends have not been determined.

55. What are the broader implications of this decision for the LTP’s overall capital reduction goals? Would this materially alter our fiscal trajectory, or is it a manageable adjustment within the larger programme?

In isolation, the impact would not be material however, impacts would need to be considered within the overall budget decisions made.

Organics Processing

Cost Transparency

56. When will full whole-of-life costs for both regional and local options be available?

Approximate processing costs will be known by the end of 2025 / early 2026. Actual costs will be known towards mid-2026, following negotiations with the eventual preferred supplier.

57. Has an upper limit budget been considered to determine financial viability before the 30 Oct supplier decision?

An agreed budget and rates range was agreed by Council through the 2024-34 LTP.

Governance & Approvals

58. Has the Council formally approved proceeding with a standalone WCC solution if the regional model collapses?

No. In November 2024 councillors retained the budget within the LTP but directed officers to investigate a local solution and report back prior to LTP deliberation. Advising councillors would have required a comparison between a local and regional solution. The investigations are underway but not complete, so this comparison cannot yet be made. It is therefore proposed that, following completion of the regional procurement process and the investigation into the local solution, Committee will be asked to confirm which model to proceed with.

59. What authority has been delegated to continue to proceed and to whom, and what remains subject to future Council decision?

As above, the delegation primarily comes from the November 2024 LTP amendment deliberations, where Council agreed to retain the budget in the LTP and also directed officers to investigate a local solution. Once this has occurred, a report will be brought back to Committee to determine which option proceeds.

Risk and Staff Resourcing

60. Given recent staff turnover at the executive level and governance, is the project appropriately resourced and governed to meet milestones?

Yes – the core project team remains in place. The Regional Organics Governance Board has been established to make sure the project is appropriately resourced and governed. Interim measures are in place to ensure the continued progression of the project.

61. What assumptions are being made about HCC's continued participation?

HCC has given no indication that they are withdrawing from this process. The project teams continue to work together, and HCC is represented on the Regional Organics Governance Board.

Central Government Funding

62. What confirmed or estimated level of MfE funding is currently expected?

At the time of the 2024-34 LTP decision, MfE funding was up to 50% of the organics processing costs. The funding remains, however, a change in internal policy means that any funding in excess of \$10M will need to be approved by three Ministers, rather than just the Minister for the Environment. This creates additional levels of risk for any funding over \$10M.

63. Have there been recent indications of funding cuts or shifts in priorities from MfE?

Last year the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 was amended to allow for the government's portion of the Waste Levy to be used for wider environmental benefits, however, regional projects and organics remain key priorities for this government.

Service Implications

64. What would the default waste service model be if the organics project fails?

The whole design of the collections service is based on the ability to remove organics from general waste. If there is no suitable organics processing option available, then the proposed service model could not be implemented.

The default waste service would be the status quo of user-pays. However, if any change from the status quo is recommended then further Council decisions would be needed.

65. How does that impact emissions, landfill diversion targets, and public communications?

The benefits of introducing an organics collection were shared with Council to assist in the 2024-34 LTP decision-making process. These have not changed. Failure to provide the proposed service would mean these benefits will not be realised.

Business Case provided to Council in September 2023 – [Agenda of Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee - Thursday, 14 September 2023](#)

2024-34 LTP agenda provided to Council in May 2024 – [Agenda of Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee - Thursday, 14 September 2023](#)

Southern Landfill Option

66. What is the scope, indicative cost, and consenting risk for the Southern Landfill organics solution?

At the direction of Council, officers are investigating a local organics solution. However, the costs and timeframes for this have not yet been determined.

Investigations are progressing apace and will be concluded in time for comparison with the regional organics market responses.

The scope of the solution is to receive and process WCC kerbside collected garden waste and food waste organics as well as other volumes of organics that can be diverted from landfill to improve the economics and viability of the operation. Consenting risks are addressed below.

67. How quickly could it be operational compared to the regional alternative?

Resource consenting is a significant unknown for any organics processing facility.

Depending on feedback from affected parties and / or whether there is an appeal to the Environment Court, the timelines can be extended to in excess of a year. At the time of comparison of the regional and local options, resource consent advice will be sought. This will provide greater clarity on likelihood of consenting outcomes, and therefore timelines.

Short-term Accommodation

Policy Alignment and Strategic Coordination

68. Has Council formally engaged with Auckland Council, LGNZ, or central government about a nationally aligned framework or visitor levy, including the “bed tax” proposal? Why Scotland provides a glimmer of hope for Wayne Brown’s ‘bed tax’ | The Post

We have not actively sought to be part of any national conversation on the matter. The aim with the current proposal is to clarify that commercial rating applies to short-term accommodation providers within the Council’s territory. The current rating policy states that commercial rates apply to all short-term accommodation providers, however there is very little compliance with the policy. A national bed tax would not resolve this policy matter and would also not necessarily provide council a register of short-term accommodation providers.

Clarifying the rating of short-term accommodation providers has no impact on any future visitor levy.

69. What steps has WCC taken to be part of the national conversation on short-term accommodation (STA) regulation and levies?

We have not actively sought to be part of any national conversation about short-term accommodation regulation and levies. The aim of the current proposal is to clarify the existing policy. Also see the response to the previous question.

70. Why has Council chosen to proceed with a standalone commercial rating model instead of waiting to align with the national direction being explored by Auckland Council and others?

We have made a similar decision to other councils such as Auckland, Rotorua and Queenstown, in seeking to clarify that commercial rating applies to short term accommodation providers within the Council's territory. This does not have implications on any future national solution.

71. Was this considered, and if so, why was it rejected?

We do not consider that the current proposal has implications for future discussions relating to, for example, a tourism levy or bed tax, and we would be open to those discussions. As in the responses to other questions, our aim with the current proposal is to clarify a policy and seek to address compliance with that policy.

72. Has the option of a visitor levy or tourism-targeted funding tool (such as a "bed tax") been formally assessed by officers as a more equitable and strategic mechanism?

The aim of the current proposal is to clarify our existing rating policy, including options for achieving this. Any decisions around a national policy to ensure equitable outcomes will require analysis of the implications - which are likely to be broader than short-term accommodation providers by region or territory. That analysis would take place once the parameters of any decision / policy are known.

73. What were the outcomes of any such assessment?

Please refer to the previous response.

Economic Impacts and Unintended Consequences

74. Has Council modelled the potential economic impacts of reduced short-term accommodation (STA) supply, particularly during major events or peak tourism seasons?

Our aim with the current proposal is to amend an existing policy. We do not know how many STA providers will ultimately fall under the revised policy (depends on compliance and final policy wording), as compliance with the existing policy is low. Similarly, Council has not modelled the implications on the rental market. We note that under the current policy, short-term accommodation providers are liable to pay commercial rates. The aim is to improve compliance through the amended policy and limit the commercial rating to entire rating units that are available to rent (or rented) for more than 60 days.

75. For example, what would be the impact if Airbnb/Bookabach listings decline due to commercial rating?

Please see the above response in relation to analysis undertaken for the policy amendment.

76. Have officers modelled the potential reduction in local economic activity (retail, hospitality, transport) if STA availability drops?

Please see the above response in relation to analysis undertaken for the policy amendment.

77. Have they reviewed Oxford Economics data or similar on STA visitor spend?

Please see the above response in relation to analysis undertaken for the policy amendment.

78. How would these changes affect Wellington's already limited hotel accommodation supply, and have accommodation bottlenecks during large events been considered?

Please see the above response in relation to analysis undertaken for the policy amendment.

79. Has Council considered unintended consequences, such as the risk of

- a. driving STA activity underground (non-compliance)

Answer: Given the low rate of compliance with the current policy, we do not anticipate that the proposed amendment will worsen this.

- b. Disincentivising property owners from offering STA

Answer: The aim is to clarify an existing policy. We note that the amended policy, as proposed, limits commercial rating to entire units that are rented (or available to rent) for more than 60 days.

- c. Encouraging short-term rentals to shift to long-term rentals without proper tenancy protections?

Answer: Tenancy laws are applied and administered nationally. We would expect any person or organisation that seeks to offer long-term rentals would take proactive steps to inform themselves of tenants' rights under tenancy law and act in accordance with the law.

80. What is the impact on the commercial rates differential if these changes are introduced?

That will depend on compliance with the revised rating policy. The decrease in commercial rates is likely to be small.

81. Why does Council propose applying commercial rates to properties that may only be “available to rent,” regardless of actual rental nights or revenue generated?

This approach reflects Inland Revenue policies for accounting for short term accommodation income and expenses. We are also not able to collect data on actual rental nights from independent sources.

82. What precedent is this setting for other residential properties with potential commercial use?

The rating policy explicitly states that this policy applies to short-term accommodation providers.

83. Will this policy apply to other part-time or non-traditional commercial uses of residential property (e.g., consulting from home, private tutoring, photography studios)?

No.

84. Why are long-term rental properties treated more favourably than short-term rentals, despite both earning income from residential use?

We do not consider that long-term rental properties are treated more favourably. The policy intent is that short-term rentals benefit from tourism activity spending and should therefore contribute to this spending.

85. Is this fair to property owners offering short-term accommodation responsibly?

Council decisions on the final shape of the policy may take into account these considerations.

Operational Feasibility and Enforcement

86. How will Council practically and fairly enforce the 60-day threshold for “availability” of entire properties?

Implementation will include identifying properties that match data from short term accommodation platforms with our council property database

87. What level of confidence does Council have in matching online listings with properties?

While there are limited alternatives to this approach good practice implementation would include an ongoing assessment of the impact, risks etc. of any gap(s) as well as viable tools and pragmatic options to mitigate.

88. How effective will the proposed register be given that STA providers may choose not to self-identify, especially without national support or data sharing from platforms like Airbnb?

While the absence of a central register (as some Australian jurisdictions have), identification will be challenging. However, implementation would include a similar approach to that indicated in the response to the previous question.

89. Has Council considered using real-time data sharing agreements with platforms like Airbnb, as suggested in their submission, to improve compliance and transparency

We have asked Airbnb to share their data in an initial meeting. Our request was declined.

Policy Alternatives and Consultation Adequacy

90. Did officers fully evaluate the policy framework proposed by Airbnb and other platforms (e.g., nominal levy, access to data, Code of Conduct)? What was the outcome of this evaluation, if any?

Council officers are aware of the paper published by Airbnb and have considered it.

91. Given the relatively modest revenue gains and high complexity of enforcement, has Council considered deferring implementation to align with the 2027–2037 LTP for more comprehensive consultation?

The consultation for this policy amendment has been extensive. The proposal is to further clarify aspects of the existing policy that have not achieved the intended results. Deferring implementation is unlikely to support improved policy clarity in this sector.

92. How does the proposed rating change support or conflict with Wellington's tourism and economic development strategies?

We will not be able to comment on this – our revised rating policy review aims to make the existing policy clearer and more equitable.

93. Have Council officers provided comparative examples of STA rating or levy models from similar international cities (e.g., Edinburgh, Melbourne, Vancouver)?

Council has looked at comparable New Zealand Cities and Australian (federal) approaches.

Revenue and Budget Implications

94. How will the \$100,000 implementation cost be funded if commercial rating fails to generate enough revenue due to non-compliance or reduced listings?

Our estimate is that the commercial rating would cover the initial identification costs. As noted above, we will review the success of the policy and our approach as part of the implementation.

95. What is the estimated net financial impact (gains minus compliance costs) over the first 5 years of implementation?

It has yet to be determined how many properties will comply with the revised policy, and the financial impact.

96. If the stated intent is rates neutrality, why not pursue a levy or licensing model that directly funds infrastructure, or tourism impacts rather than shifting the burden to property owners through rates?

We do not oppose a central government levy. The aim with the current proposal is to clarify an existing policy and do not consider that greater clarity necessarily precludes any alignment with future national initiatives / levies. Should any initiatives be progressed, we would assess the impact on ALL accommodation providers within the Council's boundaries.

Golden Mile

Water Infrastructure

97. Provide an up-to-date status on discussions with Wellington Water on water infrastructure renewals including high level costs and categorising of renewals e.g “must do”

A response to this question will be provided to elected members at the LTPFP Committee meeting on Thursday.

98. What level and type of renewals are not planned to be undertaken prior to the work?

A response to this question will be provided to elected members at the LTPFP Committee meeting on Thursday.

Work Packages

99. How many work packages are there and at what stage are each of them at?

There are three current work packages identified:

WP1 – Kent Cambridge Terrace works – in construction

WP2 – Courtney Place Upgrade – contract negotiations underway

WP3 – Lambton Quay and other section – currently deferred to later years of the LTP

100. What is the planned execution date for each work package with the contractor?

WP1 – Kent Cambridge Terrace works – in construction

WP2 – **Courtney** Place Upgrade – **construction to begin before end 2025**

WP3 – Lambton Quay and other section – **no firm date yet identified**

Contracts

101. For any work packages planned to be executed between now and October, what do officers require to be able to pause executing any work packages?

An instruction from Council is required to pause negotiations, noting that a pause in negotiations will incur additional cost and time delays the extent of which are undeterminable at this stage.

102. For any work packages planned to be executed between now and October, what are the impacts (if any) if execution was paused until after October?

See response in 101.

Matai Moana Reserve

103. What is the intended financial contribution by iwi (given they are partnering with Council and Government)?

Refer to question 9.

104. What financial contribution is being provided by Government?

The Crown’s contribution includes the land. Additionally, LINZ has spent approximately \$3.5 million on hazard mitigation works since 2019. Approximately \$500,000 of unspent funding is expected to transfer with the land to support the reserve establishment.

105. What will the intended financial contribution by Council be?

The Council's proposed contribution (Option 1) includes:

- \$750,000 per annum for operational funding (rated since 2018) (Please see answer above as to how that is to be allocated).
- \$2.5 million capital funding from the Plimmer Bequest Fund for reserve enhancement and development (via projects yet to be identified).

Parklets

106. How do officers justify such a low charge for parklets that use road space and being used for commercial operations?

The costs of parklet permits was set by councillors as part of the annual plan process of setting fees and charges. The proposed parklet fees align with the outdoor dining 'Pavement Permissions' fee, which is charged where hospitality businesses extend onto the footpath. An annual permission renewal is required for both.

EIC approved that up to 50 parklets be enabled in the city. We currently have under 20 in place or in as applications. For all new parklets the costs, including the design, consent, construction and maintenance, are borne by the business.

As with Parklets the cost for motorcycle parking (68 bays in the proposed enforcement area) can be reviewed each year through the annual plan as part of setting fees and charges.

Suburban Town Centre Upgrades

107. How will smaller centres such as Northland that has been on the list for an upgrade for a number of years (last upgrade nearly 30 years ago), get on the list for an upgrade? Noting that in 2019/2020, Northland was tagged for what was then in the budget for community planning of \$75K

Officers have conducted an analysis of suburban centres to assist councillors in prioritising the order in which the programme should be rolled out. Officers intend to bring a paper to the council in the new year to prioritise the order. This paper was delayed as a result of the LTP amendment which pushed delivery of the first upgrade out to year 4.

City Streets Projects

108. Please advise what specific projects will be delivered under the proposed capital programme budgets?

As instructed through the LTP. These are: Harbour Quays, Route 2 improvements, Cross City Bike Connection (east-West and North-South), Dixon St upgrade and Cuba St.

109. What requests from GWRC have been received to proceed with these projects under the LTP amendment?

GWRC have also allocated their 50% share of the Harbour Quays and route 2 improvements projects in their LTP. The two organisations are currently working together developing designs and business cases for these projects.

110. What was the advice provided by WCC in respect of GWRC bus priority proposals (please provide a copy)?

There is no single piece of advice that can be provided. Wellington City officers arranged a Councillor briefing on the Bus Priority Action Plan V2 earlier this year. Additionally Council staff have provided comments through workshops etc.

Specifically in relation to the Harbour Quays and Route 2 projects. These are being run as joint projects and are progressing well, with both councils involved in the development of the design and the business case.

111. Harbour Quays Corridor Bus Priority Upgrades: The proposal is to rescope this to a reduced deliverable and rephase it to occur in Years 1 to 3. What interim changes, are planned?

A briefing with more detail on the current emerging preferred design (including service design) is scheduled for 24 June. This will include an update on if there are any works which are proposed to/could be brought forward.

112. Central City Upgrades the proposal is to continue with the cycleway connection, rephase the Dixon St project and to align with the Golden Mile upgrade. How will this happen if design for Dixon St is underway prior to the final GM design?

The Golden Mile designs for Courtney Place are complete. The Dixon St design will align with these.

113. Given Wellington city's population did not increase between 2018-2023 (census figures), what justification is there to proceed with these projects?

These upgrades are not specifically population growth related. Wellington City Council is the Road Controlling Authority and Greater Wellington is the Public Transport Authority. In this capacity GW have informed us that they require a second spine through the central city as the Golden Mile is expected to reach saturation point within the next 5 years, where we would see congestion slow the busses down to walking speed (or below).

For context, bus patronage continues to increase. We have seen a 10% growth in the last 12 months and are now at 107% of pre-covid numbers. Also compared to 2017/18 we have seen a growth in annual patronage from 24.7 million in the region to 26.1 million in 2023/2024.

Year by year patronage can be seen here on Metlink's website:

<https://www.metlink.org.nz/assets/Policies-and-reports/Performance-of-our-network/Patronage-Statistics/Patronage-Statistics-to-Mar-2025-v5.xlsx>

Low cost-Low risk Transport Projects

114. For maintaining and supporting existing structures (Refer list below taken from Consultation document totalling approx. \$52 million reduction), what is the broader resilience issues of not proceeding with this work?

The majority of these projects relate to work required to make the road network more resilient. These are programmes that extend over time and have had various levels of

investment over the years. Reducing the funding allocation will effectively increase the time it will take to make the roading network more resilient to major events.

115. What is the impact on the debt headroom and budget if the items below were put back in?

Retaining wall upgrades: Total project: \$58.9m. Proposal: Reduce the programme to make \$26.7m of savings.

Minor Works Upgrades: Total project: \$23.9m. Proposal: rescope the programme to make \$9.6m savings.

Drainage upgrades: Total project: \$4.4m. proposal: rephase programme to make \$2.6m savings.

Bridge Improvements: Total project: \$13.2m. Proposal: reduce programme to make \$4m savings.

Tunnels Upgrades: Total project: \$3.7m. Proposal: rephase programme to make \$2.3m savings.

Retaining Wall Resilience Upgrades: Total project: \$23.7m. Proposal: reduce programme to make \$4.8m savings.

Rural Road Upgrades: Total project: \$1.1m. Proposal: reduce programme to make \$531k savings.

Footpaths Structures Upgrades: Total project: \$3.9m. Proposal: reduce programme to make \$1.2m savings

The impact would depend on the years the budget relates to, there would also be further operating costs (e.g. depreciation and interest) that will impact operation expenditure.

116. Could you please also provide the LTP funding amounts for each of these projects across the 10-year LTP period? This will help by identifying the project amount against the total budget allocations for the activity through which it is funded.

Please refer to Appendix 1 in our Consultation document

[Joint Consultation Document.pdf](#) which provides the total LTP funding amounts of these projects.

Questions from the Q&A Briefing – 20 May

117. LWDW. Can we be the guys who have all the votes and not some interposed representative agency?

The five council Mayors and mana whenua partners have agreed to the following approach to establishing ‘day 0’ and ‘day 1’ governance for the proposed water entity.

Day 0 – 1 October 2025	Day 1 – 1 July 2026
<p>Working definition:</p> <p>Water organisation has been incorporated, and establishment funding is in place. An Establishment Board has been appointed and is accountable for establishing the organisation through an Establishment Director and Interim CE.</p>	<p>Working definition:</p> <p>Accountability and ownership of the customer relationship, assets, compliance and capital works are transferred to the new organisation. Funding arrangements and terms for debt transfer are in place along with critical staff and workable systems for the new organisation to operate. Some functions and support will continue to be provided by councils in the interim where necessary.</p>

An interim shareholder committee and an interim establishment board will be in place for day 0.

The interim shareholder committee will be made up of one elected member from each council and one representative from each of our mana whenua partners; the committee will be in place by end of August 2025 and run through to approximately the end of 2025.

The role of the interim committee will be limited but important. They will be required to appoint a skills-based *establishment board* in time for 1 October and they will be required to *facilitate* the finalisation of the *foundational governance documents*, noting that these documents will need to be ratified by each Council. The appointment of the establishment board will be guided by a CE approved skills-based matrix.

The interim establishment board will be accountable for recruiting the interim chief executive and then establishing the new water entity for 1 July 2026. Establishment activity will be led by an Establishment Director and the interim Chief Executive.

The process to appoint the enduring Board will commence around Q2 FY26/27, with the enduring Board responsible for appointing the enduring chief executive. Council will be asked to approve the skills matrix used to guide recruitment for the enduring board in or around Q2 FY26/27.

The appointment processes and decision rights will be addressed in the company constitution and/or stakeholders agreement, development of which will be progressed in the coming two months.

118. LWDW. Do we need to have a single committee (all the owners) or can the SoE be between the councils themselves and then the board?

We have understood the question to essentially be “can each council prepare a SoE” however if the question was referring to appointment of the board, please refer to the response for Q119.

The Statement of Expectation is a statutory requirement between the shareholder owner/s and the water organisation. The Water Services Bill notes “The shareholders of a water organisation may only provide one statement of expectations to a water organisation at any time.” In the scenario of a multi council water organisation this means a joint SoE issued to the water organisation.

It would be counter to the intent of a multi council arrangement for there to be multiple SoE or SoE type documents to be in place between the shareholder councils and mana whenua partners. All stakeholders (as listed on the stakeholder agreement) will need to work together to develop a joint SoE, recognising that the draft legislation includes the ability for owner councils to identify specific council needs. Under the proposed wellington region model the inclusion of specific expectations would need to be funded by the proposing and benefiting council of the specific expectation.

119. Are the current landowners paying rates on the land and if so how much?

Yes, the Crown is currently paying rates on the land. The 2024/2025 rates revenue was approximately \$241k.

120. What is the rating consequence if the land is vested as a reserve, does the revenue disappear or is it covered by other ratepayers etc?

Once vested as a public reserve under the Reserves Act 1977, the land becomes non-rateable. The sites annual rates revenue would no longer be collected, resulting in a permanent reduction to Council’s rating base. This shortfall is redistributed across other ratepayers when rates are set.

121. How long would it take to be vested as reserve by the Crown? How much longer can we expect rates revenue from the reserve?

The reserve vesting process requires Ministerial approval which can proceed quickly once the Crown is satisfied of Council's commitment to the project which would be achieved through confirmation of the existing funding in the LTP/AP.

If Mātai Moana is vested as a reserve before 1 July, then no general rates from WCC would apply (the sludge levy and other targeted rates would still apply if applicable).

If the 1 July deadline is missed (e.g. the property is vested as a reserve later in the year), then the property will be fully rateable for the year in line with legislation.

122. Do we have the understanding of the consequences [of the proposed amendment to fund Capital Kiwi from the Town Belt budget]?

As broader context, regarding levels of investment in parks maintenance, WCC takes part in an annual Yardstick survey which benchmarks parks best practice across participating local authorities. The report covers a several areas of park and open space management including but not limited to Financial, operational, planning and asset management

When looking at operating expenditure WCC’s OPEX investment both per hectare (fig 1) and per capita (fig 2) is lower than most other participating local authorities. However, in the context of Overall Best Practice across all aspects of park management, WCC is above the national average (fig 3).

Figure 1

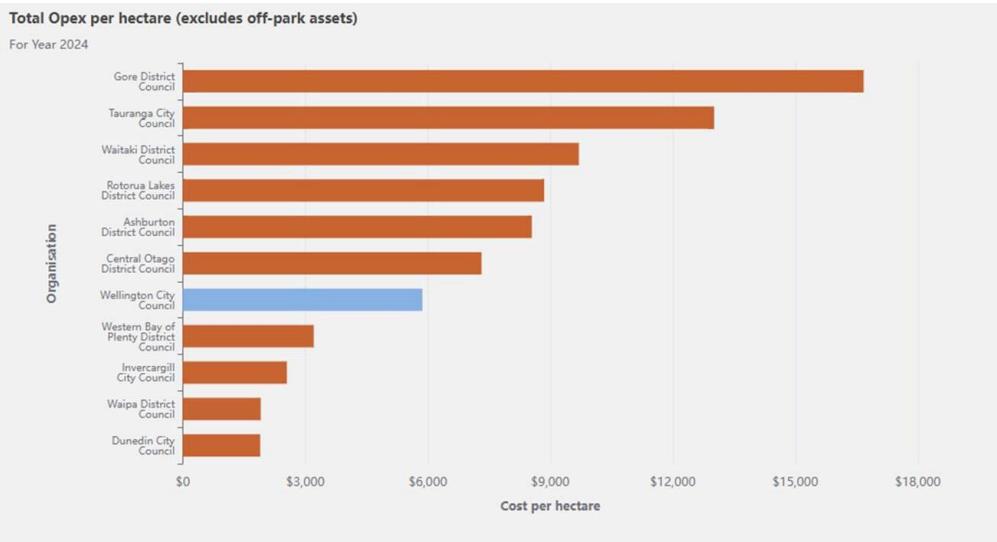


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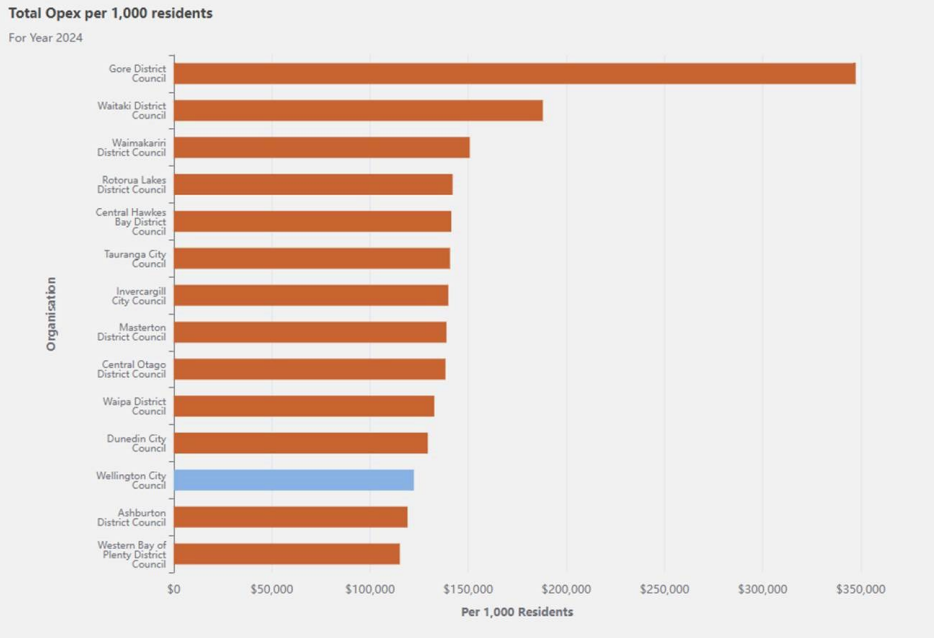
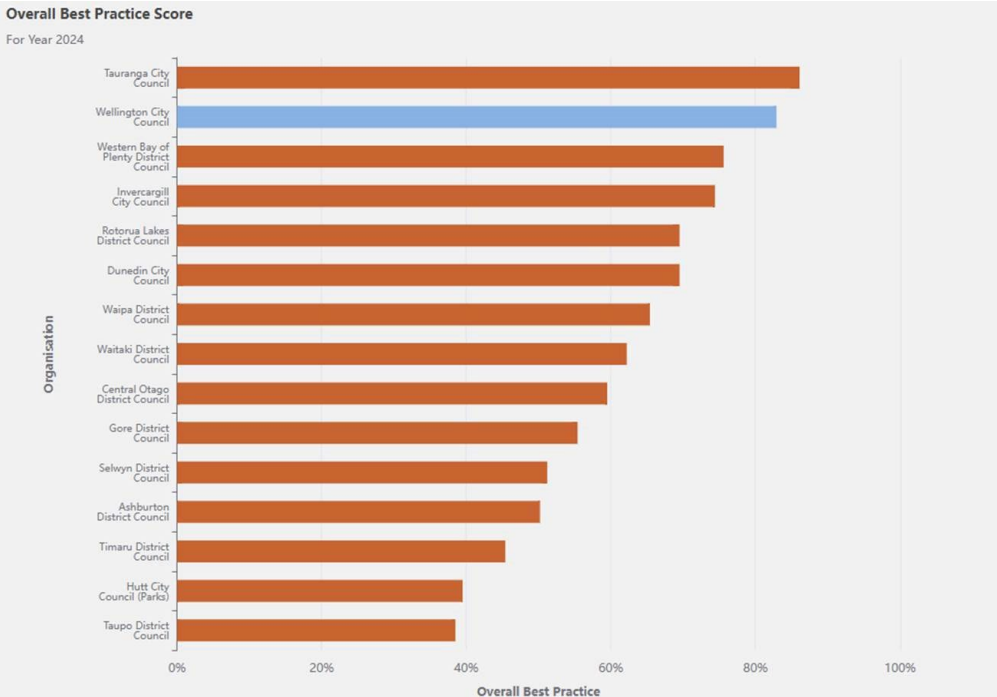


Figure 3



In regard to Capital Kiwi, we have checked with GWRC – they are providing Capital Kiwi funding of \$230k which is reviewed annually. Capital Kiwi’s work is more aligned with GWRC in respect to predator control on private land.

In addition to WCC’s \$100k pa agreement with Capital Kiwi, we also provide an extra dog control officer at 85K and other in-kind support with an estimated value of more than \$30k pa – such as aversion training, community days and public education, kiwi signage, and subsidised leased space in Mākara. Our total contribution to Capital Kiwi, around \$200k pa, is on par with GWRC’s contribution.

The current budget for activity 1028 is:

Row Labels	Sum of Proposed Budget/ Forecast	
Allocations	\$	268,745.00
Contracts, Services, Materials	\$	990,941.00
Depreciation and amortisation	\$	-
Finance Revenue	\$	-
General Expenses	\$	2,712,787.00
Internal Recharge and Recoveries	\$	548,129.00
Other Revenue	-\$	102,000.00
Personnel	\$	-
Professional Costs	\$	13,260.00
Revenue from Operating Activities	-\$	271,814.00
Grand Total	\$	4,160,048.00

The general expenses are utilities, water, electricity, rates and insurance. The contract and services line includes the \$750k for Matai Moana and the balance of \$240k is spent on:

- Track counters batteries/maintenance & data connections – information key for our planning team and prioritising work
- Closing illegal tracks to protect our reserves
- Fixing minor track/sign issues
- Makara Peak small maintenance work & materials
- Providing material & contractor support for volunteer track maintenance work e.g., gravel deliveries
- Lease and hire of equipment to support volunteer and mahi undertaken by corrections
- End of year volunteer celebration for 220 people
- Supporting the City Nature Challenge
- Waste and landfill fees to support volunteer clean-ups, encampment removal, encroachment removal
- Plant and equipment maintenance maintaining shared equipment and personal volunteer equipment to undertake their mahi
- Retaining timber, temporary fencing, emergency and general maintenance required – fixing stuff, making stuff safe
- Volunteer training – 1st Aid and 4x4 courses to ensure
- Rangers support volunteer community specific requests for things they can’t do themselves/require specialist skills things not covered by other teams’ level of service

- Portaloo hire for volunteer restoration events and corrections work
- Recognising volunteer work eg. Plaques, supporting them to attend events they have been nominated for
- Contractors undertaking work to implement projects such as Outer Green Belt Fire Plan
- Surveying costs
- Encroachment removal programme requirements to reinstate and regain lost land - plants, fencing, contractors, weed control
- Reactive work due to rain and slips (temporary fencing & emergency signage)
- Supporting community plant deliveries for the restoration programme
- A small professional costs budget for consulting on items such as new trails and the Outer Green Belt fire management plan
- General expenses including Fuel for machinery, security patrols for sites experiencing anti-social behaviour, cleaning (e.g., after events), costs to support volunteer activities (e.g. venue hire for volunteer training)

Activities most relevant to the natural environment are as follows:

1027	Restoration Planting
1028	Parks and Open Space Management
1030	Urban Ecology
1032	Trails Maintenance
1033	Weed Control and Restoration Maintenance
1034	Biosecurity Management

We have many things in the natural environment we would do if we had more money, including weed control, our own species protection and stream care. Any decrease in budgets in relevant activities would directly affect track maintenance, ecological restoration, and the level of support we offer restoration and recreation volunteer groups. Many of these existing programmes have annual and long-term KPI's agreed to by Council, for example 'Plant 3 million native plants by December 2030'.

123. For levels of service, annual removal of weeds target; 20-25% bracket – trying to understand whether that's correct.

We do not have a specific level of service target to remove 20-25% of weeds from parks and reserves. We do carry out weed control activities for both maintenance and for ecological enhancement.

Weed control for maintenance is used to keep hard surfaces, paths, and tracks clear so they are safe for people to use and assets are not damaged. Ecological weed control is carried out predominantly in Key Native Ecosystems, at active restoration sites to enhance native biodiversity and to control known pest weed species. Work outside these areas is done in large by community volunteers who are supported by our Urban Ecology and Ranger teams.

4. Public Excluded

4.1 Proposed Sale of Ground Lease – 68 Jervois Quay

Questions on this item have been answered in a separate Public Excluded Q&A document.