
ORDINARY MEETING

OF

ANNUAL PLAN/LONG-TERM PLAN COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Time: 9:30am
Date: Thursday, 4 March 2021
Venue: Ngake (16.09)
Level 16, Tahiwī
113 The Terrace
Wellington

PRESENT

Mayor Foster (Deputy Chair)
Deputy Mayor Free (Chair)
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Condie
Councillor Day
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Paul
Councillor Rush
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

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1. Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 9:31 am and invited members to stand and read the following karakia to open the meeting.

**Whakataka te hau ki te uru,
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.
Kia mākinakina ki uta,
Kia mātaratara ki tai.
E hī ake ana te atākura.
He tio, he huka, he hauhū.
Tihei Mauri Ora!**

Cease oh winds of the west
and of the south
Let the bracing breezes flow,
over the land and the sea.
Let the red-tipped dawn come
with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,
a promise of a glorious day

1.2 Apologies

No apologies were received.

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Deputy Mayor Free, seconded Councillor Day, the following motion

Resolved

That the Annual Plan/Long-Term Plan Committee:

1. Approve the minutes of the Annual Plan/Long-Term Plan Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2021, 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 Predator Free Wellington

Representing Predator Free Wellington, Denise Church spoke to item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation.

1.6.2 Public Libraries of New Zealand

Representing Public Libraries of New Zealand, Hilary Beaton spoke to item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation.

1.6.3 Generation Zero

Representing Generation Zero, Arran Whiteford and Maddy McVie spoke to item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation.

1.6.4 International Climate Safe Travel Society

Representing International Climate Safe Travel Society, Tom Bennion spoke to item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation.

1.6.5 Guardians of the Bays

Representing Guardians of the Bays, Tim Jones spoke to item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation.

1.6.6 No Fly Zone

Representing No Fly Zone, Benoit Pette spoke to item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation.

1.6.7 Bernard Hickey's Journalism Ltd

Representing Bernard Hickey's Journalism Ltd, Bernard Hickey spoke to item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation.

1.6.8 Sue Boyde

Sue Boyde spoke to item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation.

1.6.9 Living Wage Wellington

Representing Living Wage Wellington, Gina Lockyer spoke to item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation.

1.6.10 Core Conversations

Representing Core Conversations, Jane O'Shea and Peter Smeaton spoke to item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation.

1.6.11 Easyswim Swim School Ltd

Representing Easyswim Swim School Ltd, Todd Morton spoke to item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation.

1.6.12 Lynn Cadenhead

Lynn Cadenhead spoke to item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation.

1.6.13 Helene Ritchie

Helene Ritchie spoke to item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation.

1.6.14 Parents for Cimate Aotearoa

Representing Parents for Cimate Aotearoa, Alicia Hall spoke to item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation.

1.6.15 Public Service Association

Representing Public Service Association, Maddy Drew spoke to item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation.

1.6.16 Cycle Wellington

Representing Cycle Wellington, Alex Dyer and Jonathan Coppard spoke to item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation.

1.6.17 Forest & Bird Youth

Representing Forest & Bird Youth, Michael Burton-Smith and Sophia Honey spoke to item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation.

Tabled items

Attachments

- 1 Predator Free Wellington
- 2 Public Libraries of New Zealand
- 3 International Climate Safe Travel Society

(Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 10:20 am)

(Councillor Pannett returned to the meeting at 10:21 am)

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 am and reconvened at 10:48 am with all the members present.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am and reconvened at 11:39 am with all the members present.

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm and reconvened at 12:06 pm. Councillor Young was absent.

(Councillor Young returned to the meeting at 12:08 pm)

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation

Moved Mayor Foster pro-forma, seconded Deputy Mayor Free, the following motion

Recommendation/s

That the Annual Plan/Long-Term Plan Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note that formal LTP community consultation will be for the period from 6 April to 10 May 2021.
3. Note the contents of the LTP community consultation and communications programme involve online, social media, face to face, broadcast medial (digital, print, radio) channels including involvement at community events oral hearings and forums.
4. Note that draft LTP Budget has been prepared with the following: a debt-to-revenue limit of 225%, a rates limit of \$645m, a 2021/22 rates increase of 13.53%, and an average rates increase of 5.77% over 10 years (Attachment 3).
5. Note there is a requirement to outline the rates and debt implications in the Consultation document. These will be added to the document once decisions are finalised at this 4 March Committee meeting and will be provided to Audit.
6. Approve the proposed draft 2021-31 Long-term Plan operational budget as supporting information to the consultation document (attachment 1).
7. Approve the draft Statements of Service Provision as supporting information to the consultation document and budget (Attachment 2).
8. Approve the proposed draft Finance and Infrastructure Strategy as supporting information to the consultation document and budget (Attachment 3) **noting that the document has been updated to reference the need for developing funding tools at our disposal to pay for this infrastructure.**
9. Note that the consultation document contains only significant proposals for which there are genuine options for the community to consider and, have sufficient detailed information to satisfy our external auditors and the Auditor General.
10. Agree the proposed draft consultation document (Attachment 4) for community consultation using the Special Consultative Procedure.
11. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to make changes to the Consultation Document and supporting information to reflect the decisions of this Committee.
12. Note that the 2021-31 Consultation Document and Draft Long-term Plan supporting information is subject to Audit NZ review. This may include further amendments to

meet audit requirements. The audit report will be provided to the Council meeting of 31 March 2021 alongside the Consultation Document.

13. Agree, that in respect to the Library proposal (contained in the Consultation Document) another option be added that provides for the Debt to Revenue ratio to be temporarily exceeded in years 2021-2023 to enable Council borrowings to fully fund the library building remediation/upgrade and therefore both the library and office parts of the building would remain in full public ownership and that this option be the preferred option.
14. Note that under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Council can make decisions inconsistent with Council policy provided the inconsistency is identified, the reason for the inconsistency is explained, and how the Council will accommodate the inconsistency or modify the policy in future is outlined.
15. Agree the nature of the inconsistency, the reason for the inconsistency, and how Council will accommodate the inconsistency is as follows:
 - a) The inconsistency is that the Council has agreed a maximum debt to revenue ratio of 225%
 - b) The reason for the inconsistency is to enable the central library building to be reopened in 2025, and remain in full public ownership
 - c) The debt to revenue ratio will stand, and Council will be consistent with its policy by 2024/25
16. Agree that the Council will use any underspend in the capital programme to offset the temporary breach of the debt to revenue ratio, rather than allocation to new capital spending.
17. Agree to reinstate the \$1m of capex in the library material collection budget per year in years 1 and 2.
18. Agree to increase the operating expenditure for the Maori and Mana Whenua Partnerships budget to \$2M in year 2-10 for delivery of He waka eke Noa Effectiveness for Māori framework, Te Taurapa Strategy and Te Tauihu Te Reo Māori Policy. Within this could be funding for heritage preservation, economic development and Te Reo Māori revitalisation, as agreed in partnership with Māori.
19. Agree to Increase Predator Free Wellington funding as part of our partnership contribution from \$250,000 per annum to \$500,000 per annum in the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26, 2025/26 and 2027/28 being the final year of the Predator Free programme, an increase of 1.5 million over 10 years.
20. Agree that officers work with communities of interest to facilitate the use of road reserve and open space land for the activities of composting and community gardening as governed by relevant policy and plans.
21. Agree to include in the Consultation Document questionnaire an additional question to understand community views on increasing or reducing rates and debt limits.
22. Instruct officers to work with the Chinese Garden Society on options for the Chinese

Garden project and report back to committee as soon as is practicable.

23. Agree to update the Consultation Document by adding greater specificity in the Cycleway options about what projects will be delivered under each option as outlined in appendix 1.
24. Approve the reinstatement of funding of \$1.1 million for the Khandallah Summer Pool in year 3 (2023/24) to enable improvements to resilience, operating equipment and facilities and instruct officers to report back, prior to any decision on the finalisation of the Long-term Plan for 2021-2031, on high level options for improvements (resilience, operating equipment and facilities) to Khandallah Summer Pool including heating of pool and extension of the operating period.
25. Agree that the airport sea wall loan be used solely for the purpose of the sea wall renewal and not for the runway extension.
26. Agree that a public workshop will be held between Council and Wellington International Airport Limited during the Consultation period.
27. Include in the budget \$30 million in years 11 – 30 for the acquisition and development of inner city parks and to enable more street tree planting and parks in the Central City, being required to support planned population growth in our Central City, noting that it is intended that this will be funded through growth. The sum to be indicatively phased as: Year 11: \$5.25 million, Year 12: \$5.25 million, Year 13: \$2 million, Year 17: \$5 million, Year 21: \$6 million, Year 26: \$6.5 million
28. Request officers to bring to council in April 2021 a review of the projects in waste minimisation (2.2 1039) with the purpose to action recommendations of the strategic review and to be in preparedness of the removal of sludge from the landfill.
29. Agree to reallocate the available funding within 2.2 1039 to support diversion of organic waste from the landfill; noting that after the removal of sludge, organic waste is the biggest contribution to landfill (57.8% of household waste) and to our carbon emissions; and note that this contract is due for review and that this advice should be bought to council before June 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm and reconvened at 13:02 pm with all the members present.

Moved Councillor Fitzsimons, seconded Councillor Young, the following amendment

Resolved

That the Annual Plan / Long-term Plan Committee:

30. Agree to remove the partnering option for the Central Library from the Consultation Document.
31. Agree the Framework for Te Ngākau Civic Square precinct is developed on the basis that Council is committed to Te Ngākau Civic Square being the musical, creative and

democratic heart of Wellington, with the main Wellington City Council premises returning to Te Ngākau Civic Square as part of its redevelopment.

Carried

Secretarial note: The amendment moved by Councillor Fitzsimons and seconded by Councillor Young was taken part by part, the divisions for which are as follows:

Clause 30:

For:

Councillor Day
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Deputy Mayor Free (Chair)
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Paul
Councillor Young

Against:

Mayor Foster
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Condie
Councillor Rush
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf

Majority Vote: 9:6

Carried

Clause 31:

For:

Mayor Foster
Councillor Day
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Deputy Mayor Free (Chair)
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Paul
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Young

Against:

Councillor Calvert
Councillor Condie
Councillor Rush
Councillor Woolf

Majority Vote: 11:4

Carried

Moved Councillor Paul, seconded Councillor O'Neill, the following amendment

Resolved

That the Annual Plan / Long-term Plan Committee:

- 10A. Agree the proposed draft consultation document (Attachment 4) for community consultation using the Special Consultative Procedure **with the additional words for**

public purposes after Proceed with Base Build Proposal at Question 6 .

- 11A. Delegate to the **mayor and** Chief Executive Officer the authority to make changes to the Consultation Document and supporting information to reflect the decisions of this Committee.
32. Remove the \$75,000,000 loan to Wellington Airport in years 7 to 9.
33. Agree to include the upgrade of Begonia House, as costed at \$7.748m, over years 3-6.
34. Agree to include the development of Otari-Wilton Lab and Nursery, as costed at \$2.6m, over years 6-10.

Carried

Secretarial note: The amendment moved by Councillor Paul and seconded by Councillor O'Neill was taken part by part, the divisions for which are as follows:

Clauses 10A and 11A:

For:

Mayor Foster
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Condie
Councillor Day
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Deputy Mayor Free (Chair)
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Paul
Councillor Rush
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

Against:

None

Majority Vote: 15:0

Carried

Clause 32:

For:

Councillor Day
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Deputy Mayor Free (Chair)
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Paul

Against:

Mayor Foster
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Condie
Councillor Rush
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 8:7

Carried

Clause 33:

For:

Councillor Calvert
Councillor Condie
Councillor Day
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Deputy Mayor Free (Chair)
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Paul
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

Against:

Mayor Foster
Councillor Rush

Majority Vote: 13:2

Carried

Clause 34:

For:

Councillor Calvert
Councillor Condie
Councillor Day
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Deputy Mayor Free (Chair)
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Paul
Councillor Sparrow

Against:

Mayor Foster
Councillor Rush

Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 13:2

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm and reconvened at 2:43 pm. Councillor Young was absent.

(Councillor Young returned to the meeting at 2:44 pm)

Moved Councillor Rush, seconded Councillor Pannett, the following amendment

Resolved

That the Annual Plan / Long-term Plan Committee:

35. Agree to allocate \$1 million of that capital funding to phase 2 of the Huetepara Park improvements in Lyall Bay from years 4 – 10.

Carried

Moved Councillor Sparrow, seconded Councillor Woolf, the following amendment

Resolved

That the Annual Plan / Long-term Plan Committee:

36. Agree that \$350,000 be included in year 4 of the capex budget for a public toilet to be built in Linden.

Carried

Moved Councillor Day, seconded Councillor Condie, the following amendment

Resolved

That the Annual Plan / Long-term Plan Committee:

- 18A. Agree to increase the operating expenditure for the Maori and Mana Whenua Partnerships budget to \$2M in year 1 and \$3m in year 2 to 10 (pa) for delivery of He waka eke Noa Effectiveness for Māori framework, Te Taurapa Strategy and Te Taihū Te Reo Māori Policy. Within this could be funding for heritage preservation, economic development and Te Reo Māori revitalisation, as agreed in partnership with Māori.

Carried

Meeting duration

Moved Deputy Mayor Free, seconded Councillor Day, the following motion

Resolved

That the Annual Plan/Long-Term Plan Committee:

1. Agree to continue the meeting beyond the six hours limit, in accordance with standing order 11.7.

Carried

Moved Councillor Matthews, seconded Councillor Foon, the following amendment

Resolved

That the Annual Plan / Long-term Plan Committee:

37. Agree that the revenue from the divestment of Wadestown Community Centre is reinvested into the local community, and that officers report back to committee within six months of the divestment of the existing Wadestown Community Centre on options for the use of the proceeds within the local community.
38. Agree to an additional \$300,000 p/a to the Grants fund for the specific allocation, by the Committee, to enable non-Council event organisers in Wellington City to apply to be Living Wage events.

Carried

Secretarial note: The amendment moved by Councillor Matthews and seconded by Councillor Foon was taken part by part, the divisions for which are as follows:

Clause 37:

For:

Councillor Calvert
Councillor Condie
Councillor Day
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Deputy Mayor Free (Chair)
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Paul
Councillor Rush
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

Against:

Mayor Foster

Majority Vote: 14:1

Carried

Clause 38:

For:

Councillor Day
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Deputy Mayor Free (Chair)
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Paul

Against:

Mayor Foster
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Condie
Councillor Rush
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 8:7

Carried

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Deputy Mayor Free, the following substantive motion

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Carried

Attachments

Reference to be made to Attachments 1, 2 and 3 of item 2.1 2021 Long-Term Plan - Proposed Plan, Budget, Finance & Infrastructure Strategy and Consultation on the Annual Plan/Long-term Plan meeting agenda of 4 March 2021.

Secretarial note: Clause 32 of the substantive motion superseded clause 25 of the original motion.

Secretarial note: The substantive motion moved by Mayor Foster and seconded by Deputy Mayor Free was taken part by part, the divisions for which are as follows:

Clause 13:

For:

Mayor Foster
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Day
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Deputy Mayor Free (Chair)
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett

Against:

Councillor Condie
Councillor Sparrow

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Councillor Paul
Councillor Rush
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 13:2

Carried

Clause 16:

For:

Mayor Foster
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Condie
Councillor Day
Councillor Fitzsimons
Deputy Mayor Free (Chair)
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Rush
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

Against:

Councillor Foon
Councillor Matthews
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Paul

Majority Vote: 11:4

Carried

All remaining clauses:

For:

Mayor Foster
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Condie
Councillor Day
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foon
Deputy Mayor Free (Chair)
Councillor Matthews
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Paul
Councillor Rush
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

Against:

Majority Vote: 15:0

Carried

Attachments

- 1 Cr Paul's tabled material
- 2 Appendix 1

(Mayor Foster left the meeting at 4:02 pm)

2.2 Review of Rates Remission and Postponement Policies

Moved Councillor Calvert, seconded Deputy Mayor Free, the following motion

Resolved

That the Annual Plan/Long-Term Plan Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note that a remission of rates does not result in a reduction of the overall rates requirement. Remitted rates are redistributed across all other ratepayers in the relevant rating category.
3. Note that postponement of rates does not result in a reduction of the overall rates requirement. Postponed rates have the effect of increasing Councils debt, until such time as the rates are paid.
4. Agree to remove the \$200 fee to apply for a rates postponement.
5. Agree to amend the criteria for postponement in relation to residential and other land rated at the Base differential. Criteria *ii* currently reads "*the applicant has tried all other avenues (including seeking a reverse mortgage from their bank) to fund their rates*" which is to be amended to "*the applicant has made all reasonable efforts to find other means to pay their rates, including engaging with a free budgeting service (<https://www.moneytalks.co.nz/budgeting-services/>) who also recommends this is the only remaining course of action*".
6. Note that the above changes are an interim measure until the establishment of a ratepayer financing scheme.
7. Agree to include a new rates remission for consultation, *Remission for low income ratepayers*.
8. Agree that this proposed remission will only apply to those who have qualified for the Government funded rates rebate scheme.
9. Agree that this proposed remission will be for a maximum of \$500 (GST inclusive) annually and that it will be awarded in the same proportion of the approved rate rebate (e.g. if a ratepayer is approved for 80% of the maximum rebate value in a given year they will receive a rates remission of 80% of \$500).
10. Agree that the applicant must be the owner of the rating unit, must reside at the property and the property must be in the Base differential rating category. Companies,

trusts and other similar ownership structures of these properties will not qualify for this remission, even if they are approved for the Government funded rebate scheme.

11. Note that this remission would result in a redistribution of the rates requirement annually and an additional rates impost on the remaining relevant ratepayer base.

Carried unanimously

The meeting concluded at 4:11 pm with the reading of the following karakia:

Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui	Draw on, draw on
Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua	Draw on the supreme sacredness To clear, to free the heart, the body and the spirit of mankind
I te ara takatū	
Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga	Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace)
Kia wātea, kia wātea	Let this all be done in unity
Āe rā, kua wātea!	

Authenticated: _____

Chair