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

9:30 am Rāapa, 13 Poutū-te-rangi 2024 9:30 am Wednesday, 13 March 2024 Ngake (16.09), Level 16, Tahiwi 113 The Terrace Pōneke | Wellington

# KŌRAU TŌTŌPŪ | LONG-TERM PLAN, FINANCE, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

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13 MARCH 2024

# PRESENT

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

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# 1. Meeting Conduct

# 1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson declared the meeting (hui) open at 9:30am and read the following karakia to open the hui.

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 Councillor Matthews, seconded Councillor Apanowicz

## 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 15 February 2024, 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 Fathima Iftikar and Soha Ahmed - NZEidDay Wellington

On behalf of NZEidDay Wellington, Fathima Iftikar and Soha Ahmed addressed the hui regarding their aspirations for Poneke.

## Attachments

1 Fathima Iftikar and Soha Ahmed - NZEidDay Wellington

## 1.6.2 David Dome – Wellington Phoenix FC

On behalf of Wellington Phoenix FC, David Dome addressed the hui regarding item 2.2 Report back on Wellington Mayoral delegation to Asia 2023.

### 1.6.3 Laurent Herveic – Floating Rock

On behalf of Floating Rock, Laurent Herveic addressed the hui regarding item 2.2 Report back on Wellington Mayoral delegation to Asia 2023.

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# 2. General Business

# 2.1 CCO 23/24 Quarter 2 Report

# Moved Councillor McNulty, seconded Councillor Abdurahman Resolved

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

- 1. Receive the information.
- 2. Note the contents of the report.

### Carried

The hui adjourned at 10:16am and returned at 10:31am with the following members present: Councillor Matthews, Deputy Mayor Foon, Pouiwi Hohaia, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Free, Councillor Brown, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Chung, Councillor Calvert, Pouiwi Kelly, and Mayor Whanau.

(Councillor Young rejoined the hui at 10:31am.) (Councillor McNulty rejoined the hui at 10:32am.) (Councillor McNulty left the hui at 10:32am.) (Councillor McNulty rejoined the hui at 10:34am.)

# 2.2 Report back on Wellington Mayoral delegation to Asia 2023

# Moved Mayor Whanau, seconded Deputy Mayor Foon Resolved

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

1. Receive the information.

### Carried

## 2.3 Quarter 2 Performance Report

# Moved Councillor Apanowicz, seconded Councillor Matthews Resolved

That the Korau Totopu | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee:

- 1. Receive the Quarter 2 (Q2) Performance Report on the 2021-31 Long-term Plan (LTP) and 2023-24 Annual plan;
- 2. Recommend to Council to:
  - a. Increase 2022/23 opex expenditure budget by \$2.3m operational overspend of approved budget as in the detailed Wellington Water Memorandum dated 23 October 2023 (attached).

## Carried

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

Clause 1:

For:

Mayor Whanau, 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, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

### Against:

Majority Vote: 18:0

Carried

Clauses 2 and 2a:

#### For:

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

### Against:

Councillor Brown, Councillor Chung, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Wi Neera

Majority Vote: 13:5

## Carried

**Secretarial note:** Clauses were voted on separately with clause 1 taken alone, and clauses 2 and 2a taken together. All clauses carried.

(Councillor Wi Neera left the hui at 11:23am.) (Councillor Wi Neera rejoined the hui at 11:25am.) (Councillor McNulty left the hui at 11:26am.) (Councillor Abdurahman left the hui at 11:28am.) (Councillor McNulty rejoined the hui at 11:28am.) (Councillor Abdurahman rejoined the hui at 11:30am.) (Councillor Apanowicz left the hui at 11:32am.) (Councillor Apanowicz rejoined the hui at 11:33am.) (Councillor Brown left the hui at 11:41am.) (Councillor Brown rejoined the hui at 11:42am.)

# 2.4 Te Toi Mahana | Quarterly Report

## Moved Councillor O'Neill, seconded Councillor Abdurahman

## Resolved

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

1. Receive the information.

Carried

(Pouiwi Kelly left the hui at 11:49am.) (Pouiwi Kelly rejoined the hui at 11:49am.) **Secretarial note:** In accordance with Standing Order 19.1, the chairperson accorded precedence to item 2.7 Actions Tracking and Forward Programme.

# 2.7 Actions Tracking and Forward Programme

# 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 adjourned at 11:50am and returned at 12:21pm with the following members present: Councillor Matthews, Deputy Mayor Foon, Pouiwi Hohaia, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Free, Councillor Brown, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Pannett, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Randle, Councillor Chung, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Young, Pouiwi Kelly, and Mayor Whanau.

(Councillor O'Neill rejoined the hui at 12:25pm.)

## 2.5 Development Contribution Policy Review 2024

### Moved Councillor Matthews, seconded Councillor Rogers Resolved

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

- 1) Receive the information
- 2) Approve the draft policy as attached to be released for external audit prior to public consultation
- 3) Agree to delegate to the Chair of the Committee and the Chief Executive to amend the proposed Development Contributions Policy draft, as well as other necessary edits.

Carried

**Secretarial note:** In accordance with Standing Order 16.7, the following documents were tabled regarding item 2.5 Development Contribution Policy Review 2024 : **Attachments** 

- 1 Tabled Question and Answer document
- 2 Councillor Randle tabled document

The hui adjourned at 1:00pm and returned at 1:03pm with the following members present: Councillor Matthews, Deputy Mayor Foon, Pouiwi Hohaia, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Free, Councillor Brown, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Pannett, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Randle, Councillor Chung, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Young, Pouiwi Kelly, and Mayor Whanau.

(Councillor McNulty rejoined the hui at 1:03pm.)

# 2.6 2024-34 Long-Term Plan Consultation Document and Community Consultation Programme

### Moved Mayor Whanau, seconded Councillor Matthews

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

- 1. Receive the information.
- 2. Note that the budget has been updated to reflect the decisions that were approved on 15 February 2024 at the Committee meeting.
- 3. Note that the LTP Consultation Document has been prepared based on the decisions that were approved by the 15 February 2024 Committee meeting and contains:
  - a. the three key proposals for which there are options for the community to consider
  - b. other proposed changes
  - c. summaries of supporting information.
- 4. Note that the LTP Consultation Document will be reviewed by Audit NZ on behalf of the Auditor-General, and that the Consultation Document requires an Audit Report before formal consultation can start.
- 5. Note that the audit of the LTP Consultation Document and supporting information may result in further amendments to the documents to meet auditor requirements. The audit report will be provided to the Committee meeting of 10 April 2024 alongside the final LTP Consultation Document.
- Note that formal LTP public consultation is scheduled for 12 April to 12 May 2024 and will conform with the Special Consultative Procedure outlined in the Local Government Act 2002.
- 7. Note the contents of the LTP community consultation and communications programme will include online, print, face-to-face, social media and media channels, including community feedback (online and in writing) and oral hearings as outlined in Attachment 2.
- 8. Agree the proposed draft LTP Consultation Document (Attachment 1) and supporting information for Audit NZ review.
- Agree the draft supporting documents (Operating & Capital Activity Reports; Prospective Financial Statements; and Funding Impact Statements) (Attachment 3 - 6) for Audit NZ review.
- 10. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to make editorial changes to the LTP Consultation Document and Supporting Information to reflect the decisions of this Committee.

**Secretarial note:** Under Standing Order 21.10, the chairperson did not accept an amendment to item 2.6 2024-34 Long-Term Plan Consultation Document and Community Consultation Programme. Under Standing Order 16.3, the chairperson's ruling was challenged and immediately put to a vote requiring a 75% majority to pass.

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### Challenge of chairperson's ruling

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

For:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor Free, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Young

#### Against:

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

Majority Vote: 6:12

Lost

# Moved Councillor Wi Neera, seconded Councillor Apanowicz, the following amendment:

#### Resolved

- 7A. Note Council's responsibility to frame complex issues in a problem-defined and comprehensible manner for the public.
- 8. Agree the proposed draft LTP Consultation Document (Attachment 1) and supporting information for Audit NZ review with editorial amendments to:
  - Communicate the approximate \$2.6 billion insurance capacity gap (the gap between our insurance cover and the insurance replacement value of our assets), which Council is currently facing as the primary motivator for proposing the sale of Airport shares.
  - Emphasise Key Proposal 3 as a discussion around our insurance issues, with the establishment of a PIF using the sale proceeds of Airport Shares as our proposed solution.
  - Strongly emphasize the ability of the public to offer other solutions to the insurance problem.
- 11. Note that the issues identified in Key Proposal 3 of this report are currently beyond the ability of this Council to solve in total without support from the Government or new sources of revenue.
- 12. Direct officers to engage with relevant Ministers to communicate the critical financial issues raised in Key Proposal 3 of this report.

Carried

# Moved Mayor Whanau, seconded Councillor Matthews, the following motion: Resolved

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- 12. Direct officers to engage with relevant Ministers to communicate the critical financial issues raised in Key Proposal 3 of this report.

Carried

**Secretarial note:** In accordance with Standing Order 16.7, the following document was tabled regarding item 2.6 2024-34 Long-Term Plan Consultation Document and Community Consultation Programme :

# Attachments

1 Councillor Calvert tabled document

The hui concluded at 1:37pm 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,	Draw on the supreme sacredness
te wairua	To clear, to free the heart, the body
l te ara takatū	and the spirit of mankind
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

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# What is Eid?

Muslims around the world celebrate 2 festivals annually

- Eid-ul-fitr celebrating the end of Ramadhan
- Eid-ul-adha the festival of sacrifice and the hajj



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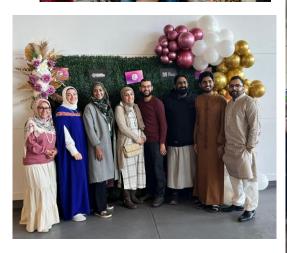
# New Zealand Eid Day - Wellington

- First event was in July 2022 at Sky Stadium
- 3000-4000 attendees throughout the day
- 1000 attendees for the morning prayer
- 25 stall holders promoting small business owners from the community
- Games for kids

# • 2023 – two events

- 1. Eid-ul-fitr April Te Raupaha Arena, Porirua
- 2. Eid-ul-adha June Sky stadium (weekday)
  - ~4000 attendees throughout the day
  - o 1200 attendees for the morning prayer
  - o 48 stall holders
  - o a range of games for kids and youth



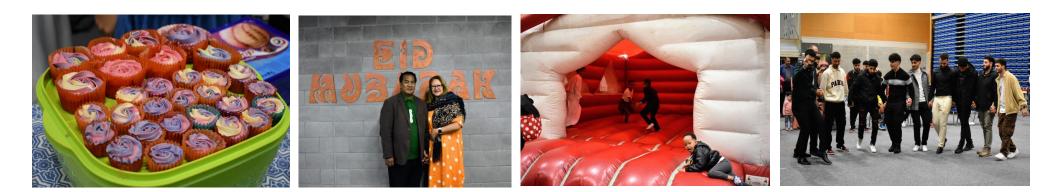






# New Zealand Eid Day - Wellington

- Funding support by Wellington City Council is important
  - community events sponsorship
  - access to other community funds and grants
- Affordable venues helps us to organise events that cater to our community needs
- Volunteers and community support are key



# New Zealand Eid Day – Wellington – Come Join Us!

- Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> or Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Sky stadium
- 9.00am 3.30pm



# Questions and Answers Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee

# Wednesday 13 March 2024

## 2.2 Report back on Wellington Mayoral delegation to Asia 2023

Please provide details of costs for staff as well as for non-staff funded by WCC. If WCC funded or part-funded non-staff/non-elected members to attend, please provide details on who they were and which organisations they were representing.

Costs for four officers to support the Mayoral led delegation to China, Japan, and South Korea over 10 days was \$40,583.28.

Four Tākai Here partners accompanied the Mayor and visited three countries over 10 days. Our total contribution was \$25,891.84

# 2.3 Quarter 2 Performance Report

#### Te Atakura:

• There is a proposed comms strategy for behaviour change. What is the proposed plan, direction, and timeline for this?

Over the last two years we have investigated the research into how to talk about climate change and we developed a best practice guide for how we communicate with Wellingtonians on this complex and emotive topic in a way that supports an increase in understanding and undertaking of effective climate actions. This research has also informed our approach to engaging with communities, schools, workplaces, and other organisations across the city who are worried about climate change. In terms of communicating effective climate action to residents, we have information available on our website, we regularly provide information in Our Wellington, and we have teams in transport and waste to support residents in taking up the opportunities Council is providing to move and live in the city in zero-carbon ways. Details of the behaviour change programmes underway for transport and waste can be provided if that's helpful.

• Composting hubs trial. Can we have an overall update on the milestones and the impact of these, and when the funding will discontinue once the proposed LTP decision is confirmed?

Four composting hubs have been established with the implementation of a further two underway. Funding for the hubs will cease at the end of the funded trial period (November 2025) and it is expected that these will continue as community-led hubs beyond this time.

#### SUMMARY BY HUB

HUB	STATUS	COMPOSTING TO DATE	HOUSEHOLDS	NOTES
Terrace Tunnel Community Garden (Te Aro)	Operating since Sept 2023	2,724 kg of food scraps	30 (~140 ppl)	One new household approx. every 3 weeks
Innermost Gardens (Mount Victoria)	Active from April 2024	[up to 300kg per month expected]	[~70 new drop- offs per month = 50% increase in capacity]	Drainage work completed 01/24.
Newtown Park Apartments	Active from April 2024	Data to come after first month	40	
Massey University (Mount Cook)	Active from April 2024	Data to come after first month	140	Resource consent granted. Manager & mentor employed.
New hubs	EOIs have been received from a primary school, a social housing provider, a community centre, and a marae-based community. More information is being sought to determine the feasibility of some proposals. Preference is for projects working with mana whenua and communities outside the central suburbs.			

A six-week review period will follow the trial period of each hub, with key data points/composting methods recorded and analysed.

• Adaptation community engagement - can you confirm how the programme will need to change due to the removal of DIA funding?

DIA funding was used to make an early start on the Community Adaptation Roadmap prior to the 2024 LTP funding. Given the importance of this workstream we have utilised operational funding in order to continue to deliver on this work this financial year.

#### **Economic Wellbeing:**

#### • Conferences - How are the bookings looking for the next 1 year? Are they improving?

Conference business has been performing satisfactorily to date and there is an acceptable pipeline of commitments over the next 12 months and firm bookings in place now and for each year through until 28/29.

Whilst the business events market is impacted by the economic downturn and change in government, most larger conferences are either association or academic led, and their cycle of meeting is less impacted by economic conditions than smaller meetings, which are more business focused. These large conferences are a key focus of the sales strategy for attracting conferences to the city.

#### Venues losses - Is there a plan to look at our offering in regard to how we can mitigate this?

The economic downtown is affecting venues performance nationally, and Wellington is no exception. WellingtonNZ is undertaking more aggressive sales activity in both the performance and business events market and reducing operating costs where possible. Their performance is in line with forecasts.

#### Aho Tini:

#### Was there an action for an advisory group or regular catchups?

Because of the size and diversity of the creative sector, we utilise specific groups to advise on specific projects rather than try to have one advisory group that can stand for all. The largest of these is the creative sector engagement that has wrapped around *Reimaging Toi Poneke*. We will be working shortly with Arts Wellington on a forum on the Wellington Town Hall and other topics are planned for later in the year in relation to the LTP. In addition, we have advisory groups around Public Art and the art collection, and we have ongoing regular relationship management meetings with key arts organisations.

#### • Can we get more regular updates in a workshop or drop in forum please?

Yes, happy to. We will discuss with Democracy Services.

# • Can we please have an explanation of the laboratory model? What outcomes are we wanting to achieve through this?

The laboratory model provides a space with a base technical resource to allow exploration of concepts and ideas in the development of a new work or new practice. This facility allows performance artists to develop their work in a more detailed way and present to audiences for feedback, as a key part of the development process. Most international work presented in NZ has had years of touring and fine honing in front of audiences, as well as a more detailed development process in the first instance. This laboratory facility will allow new NZ works to meet the audience in a more refined way as well as ensuring Wellington continues to be the centre for performing arts development in Aotearoa.

#### Infrastructure projects:

Bike network:

# • If the area of delay is being able to get the workforce, will this impact the timing - if so by how much?

Both schedule and resource status indicators for Q2 are reporting green since the baseline schedule was reset in October 2023. The minor works and transitional cycleways contractor panel experienced a difficult establishment which did cause delays, but this has improved significantly with multiple Bike Network projects starting delivery in Q2 and Q3.

#### Island Bay Parade:

• This is under amber for budget - is that for the town centre upgrade?

The Parade Island Bay Safety Improvement & Town Centre Upgrade project (Safety Improvement and Town Centre Upgrade projects have now been split in Paiaka for reporting purposes) was amber at the end of Q2 due to lack of clarity of costs for the final contract for construction. The contract was signed in January 2024 and has come in under the approved budget. Both projects reporting green status for budget at the end of February 2024.

#### Town Hall (amber):

Was the project able to firm up the contract. Is the new Board governance starting to have an
impact on certainty and reducing costs? Did we agree to more regular updates? When is it possible
to start these?

The terms of the Contract with the main construction contractor cannot be changed at this point in its lifecycle. In accordance with the recommendations shared to Council in October 2023, there have been substantial efforts to improve cost certainty / de-risk the large backlog of historic variations, which is currently being negotiated as part of a lump sum basis.

The implementation of new board arrangements (establishment of a Te Ngākau board) has brought further skillsets to navigate the complexity of the programmes. Further independent commercial construction expertise is part of this implementation.

The specifics of regular reporting are being worked through with Councillor Brown. We would hope to have the monthly updates in place asap.

#### Sludge:

• Project delay on contract signing - Will that have implications on opening dates? Can we also do more in-depth updates on how these projects are progressing?

The construction contract has been awarded in stages to allow procurement and construction to progress as required to manage completion and avoid delaying operations.

#### Utility expenses increase:

Is there a way to reduce these? If we did the decarbonisation of pools sooner, how would this
affect the cost increases?

At the present time the decarbonisation of the Council's facilities is not budgeted to progress.

The table below shows the financial impact of implementing all opportunities from the energy decarbonisation plan, the portion allocated to the pools is shown in brackets. Collectively over the life of the projects (20 years) they have a net present value of \$2.4M.

Once fully implemented the pool projects provide an operational saving of \$1.37m/year. With forecast rises in gas prices and carbon prices this saving is also forecast to rise, reaching \$1.56m by 2033/34.

Year	CAPEX (\$/year)	OPEX saving (\$/year)	Net cashflow (\$/year)
24/25	<i>2.8m</i> (2.45m)	-	-2.8m (-2.45m)
25/26	2.8m (2.13m)	0.19m (.18m)	-2.61m (-1.95m)
26/27	<i>9.9m</i> (9.17m)	0.33m (.29)	-9.57m (-8.88m)
27/28	4.7m (2.68m)	1m (.94m)	-3.7m (-1.74m)
28/29	.3m (.3m)	1.31m (1.19m)	1.01m (.89m)
29/30	2.3m (-)	1.49m (1.37m)	-0.81m (1.37m)
30/31	1.2m (-)	1.79m (1.42m)	0.59m (1.42m)
31/32	- (-)	1.91m (1.47m)	1.91m (1.47m)
32/33	- (-)	1.97m (1.52m)	1.97m (1.52m)
33/34	- (-)	2.03m (1.56m)	2.03m (1.56m)

All figures are uninflated.

#### Wellington Water:

• Can we get a check in on staff well-being post the uncertainty and change of Three Waters project? Is there a high staff turnover? Are we training and retaining the team? Are there any H&S reports on mental well-being due to personal conflict by the public etc.?

We have shared this question with WWL for a response.

• KPI's regarding Median Response call times - is there a way we can communicate the difficulty with Wellington's pipes in relation to our councils? I think this is an important part of the story about the uniqueness of the Wellington situation.

We have shared this question with WWL for a response.

#### SDG's:

• Can we use SDG 13 also? We are doing a lot of work in this area - particularly in transport, food and waste.

Reply: Following SDGs will be added from Q3 going forward: SDG13 Climate action 13.1 Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters Role: Primary role: Regulator; Secondary role: Provider Scope: City 13.2 Integrate climate change measures into policies, strategies and planning, including reaching zero greenhouse gas emissions for the city by 2050 Role: Primary role: Regulator; Secondary role: Provider Scope: City 13.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning Role: Primary role: Provider; Secondary role: Funder Scope: City

#### Could a one-page infographic summary be produced of the Q2 report for public consumption?

The Executive Summary currently acts as the Quarterly Report summary. The Quarterly report is proactively uploaded to our website for public access. We are considering how to improve presentation of key material, and the idea of a infographic summary will be progressed for the next quarter. Wider changes to the Quarterly Report will follow the adoption of the the new LTP.

Re: pages 98 & 129, Let's Get Wellington Moving assets are transferring to Council: The report states, "LGWM forecasted to overspend \$25.6m, this will be offset by increased vested asset revenue and reclassification of Opex budget. The reworked budget and overspend will be brought to council for approval next couple of months." What is the value of the assets and what are they? Where can we see a reconciliation of the assets and opex budgets?

The Quarter 2 report and related forecast is based on the environment as at 31 December. At the point of formulating the forecast the LGWM programme had not been disestablished and so the forecast assumed the programme would continue as expected for the remainder of this financial year. The decisions relating to the disestablishment of the programme and related LTP decisions to not continue with Hutt Road and to complete Golden Mile in two stages are not reflected in the Q2 forecast.

As part of the 2023/24 Annual Plan the LGWM capex budget was included on a net basis. This means Council budgeted for 49% of the asset costs (the WCC actual cost), as 51% is Waka Kotahi funded. This however was an error from an accounting treatment perspective and 100% (gross) of the cost should have been included in the capex budget with vested asset revenue also budgeted in opex to reflect to external funding of 51% of the cost. The impact to Council remains the same but does mean the capex budget appears overspent.

The value of assets recognised through capex spend in the current financial year is \$19.5m, with corresponding vested asset revenue of \$8.8m recognised in opex. This capex spend relates primarily to Thorndon Quay with some spend also related to Golden Mile and City Streets projects. The full year forecast is for capex spend of \$63.0m and corresponding vested asset revenue of \$32.1m.

# Re: page 152, Economic Wellbeing Strategy - action plan at Green: We know the city's economic performance is being challenged at the moment. How relevant is the KPIs against the city's actual economic performance?

The current challenging economic environment the city and country are facing arguably demonstrates greater need for a strategic approach to Wellington's economic wellbeing. All focus areas within the Economic Wellbeing Strategy remain relevant, particularly central city vibrancy, and the importance of investing in events and tourism to drive consumer spending. KPI reporting via WellingtonNZ on the value of expenditure from events (\$110m) is on track, and tourism spend continues to recover, up 5.7% in the year to December 2023.

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**Re: attachment 2: Councillors** 

#### Please provide in A3 format to aid readability.

An A3 copy of the Quarterly Performance Report has been provided in the Councillors' Lounge.

# Project health details for Priority Investments portfolio - Why is Q1 result not shown along with previous Q3 and Q4?

We have shared this question with WWL for a response.

#### How much is in the budget for the Courtenay Place Precinct Plan?

\$100,000 has been ring-fenced from the City Growth fund over the next three years, with other funding (for cleaning, safety initiatives, being leveraged from existing budgets and the private sector. Investment for the Golden Mile refurbishment and the activation of Reading are the significant Council investments into the revitalisation of Courtenay Place.

# 2.4 Te Toi Mahana | Quarterly Report

# Why is there no financial commentary in the covering report that highlights the financial impact on WCC?

The report from Te Toi Mahana is primarily operational in nature, based on the reporting requirements contained in the agreements between WCC and the Trust. WCC has no influence on how Te Toi Mahana operates as a fully independent entity.

The report notes that financial sustainability and improved financial outcomes achieved by the Trust will benefit both parties.

# Can we get a simple breakdown of total number of WCC properties managed and the number requiring upgrades and the number requiring healthy home upgrades?

As at 29 February 2024 there are 1676 properties actively leased to Te Toi Mahana. The remaining properties are either leased to a third party or are being upgraded and/or prepared to be leased to the Trust.

Currently 89% of the housing assets comply with Healthy Homes Guarantees Act (HHGA) requirements. The remaining 11% of units have between 1-3 elements of the HHGA remaining to be completed to achieve compliance. Council is confident the 1 July 2024 HHGA deadline will be met. On completion, 1676 properties will have received Healthy Homes upgrades.

Approximately 846 properties are scheduled for upgrade as part of the Housing Upgrade Programme (HUP2) to meet Deed of Grant requirements.

#### Re: page 164, clause 25: What is an approx. average cost per upgrade per unit (i.e. 850 units)?

The forecasted expected spend for the Housing Upgrade Programme (HUP2) to meet Deed of Grant requirements is approximately \$396 million exclusive of inflation and depreciation. Included within this allocation :

 \$332.5 million for upgrading approximately 846 properties to meet Deed of Grant requirements with the Crown (equivalent to approximately \$393,000 per unit). These figures include both upgrades and costs related to re-housing/temporary leasing to facilitate upgrades.

- An allowance of \$60 million for seismic remediation to the HUP1 portfolio (due to risks associated with changes in legislation since the completion of previous upgrades delivered as part of HUP1).
- \$3.5 million for demolition activities to support the return of the Granville site to the Tenths Trust.

# Re: page 168. There are 22 IRRS tenancies at the end of the second quarter. What is the trajectory for the next five years of number of IRRS tenancies?

The following response has been provided from Te Toi Mahana:

Te Toi Mahana became eligible to accept IRRS tenancies on September 15, 2023 (part Q1). Since then, the number of IRRS tenancies has steadily increased, rising from 8 in Q1 to 22 in Q2. We anticipate surpassing 50 IRRS tenancies by the end of Q3.

Note: The number of IRRS tenancies we can take depends on various factors, such as:

- Government policy directions: The current Public Housing Plan only covers up to June 2025, making it difficult to predict numbers beyond that date.
- Re-housing obligations: For example, any seismic strengthening work required on the existing housing stock and scheduled upgrades on assets such as the Housing Upgrade Programme Phase 2 (HUP2). We have also facilitated 18 transfers for Granville tenants since 15 September 2023, which is 18 units that cannot be used for IRRS tenancies (this re-housing is now finished).
- Internal transfer demand: We need to prioritise approved transfer requests from our existing tenants.
- The progress of Te Toi Mahana housing development projects.

Te Toi Mahana will continue collaborating with the Crown and agencies to navigate through challenges and uncertainties, ensuring housing solutions are provided to people on the public housing register.

#### How many properties does TTM manage on behalf of WCC?

As at 29 February 2024 there are 1676 properties actively leased to Te Toi Mahana. The remaining properties are either leased to a third party or are being upgraded and/or prepared to be leased to the Trust.

#### Re: page 175: How come TTM is showing a surplus when WCC own accounts show a deficit?

The deficit we understand you are referring to relates to costs associated with owning the buildings (rates, insurance, interest and depreciation) in addition to the costs of the HUP2 programme. Note that the Trust is showing an operational surplus.

# 2.5 Development Contribution Policy Review 2024

How will DCs work in this example? Newtown - We know densification is coming and will need an upgrade in water infrastructure and a new park - neither are yet budgeted for or designated in the LTP or DP. Can DC's work retrospectively? Can a park be planned and the money ringfenced until the site is secured? What is the process to ensure a site for a park is secured ahead of the developments?

DC can work retrospectively in that DC can be charged for community infrastructure that has been developed in anticipation of growth. The charging of Development Contributions is limited to the growth component of an investment whether charged proactively or retrospectively. Development Contributions cannot be charged on Equivalent household units that existed before the decision to impose DCs was taken.

Any growth components for capital projects need to be identified and included in the LTP.

# If the city has a blue network plan/more of a sponge city approach for stormwater mitigation, how can the DC''s work to help these plans come into effect? What is the process?

DC's by themselves cannot help these plans come into effect. The process should be that the plans are implemented by infrastructure investment projects. Those projects will be included in the LTP to be budgeted, funded and completed. The growth component of the projects will be identified and recovered from development.

# 2.6 2024-34 Long-Term Plan Consultation Document and Community Consultation Programme

Large projects: Why has the Council not provided sufficient details information about the proposed spend on Social Housing & Transport projects i.e. City Streets given they are significant budget items?

The purpose of the Consultation Document is to consult on key issues facing the Council/city, and the principle options in relation to those issues. The Consultation Document is supported by a range of supporting information, assumptions, budgets, activity statements, and financial policies and strategies. These will all be made available online so that the community can still find all the relevant information relating to housing and transport.

There are no proposed changes to housing as this was the subject of a separate LTP amendment last triennium, and so it is not referenced in the Consultation Document. Any changes to the budget are simply a reflection of better information and inflationary pressures.

City Streets and Thorndon Quay/Hutt Road are included in the Consultation Document as part of the Other Proposals section from page 37.

# Depreciation: How can Council justify applying the level of depreciation differently e.g. fully fund depreciation on cycleway but only fund a third of depreciation across water infrastructure? If it is an affordability issue, why not take a consistent approach across all assets?

Decisions regarding when to not fully fund depreciation are taken on a case-by-case basis. The decision to not fully fund three waters depreciation was a one-off decision as a consequence of managing the impacts of significant revaluation of three waters assets, and was approved on the

basis that, given the 3 Waters reform, it was financially prudent not to fully fund deprecation on assets Council may not continue to own. However, we forecasted that depreciation on three waters assets would be fully funded by 2028/29 given the uncertainty of reform at the time.

Decisions regarding not fully funding depreciation in relation to assets have been taken where it has been determined the assets are unlikely to be replaced when they reach the end of their useful life.

# Three waters (page 272): Why have Council not included an option for the full amount (opex and capex) as requested by WW?

The unconstrained WWL recommended budget is unaffordable for the Council and other Councils in the region, and as such officers have worked with Wellington Water to develop options for waters investment within the financial constraints of the 2024 LTP. The options to be consulted on was agreed by the Committee on 15 February.

#### Khandallah Pool (page 286):

The estimates for the upgrade by WCC have not been reviewed. Is it appropriate to include them and present them as accurate without peer review?

Officers have assumed the question relates to the **\$11.7m** capital costs associated with the rebuild of Khandallah Pool.

Officers are comfortable with the Quantity Surveyor estimates provided based on the concept design and the available site technical information.

Why did officers consult specifically with the Community on the options for the pool as previously agree and reiterated last year at the time of the Community Facilities Network Review?

Note: We have read this questions as 'why have we not'

We have engaged with the local community on Khandallah Pool through a local reference group for some time about the future of the facility.

We have also consulted on all community facilities more broadly through Te Awe Māpara (community facilities plan). The plan does not provide specific answers – but highlights the areas we need to focus on.

There is significant demand for investment in the city, and this LTP includes a reprogrammed capital programme and choices on the level of investment to be made over the next ten years. The proposed level of investment for Khandallah Pool is included in the LTP CD for consultation with the community.

#### Wadestown Community Centre (page 287):

# What legal implications face the Council if it chooses to dispose of this asset without local community support?

Council will consult the community on the proposed divestment of the site according to our Significance and Engagement policy and Local Government Act 2002 provisions. This consultation will take place through the draft 2024-34 Long-Term Plan, and public submission process. Following the consultation, Councilor's can then choose to progress the sale, or not. There is no specific legal implication for the Council if the asset is disposed of

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without local community support, however as with all consultations and decisions, appropriate processes should be followed.

To clarify the status of the site and concern about the legality of a sale if that was the decision of Council. The Wadestown Club offered the site to Wellington City Council in 1930 in exchange for taking on the debts (£320) of the Club. Documentation outlining the conditions of the agreement has been digitised, and is available from the Wellington City Archives: Archives Online (wcc.govt.nz).

Why did officers consult specifically with the Community on the options for the centre as previously agree and reiterated last year at the time of the Community Facilities Network Review?

Officers have assumed the question to have read "why did officers <u>not</u> consult specifically ....".

Consultation on divestment of the Wadestown Community Centre was conducted as part of the 2021 LTP.

We have also consulted on all community facilities more broadly through Te Awe Māpara (community facilities plan). The plan does not provide specific answers – but highlights the areas we need to focus on.

There is significant demand for investment in the city, and this LTP includes a reprogrammed capital programme and choices on the level of investment to be made over the next ten years. The proposed divestment of Wadestown Community centre is included the LTP CD for consultation with the community.

#### Consultation Form (page 301):

Will there be a simplified form for the public to attach an email?

Will a simplified form enable only those that wish to comment on a specific topic of their choosing to do so?

#### Will there be a simplified hard copy form available?

The submission form will be available as a separate document to download on the LTP website and in hard copy at our libraries and Arapaki Service Centre. This will be able to be emailed to the LTP Engagement Team or sent back via FreePost.

There is no requirement for submitters to use the form or to fill out the entire form – they can submit in the manner they choose. This is for the online version as well – submitters will be able to skip the questions they don't want to answer and they can upload supporting documents at the end.

Many submissions, particularly from organisations, are via email with attached documents and on a specific topic of importance to the submitter (ie a particular grants process or a funding request) Participatory budgeting (PB) - visualise budgetary trade-offs (page 307): How will this happen? Why was not such a tool provided to elected members?

This will happen via the PB tool 'a Balancing Act <u>Balancing Act - Participatory Budgeting</u> (abalancingact.com). Elected Members will be able to access the tool on the Let's Talk LTP hub once it is ready (during the consultation period).

#### Engagement (page 308): What engagement is planned with various business groups (excl BIDs)?

Alongside specific hui with the Business Improvement Districts, we will provide businesses with a pack of resources to share with their groups, explaining the LTP and how to make a submission via the networks of our Economic Wellbeing team and the Poneke Pulse distribution list.

#### Budgets (pages 334-341): Please provide an A3 size attachment for these pages.

An A3 copy of pages 334-341 has been provided in the Councillors' Lounge.

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Subject: FW: Development Contribution Totals - to be tabled

#### Hi Rebecca

I intend tabling the information email from Officers and sent to all councillors earlier today.

Cheers

#### Tony Randle

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Hi

WRT to Development Contributions Policy, Officers provided some answers to my questions (see below) and I thought you should be aware of this information before you consider this report.

Cheers

Tony Randle

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Good afternoon Councillor,

Please see below the answers to your questions.

Kind regards, Michael

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Subject: Development Contribution Totals

Hi Liam

Tomorrows LTP committee meeting includes Item 2.5 - Development Contribution Policy Review 2024. And includes (in the attached policy):

4.3 Development contributions may be levied for the following activities.

- a. Water
- b. Wastewater
- c. Stormwater
- d. Transport

e. Reserves f. Community infrastructure.

I also note that "Table 1 Charges per HUE" (page 201) outlines **current** charges across different suburbs.

My questions on this:

1. What is the **current** total Development Contributions for each of the different activities?

#### 2021 DCP:

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Table 9. To	tal cost	of capital	expend	iture for	growth	and	funding s	ources

Community Facilities	Total Cost of Capital Works (\$000)	Total Growth Component to be funded by Development Contributions (\$000)
Parks and Reserves - Catchment	20,107	19,340
Parks and Reserves -City Wide	298,707	16,735
Transport - Catchment	65,934	36,108
Transport - City Wide	909,150	48,136
Storm Water - City Wide	172,569	10,517
Wastewater - City Wide	466,949	5,240
Wastewater - Catchment	155,750	59,904
Water Supply - Catchment	142,554	59,884
Water Supply - City Wide	400,039	18,043
Community Infrastructure -City Wide	167,113	17,450
Total	2,790,886	291,457

2. What is the **proposed future** total Development Contributions for each of the different activities?

#### Draft 2024 DCP

#### Table 8. Total cost of capital expenditure for growth and funding sources

Community Facilities	Total Cost of Capital Works (\$000)	Total Growth Component to be funded by Development Contributions (\$000)	
Parks and Reserves - Catchment	20,107	14,503	
Parks and Reserves -City Wide	298,707	85,934	
Transport - Catchment	65,934	36,108	
Transport - City Wide	909,150	455,617	
Storm Water - City Wide	172,569	1,669	
Wastewater - City Wide	466,949	7,721	
Wastewater - Catchment	155,750	0	

Total	2,790,886	746,645
Community Infrastructure -City Wide	167,113	9,829
Water Supply - City Wide	400,039	40,612
Water Supply - Catchment	142,554	94,652

3. What is the estimated total future development contribution for water infrastructure in greenfield areas and will this cover the cost of expanding this infrastructure?

No capital growth programmes have been approved by Council to service greenfield growth areas specifically. Only the central and coastal catchment has a specific water programme that is related to growth, and which DCs are proposed to be collected for. Reactive growth-related programmes that apply city-wide have been approved by Council for inclusion in the LTP, and which will be collected for via DCs. This amounts to approximately \$150,000/yr each for stormwater, wastewater and water supply.

4. What is the estimated total future development contribution for water infrastructure in brownfield parts of the city?

#### See table 8 above (in response to question 2)

5. Why are the current charges for water infrastructure so low (e.g. \$49 for stormwater and \$272 for wastewater) and how much will they increase to cover the cost of city growth?

The draft Development Contributions fees reflect the capital growth programmes that Council has approved for inclusion in the LTP.

6. Why are the current charges the same across suburbs with very different infrastructure deficits and will future charges be adjusted to the local cost to expand city infrastructure?

The draft Development Contributions fees reflect the capital growth programmes that Council has approved for inclusion in the LTP. Specific programmes will be required in the future to address catchment specific deficits and to address growth.

7. Has Wellington Water been consulted on this policy and do they support it?

No. Wellington Water's input into the process is through the LTP budget process, which Council has endorsed.

Some information on this would help my understanding of this policy. Apologies for the lateness of these questions.

Cheers

Tony Randle

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Subject: Amendments to LTP

The draft Long Term Plan is due to be audited. We should ensure that it is accurate as possible. I am extremely disappointed that the following matter and amendments were not allowed to be debated by the Chair- Cllr Matthews. Allowing the LTP to be finalised for audit without correcting incorrect information is unfortunate.

Over the past few weeks you have seen the reaction of the broader Onslow Community in particular Wadestown Ngaio and Khandallah on the proposed closures. No other parts of the city are facing such closures. Late last year you all endorsed the Community Facilities Network Plan. We were assured there were no closures planned and if there were there would be extensive engagement with the local communities. A paragraph within a 50 page consultation document is by far not enough for assets that each are nearing 100 years and the decision made by the Long Term Plan committee ignored previous Council decisions and should have been ruled out at the time.

Communities have become mobilised over what they see as a failure of the Council to engage with them as promised on numerous occasions. They feel let down especially after such proposals coming through last minute.

Within three weeks a petition has gathered close to 2,900 signatures to save the pool.

Elected members have been provided with information from Council officers that on the face of it supports closure however;

- Wadestown Community Centre was gifted with minimum debt. That's correct but in today's terms of a \$1million dollar building, it would have been equivalent to a mortgage of approx. \$30k. Liquidation does not always mean insolvent by any means
- For the summer pool, you have before you an upgrade at a level that was never envisaged by the community. The focus was always meant to have been to do the work within the funding envelope not outside of it that makes it less palatable. Costs have also been

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inflated through incorporating stream management work that has to be done anyway regardless of what's there.

The communities are asking for what has been promised by this Council over the past couple of years – and that is to engage. It's not difficult but it needs to genuine and not as a paragraph in the LTP consultation document.

Now Council may agree to retain the asset closures in the LTP but this is not the engagement previously promised and resolutions formally passed prior to last month's committee meeting. The LTP is a consultation document and does not enable the promised engagement involving participatory decision making with those directly impacted.

Elected members have been advised that they can't make changes to the LTP draft. They can. The amounts involved are small, not part of the main consultation and can easily be pulled out as they never should have been included. They are not one of the three main proposals.

This is about following through on promises and agreements made. This is about ensuring we use the collective knowledge from our communities to get to a compromise and sustainable solutions.

Council can agree to make these changes . We should be using **Process** to get good decision making not as a method to avoid doing what's right.

The amendments ruled out of order by the Chair- Cllr Matthews are;

#### Amendments

- 1. Exclude, from the Long term Plan consultation document, the closures of both the Wadestown Community Centre and the Khandallah Summer Pool retaining existing funding (opex and capex) to enable respective community engagement to determine viable options prior to the 2025/26 annual plan and within existing approved funding arrangements.
- 2. Subject to amendment one delay the upgrade to Khandallah Summer Pool until years 2-4 of the LTP to enable a refined design to fit within the existing funding
- 3. Note that retaining the Wadestown Community Centre and Khandallah Summer Pool will increase draft LTP figures capex by approximately \$3 million (from \$5 million to \$8 million), increase debt by \$1+ million (due to removing the revenue from the sale of Wadestown Community Centre and increase opex costs of approximately \$150,000 per year to enable the retention of staff and other operating costs

As elected members we are here to represent the community not the organisation.

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