

**ORDINARY MEETING**

**OF**

**WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**Time:** 9:30am  
**Date:** Tuesday, 21 July 2020  
**Venue:** Ngake (16.09)  
Level 16, Tahiwī  
113 The Terrace  
Wellington

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**PRESENT**

Mayor Foster  
Councillor Calvert  
Councillor Condie  
Councillor Day  
Councillor Fitzsimons  
Councillor Foon  
Deputy Mayor Free  
Councillor Matthews  
Councillor O'Neill  
Councillor Pannett  
Councillor Paul  
Councillor Rush  
Councillor Sparrow (via audio-visual link)  
Councillor Woolf  
Councillor Young (via audio-visual link)



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## 1 Meeting Conduct

### 1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 9:33am and invited members to stand and read the following karakia to open the meeting.

**Tuia i runga, tuia i raro**

Woven from above, woven from below

**Tuia te here tangata i a Nukuārangi  
Ki a Puanga Kai Rau, Ki a Matariki  
Ahunga Nui**

Interlacing our fundamental virtues to be in  
balance with the celestial and human realms

**Tō mata tini me pā ki roto, tō mata  
tini me pā ki waho**

To Puanga and Matariki, bringing forth  
aspirations of kindness and generosity

**Kia horahia te kura, he kura nui, he  
kura roa**

May your divine countenance be imbued  
inherently, manifesting itself throughout the  
community

**He kura takatū, mai i a  
rongotaketake**

So that goodwill is declared, may it be strong  
and enduring

**Ka rongo te pō, ka rongo te ao**

An enduring gift established on the pillar of  
peace

**Ka rongo i te ahi kā roa i tūārangi te  
whakaeke nei**

Resounding throughout times of hardship and  
times of abundance

**Ka whakaeke te haukai kia tina**

Resounding are the fires of ancestral  
connection, from times immemorial that  
ascend forth

**Ka whakaeke te haukai kia toka**

**Ka whakaeke te haukai kia uru ora**

May the gifts shared from one to another be  
upheld

**Whiti, whano, tau mai te mouri**

May these gifts be affirmed

**Haumi e! Hui e! Tāiki e!**

May these gifts sustain life and its vitality, may  
it be enduring

Proceed forth with hope, bringing balance to  
our lives

Bringing people together as one!

### 1.2 Apologies

#### Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Calvert

#### Resolved

That the Council:

1. Accept the apologies received from Councillor Young for late arrival.

A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf

**Against:**

None

**Absent:**

Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 14:0

**Carried**

### **1.3 Announcements by the Mayor**

Mayor Foster welcomed Sara Hay, Council's new Chief Financial Officer.

### **1.4 Conflict of Interest Declarations**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

### **1.5 Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Deputy Mayor Free**

**Resolved**

That the Council:

1. Approve the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 June 2020, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf

**Against:**

None

**Absent:**

Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 14:0

**Carried**

## **1. 6 Items not on the Agenda**

There were no items not on the agenda.

## **1. 7 Public Participation**

### **1.7.1 Pauline Swann**

Pauline Swann spoke to items 2.1 Adoption of 2020/21 Annual Plan and 2.3 Statement of Proposal for the Future of the Central Library.

(Councillor Young joined the meeting at 9:42am)

### **1.7.2 Richard Burrell – Building Solutions**

Richard Burrell spoke to item 2.3 Statement of Proposal for the Future of the Central Library.

## **Tabled Documents at Public Participation**

### **Attachments**

- 1 Pauline Swann

## **2. General Business**

### **2.1 Adoption of 2020/21 Annual Plan**

#### **Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Deputy Mayor Free**

#### **Resolved**

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note that the Annual Plan/Long-term Plan Committee considered the results of consultation including the issues raised in written and oral submissions at its meeting of 30 June 2020.
3. Note that the 2020/21 Annual Plan (attached as Attachment 1) has been prepared based on the decisions and recommendations of the Annual Plan/Long-term Plan Committee meeting of 30 June 2020.

#### *Inconsistent decision*

4. Note that the draft budget prepared for 2020/21 proposes using debt to offset forecast lost revenue and that this is inconsistent with Council's Revenue and Financing Policy.
5. 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.

6. Note the nature of the inconsistency, the reason for the inconsistency, and how Council will accommodate the inconsistency as outlined in section 8 of the report.
7. Note that Council has considered the response to the forecast impacts on Council's finances (due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the implications of the national 'lockdown') and the need to invest in the essential infrastructure and services needed for health, safety and wellbeing, with the need to support local economic activity and recognising the financial stress and uncertainty that ratepayers are facing.
8. Agree that it is prudent to not have a balanced budget for the 2020/21 Annual Plan, where operating revenues are not sufficient to meet operating expenses.
9. Agree to operate a 2020/21 Annual Plan budget inconsistent with Council's Revenue and Financing Policy for 2020/21 in response to COVID-19 pandemic.
10. Adopt the 2020/21 Annual Plan (Attachment 1) including:
  - a. Our work in detail, the statements of service provision (including performance information).
  - b. A schedule covering the activities of Council's Council Controlled Organisations.
  - c. A schedule of changes to fees and charges.
  - d. Forecast Financial Statements.
  - e. Funding Impact Statements.
  - f. Annual Plan disclosure statement.
  - g. Statement concerning the balancing of the budget.
  - h. Changes to Rates Postponement policy.
  - i. Project and Programme budgets.
11. Agree the revised Rates Postponement Policy in Appendix 2 of the 2020/21 Annual Plan which includes an extension of the COVID-19 response to postpone 2020/21 Quarter One rates instalments for six months.
12. Note the Rates Postponement Policy can be changed at any time to include any further response to COVID-19 as required.
13. Note that having adopted the 2020/21 Annual Plan (including the 2020/21 Funding Impact Statement), the rates for the year commencing on 1 July 2020 and concluding on 30 June 2021 will need to be set by Council in accordance with section 23 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, as outlined in the 2020/21 Rates Setting paper.
14. Delegate to the Chief Executive and the Mayor the authority to make any editorial changes that may arise as part of the publication process.



A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf

**Against:**

Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 14:1

**Carried**

**Secretarial note:** Reference to be made to Attachment 1 of item 2.1 on the Council meeting agenda of 21 July 2020.

## **2.2 Setting of Rates for 2020/21**

### **Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Calvert**

#### **Resolved**

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Having adopted the 2020/21 Annual Plan (including the 2020/21 Funding Impact Statements), agree under section 23 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (LGRA) to set the following rates for the year commencing on 1 July 2020 and concluding on 30 June 2021:
  - a. General Rate

A differential general rate under section 13 of the LGRA as an amount per dollar of capital value on each rating unit as follows:

    - A rate of 0.183612 cents per dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Base differential rating category.
    - A rate of 0.596784 cents per dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category.
  - b. Targeted rate for water supply

A targeted rate for water supply under section 16 and section 19 of the LGRA as follows:

    - For rating units incorporated in the Base differential rating category, either:
      - i. For rating units connected to the public water supply with a water meter installed, a consumption unit rate of \$2.776 per cubic metre of water used, and a fixed amount per rating unit of \$153.93, or

- ii. For rating units connected to the public water supply without a water meter installed a fixed amount of \$189.39 per rating unit, and a rate of 0.037975 cents per dollar of capital value.
- For rating units incorporated in the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category, either:
  - i. For rating units connected to the public water supply with a water meter installed, a consumption unit rate of \$2.776 per cubic metre of water used, and a fixed amount per rating unit of \$153.93, or
  - ii. For rating units connected to the public water supply without a water meter installed a rate of 0.430761 cents per dollar of capital value.
- c. Targeted rate for sewerage

A targeted rate for sewerage under section 16 of the LGRA on each rating unit connected to the Council sewerage system as follows:

  - For rating units incorporated in the Base differential rating category:
    - i. A fixed amount of \$116.36 per rating unit, and a rate of 0.033350 cents per dollar of capital value.
  - For rating units incorporated in the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category:
    - ii. A rate of 0.150849 cents per dollar of capital value.
- d. Targeted rate for stormwater

A targeted rate for stormwater under section 16 of the LGRA as follows:

  - For rating units incorporated in the Base differential rating category but excluding those rating units classified in the rural area under the Council's operative District Plan:
    - i. A rate of 0.029071 cents per dollar of capital value.
  - For rating units incorporated in the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category but excluding those rating units classified in the rural area under the Council's operative District Plan:
    - ii. A rate of 0.038469 cents per dollar of capital value.
- e. Targeted rate for the Commercial sector

A targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA as follows for rating units incorporated in the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category:

  - i. A rate of 0.031556 cents per dollar of capital value.
- f. Targeted rate for the Base sector

A targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA as follows for rating units

incorporated in the Base differential rating category:

- i. A rate of 0.013741 cents per dollar of capital value.
- g. Targeted rate for Downtown Area

A targeted rate for the Downtown Area under section 16 of the LGRA on each rating unit incorporated in the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category and located within the area designated as downtown, as described by the Downtown Targeted Rate Area map.

- i. A rate of 0.123540 cents per dollar of capital value.



- h. Targeted rate for Tawa Driveways

A targeted rate for Tawa Driveways under section 16 of the LGRA on each rating unit identified as being one of a specific group of rating units with shared residential access driveways in the suburb of Tawa, that are maintained by the Council as follows:

- i. A fixed amount of \$133.33 per rating unit
- i. Targeted rate for Miramar Business Improvement District Area

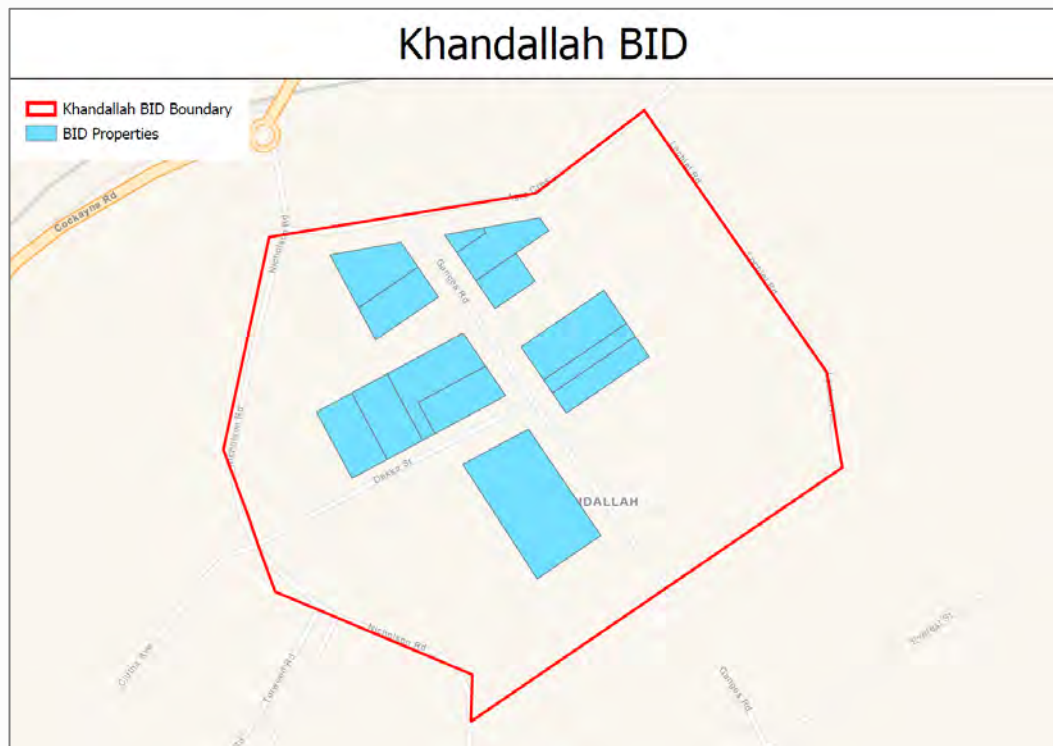
A targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA to fund the Business Improvement

District activities of Enterprise Miramar Peninsula Incorporated on all rating units within the Miramar Business Improvement District (refer map) which are subject to the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category as follows:

- i. A fixed amount of \$365.00 per rating unit, and
- ii. A rate of 0.015889 cents per dollar of rateable capital value.



- j. Targeted rate for Khandallah Business Improvement District Area  
A targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA to fund the Business Improvement District activities of the Khandallah Village Business Association on all rating units within the Khandallah Business Improvement District (refer map) which are subject to the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category as follows:
  - i. A rate of 0.115440 cents per dollar of rateable capital value.



k. Targeted rate for Kilbirnie Business Improvement District Area

A targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA to fund the Business Improvement District activities of Kilbirnie Business Network on all rating units within the Kilbirnie Business Improvement District (refer map) which are subject to the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category as follows:

- i. A fixed amount of \$500.00 per rating unit, and
- ii. A rate of 0.016319 cents per dollar of rateable capital value.

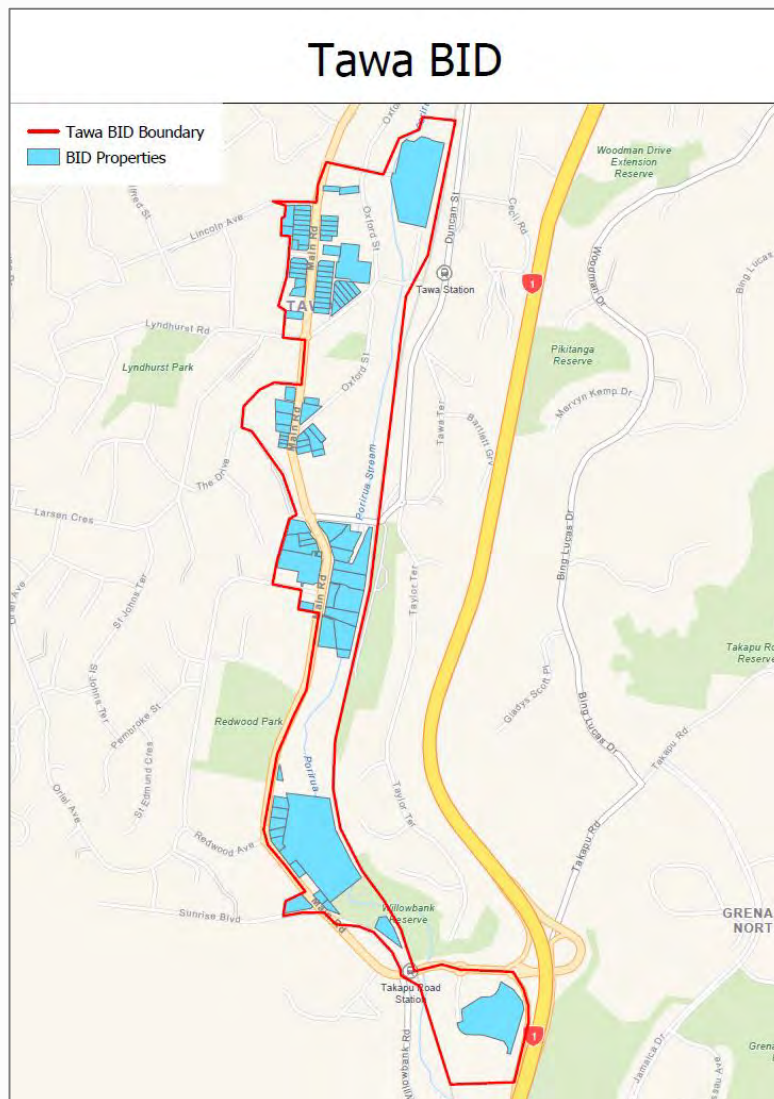




I. Targeted rate for Tawa Business Improvement District Area

A targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA to fund the Business Improvement District activities of Tawa Business Group on all rating units within the Tawa Business Improvement District (refer map) which are subject to the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category as follows:

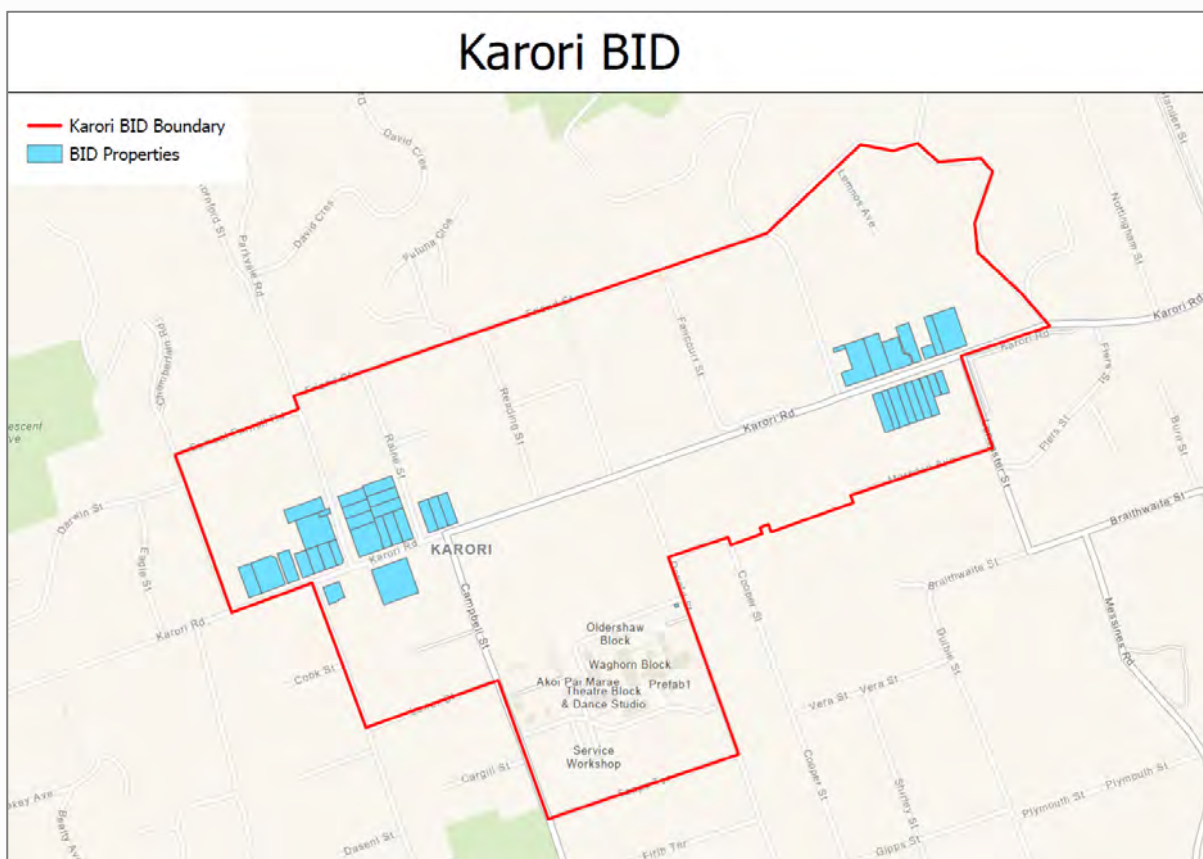
- i. A fixed amount of \$520.00 per rating unit, and
- ii. A rate of 0.049355 cents per dollar of rateable capital value.



m. Targeted rate for Karori Business Improvement District Area

A targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA to fund the Business Improvement District activities of the Karori Business Association on all rating units within the Karori Business Improvement District (refer map) which are subject to the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category as follows:

- i. A rate of 0.108229 cents per dollar of rateable capital value.



3. Agree, under section 24 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to set the following due dates for the payment of rates for the 2020/21 year:

With the exception of targeted water rates which are charged via a water meter, all rates will be payable in four equal instalments, with due dates for payment being:

Instalment Number:	Due Date:
Instalment One	1 September 2020
Instalment Two	1 December 2020
Instalment Three	1 March 2021
Instalment Four	1 June 2021

Targeted water rates that are charged via a water meter on rating units incorporated under the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential will be invoiced on a one or two-month cycle, and are due at the date one month after the invoice date, as specified on the invoice.

Targeted water rates that are charged via a water meter on rating units incorporated under the Base differential will be invoiced on a three-month cycle, and are due at the date one month after the invoice date, as specified on the invoice.

Provided that, where the due date falls on a weekend or public holiday, the due date is the next working day.

4. Agree under sections 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (LGRA) to apply penalties to unpaid rates as follows:



- a. A penalty of 10% on the amount of any part of an instalment remaining unpaid after a due date in recommendation (3) above, to be added from the day outlined as the relevant penalty date shown below,
- | Instalment Number: | Due Date:        | Penalty Date:    |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Instalment One     | 1 September 2020 | 8 September 2020 |
| Instalment Two     | 1 December 2020  | 8 December 2020  |
| Instalment Three   | 1 March 2021     | 8 March 2021     |
| Instalment Four    | 1 June 2021      | 9 June 2021      |
- b. An additional penalty of 10% on any amount of rates assessed in previous years and remaining unpaid at 28 July 2020. The penalty will be applied on 28 July 2020.
- c. A further additional penalty of 10% on rates to which a penalty has already been added under recommendation 4(b) if the rates remain unpaid on 28 January 2021. The penalty will be applied on 28 January 2021.
- d. A penalty of 10% on the amount of any part of water meter charges remaining unpaid after a due date in recommendation (3) above, to be added from the day following the due date.
- e. An additional penalty of 10% on any amount of water charges from previous years that remain unpaid at 28 July 2020.
- f. A further additional penalty of 10% on water meter charges to which a penalty has already been added under recommendation 4(e) if the charges remain unpaid on 28 January 2021.
- g. That a penalty is calculated on the GST inclusive portion of any instalments unpaid after the due date. GST is not charged on the actual penalty itself.
5. Note that the Council's policy on remission of rates penalties is included in the Council's Rates Remission Policy and that the authority to remit penalties is delegated to the Chief Executive, Chief Financial Officer, Manager Financial Accounting, and the Rates Team Leader.
6. Note that the rates for the year commencing 1 July 2020 and concluding on 30 June 2021 are set excluding GST. GST will be applied when rates are assessed for 2020/21.
7. Note that rates shall be payable by:
- Cash, cheque or eftpos at the City Service Centre, 12 Manners Street, 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday.
  - Cash or eftpos at selected New Zealand Post outlets using a bar coded rates invoice, 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.
  - Posting a cheque through to our processing centre at the address provided on the rates notice.
  - Using our "rates easipay" direct debit system.
  - Internet banking and telephone banking options.

- Credit card on the Council website.

A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf

**Against:**

Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 14:1

**Carried**

### **Suspension of standing orders**

**Note:** In accordance with standing order 2.4 a motion to suspend standing orders requires a 75% majority in order to be carried.

### **Moved Councillor Day, seconded Councillor O'Neill**

That the Council:

1. Temporarily suspend the following standing order/s:
  - a) Standing order 20.6 Time limits on speakers.
  - b) Standing order 20.7 Member speaking more than once.
  - c) Standing order 21.12 Lost amendments.

A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush

**Against:**

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 9:6

**Lost**

**Secretarial note:** The meeting adjourned at 10:30am and reconvened at 10:55am with all the members present.

## 2.3 Statement of Proposal for the Future of the Central Library

### Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Deputy Mayor Free

#### Recommendation/s

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note that officers have prepared a Statement of Proposal (SOP) (attached as Attachment 1) for public consultation using the special consultative procedure (s83 Local Government Act 2002).
3. Note that the SOP outlines the reasonably practicable options, the advantages and disadvantages of each, high level indicative costs and the preferred option.
4. Note that a preferred option is required by s87 of Local Government Act 2002.
5. Note that the preferred option for consultation is Option C 'High Level Remediation'.
6. Approve and adopt the Statement of Proposal for consultation **with the following amendment:**
  - (a) on each option page clarify that the average annual increase in rates is for every year of the buildings useful life.
  - (b) (on page 15 words added in red and deleted in blue ) "There is also the potential to use spaces for community and educational programming, or civic participation and other Council staff and services."
  - (c) Question 3 in the Submission Form add the words "including transport" to the accessibility.
7. Note that the engagement and consultation for the Special Consultative Procedure is scheduled for 27 July to 7 September 2020.
8. Note that the report on the consultation and engagement process is scheduled for the 22 October 2020 meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee.
9. Note that officers will explore ~~the interest of the developer community~~ **what ideas and approaches the building construction sector may be able to contribute to enhancing outcomes and/or reducing the costs of** in the five options through an Expression of Interest process to be reported back to the Strategy and Policy Committee on 22 October 2020.
10. Delegate to the Chief Executive, Mayor and the Portfolio leaders **Libraries and Building Resilience** the authority to amend the proposed Statement of Proposal to include any amendments agreed by the Council, inclusive of the reasons for supporting the preferred option (if C is not chosen) and any associated minor consequential edits.

**Secretarial note:** Mayor Foster moved the original motion with amendments (supported by officers): clauses 6, 9 and 10 were amended.

**Secretarial note:** The meeting adjourned at 11:19am and reconvened at 11:22am with all the

members present.

**Moved Councillor Fitzsimons, seconded Councillor Matthews the following amendment**

That the Council:

5. Note that the preferred option for consultation is Option A
6. Approve and adopt the Statement of Proposal for consultation with the following amendment:
  - (a) That the preferred option is option A in order to ensure the library is open as soon as possible and as inexpensively as possible while providing at least life safety and ideally building re-occupation in the event of a significant earthquake.
9. Directs officers to not undertake a separate process to the Special Consultative Procedure with the "developer community" and ensure that all residents and interested groups are part of the same consultation process and that the Council maintains ownership of the building.

**Secretarial note:** The amendment moved by Councillor Fitzsimons and seconded by Councillor Matthews was taken in parts, the divisions for which are as follows:

- Clause 5. Note that the preferred option for consultation is Option A
- Clause 6. Approve and adopt the Statement of Proposal for consultation with the following amendment:
- (a) That the preferred option is option A in order to ensure the library is open as soon as possible and as inexpensively as possible while providing at least life safety and ideally building re-occupation in the event of a significant earthquake.

A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill and Councillor Paul

**Against:**

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf and Councillor Young.

Majority Vote: 5:10

**Lost**

- Clause 9 Directs officers to not undertake a separate process to the Special Consultative Procedure with the "developer community" and ensure that all residents and interested groups are part of the same consultation process and that the Council maintains ownership of the building.

A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett and Councillor Paul

**Against:**

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf and Councillor Young.

Majority Vote: 6:9

**Lost**

(Councillor Day left the meeting at 11:44am and returned at 11:45am.)

**Moved Councillor Calvert, seconded Councillor Condie the following amendment**

**Resolved**

That the Council:

5. Note that the preferred option for consultation is Option D.
6. Approve and adopt the Statement of Proposal for consultation
  - (a) noting the preferred option is D for the following main reasons:
    - (i) The building design can be optimised to meet all current and future service and sustainability requirements.
    - (ii) A new design will provide opportunities to honour the existing library heritage whilst still integrating well with the other parts of the civic precinct (existing and new).
    - (iii) There is greater certainty on project costs with projected lower costs than the remediation option to bring it up to a 100%+ level of NBS.
    - (iv) There is the opportunity to increase the size of the building to accommodate other council services and community partnerships enabling potential savings in other areas.

A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf and Councillor Young.

**Against:**

Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett and Councillor Paul

Majority Vote: 7:8

**Lost**

(Councillor Paul left the meeting at 12:07pm and returned at 12:10pm.)

**Secretarial note:** The meeting adjourned at 12:28pm and reconvened at 1:03pm with the

following members present: Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush and Councillor Woolf.  
(Councillor Foon and Councillor Young joined the meeting at 1:05pm.)

**Moved Councillor Day, seconded Councillor O'Neill the following amendment**

That the Council:

5. Note that the preferred option for consultation is Option B.
6. Approve and adopt the Statement of Proposal for consultation with the following amendment:
  - (a) that the preferred option is Option B in order to ensure the library is open as soon as possible and as inexpensively as possible while providing life safety in the event of a significant earthquake.
9. Note that officers will explore what ideas and approaches the building construction sector may be able to contribute to enhancing outcomes and/or reducing the costs of the five options through an Expression of Interest process to be reported back to the Strategy and Policy Committee on 22 October 2020 while maintaining Council ownership of the building.

**Secretarial note:** The amendment moved by Councillor Day and seconded by Councillor O'Neill was taken in parts, the divisions for which are as follows:

- Clause 5. Note that the preferred option for consultation is Option B.
- Clause 6. Approve and adopt the Statement of Proposal for consultation with the following amendment:
- (a) that the preferred option is Option B in order to ensure the library is open as soon as possible and as inexpensively as possible while providing life safety in the event of a significant earthquake.

A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill and Councillor Paul

**Against:**

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Rush and Councillor Woolf

**Absent:**

Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 5:8

**Lost**

- Clause 9. Note that officers will explore what ideas and approaches the building construction sector may be able to contribute to enhancing outcomes and/or

reducing the costs of the five options through an Expression of Interest process to be reported back to the Strategy and Policy Committee on 22 October 2020 while maintaining Council ownership of the building.

A division was required under standing order 27.6, voting on which was as follows:

**For:**

Mayor Foster, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush and Councillor Woolf

**Against:**

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie

**Absent:**

Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 11:2

**Carried**

(Deputy Mayor Free left the meeting at 1:30pm and returned at 1:32pm.)

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Paul the following amendment**

**Resolved**

That the Council:

6. Approve and adopt the Statement of Proposal for consultation with the following amendment:
  - (a) include a non-civic square building option which is not recommended to proceed with
  - (b) include consideration of options not proceeded with in the submissions
  - (c) agree to add in a question about people's priorities regarding the important factors in their submission by giving priority to those they select.

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**Against:**

Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Matthews, Councillor Rush

**Absent:**

Councillor Sparrow

Majority Vote: 11:3

**Carried**

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

**Resolved**

That the Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note that officers have prepared a Statement of Proposal (SOP) (attached as Attachment 1) for public consultation using the special consultative procedure (s83 Local Government Act 2002).
3. Note that the SOP outlines the reasonably practicable options, the advantages and disadvantages of each, high level indicative costs and the preferred option.
4. Note that a preferred option is required by s87 of Local Government Act 2002.
5. Note that the preferred option for consultation is Option C 'High Level Remediation'.
6. Approve and adopt the Statement of Proposal for consultation with the following amendments:
  - (a) on each option page clarify that the average annual increase in rates is for every year of the buildings useful life.
  - (b) (on page 15 words added in red and deleted in blue ) "There is also the potential to use spaces for community and educational programming, or civic participation and other Council staff and services."
  - (c) Question 3 in the Submission Form add the words "including transport" to the accessibility.
  - (d) include a non-civic square building option which is not recommended to proceed with
  - (e) include consideration of options not proceeded with in the submissions
  - (f) agree to add in a question about people's priorities regarding the important factors in their submission by giving priority to those they select.
7. Note that the engagement and consultation for the Special Consultative Procedure is scheduled for 27 July to 7 September 2020.
8. Note that the report on the consultation and engagement process is scheduled for the 22 October 2020 meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee.
9. Note that officers will explore what ideas and approaches the building construction sector may be able to contribute to enhancing outcomes and/or reducing the costs of the five options through an Expression of Interest process to be reported back to the Strategy and Policy Committee on 22 October 2020 while maintaining council ownership of the building.
10. Delegate to the Chief Executive, Mayor and the Portfolio leaders Libraries and Building Resilience the authority to amend the proposed Statement of Proposal to include any amendments agreed by the Council, inclusive of the reasons for supporting the preferred option (if C is not chosen) and any associated minor consequential edits.



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**Against:**

None

**Absent:**

Councillor Sparrow

Majority Vote: 14:0

**Carried**

**Secretarial note:** Reference to be made to Attachment 1 of item 2.3 on the Council meeting agenda of 21 July 2020.

The meeting concluded at 1:50pm with the reading of the following karakia:

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

Authenticated: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair

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**ORDINARY MEETING**

**OF**

**WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

**Time:** 9:30am  
**Date:** Tuesday, 21 July 2020  
**Venue:** Ngake (16.09)  
Level 16, Tahiwī  
113 The Terrace  
Wellington

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**Business**

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**Tabled Documents at Public Participation**

1. Pauline Swann

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WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2020

This is a follow up to our submission to the Annual Plan 20/21 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Our changing City (page 5) closed the Central Library and set up temporary services but we consider the Central Library should be No 1 on the priority list. At the time the article on Scoop received the following

WHERE'S THE WILL TO FIX THE LIBRARY MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> 2020 29 comments

CITY COUNCIL TOLD ITS ESTIMATES FOR STRENGTHENING THE LIBRARY ARE LUDICROUS – NOT ACCEPTABLE May 27<sup>TH</sup> 2020 24 comments

UNIQUE, irreplaceable so when will it be reopened May 28<sup>TH</sup> 2020 16 COMMENTS

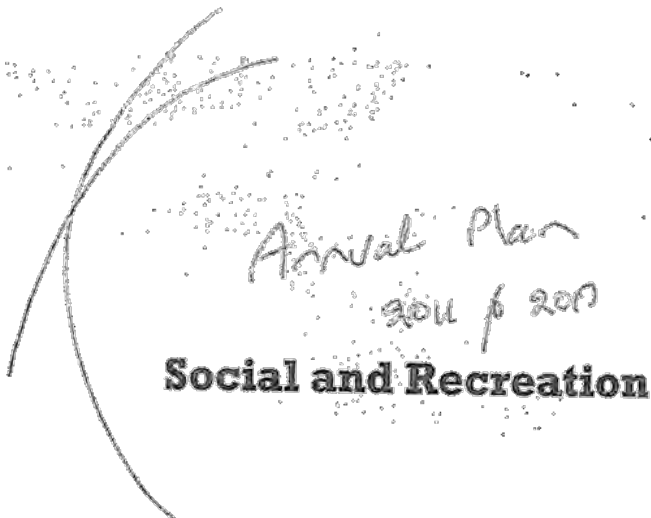
We would refer you to Wellington Structural Engineer Alan Thornton who challenged the estimates for strengthening the Central Library and he acknowledged the Public desire to get the Central Library reopened. And Architect Roger Walker said that demolition of the Central Library would be unthinkable...He said the building was recognised throughout the world and was part of a Category 1 Listed Heritage precinct.

Central Library Network (page 40) We closed the Central Library to the public on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 following an engineering assessment but we agree with Alan Thornton and Roger Walker.

With the above considered top priority like many other Wellingtonians we consider the Convention Centre is questionable and once again refer you to an article in the Listener February 2015 by Patrick Smellie where he quoted an article by Texan academic Heyward, T Sanders where he says "how limited and elusive the return from convention centre investments have proven to be in the USA despite a kind of arms race among cities to build more of them. And with the world in Lock down understand from a scientist who told me all conferences are currently on line.

Pauline and Athol Swann

21<sup>st</sup> July 2020



**5.1 LIBRARIES**

Libraries fill many roles in our communities and provide a hub for community life.

Libraries are places to read, listen, find information, and get together. In addition to providing access to books, music, magazines and information, they provide a focal point for community events, and play a heritage role by collecting information about the city's people and communities. They contribute to our goals of making Wellington more liveable, more inclusive, more actively engaged, better connected, healthier and safer.

The Central Library and 11 branch libraries provide access to over 600,000 books, 450,000 magazines, and 85,000 CDs, DVDs, videos and other items. The Central Library has a substantial collection of reference information and a large and frequently updated selection of books, magazines and audio-visual material. Suburban branch libraries offer a similar range but on a smaller scale.

The library website ([www.wcl.govt.nz](http://www.wcl.govt.nz)) provides 24 hour-a-day access to a substantial online catalogue and to online information such as newspaper databases and digital audiobooks. The libraries also offer a variety of outreach programmes.

We're proposing some modest reductions to library services to reduce our overall costs.

The library network is a significant area of investment each year and in considering what we could do to reduce our costs from this activity we have identified a number of modest savings options that if made, will not unduly impact on service continuity and the overall service experienced by library users.

In 2011/12 we're proposing to better align opening hours at the Central Library to demand which will see the Central Library close at 7pm instead of 8.30pm during the working week (\$57,000 savings). And we're proposing that the dedicated information desk on the ground floor be closed saving \$28,000. The remaining enquiry desks will remain open. We're also proposing that we move to providing most international newspapers in digital format only which will save \$20,000 per year.

In identifying savings for the 2011/12 year, a number of other library service dimensions were explored for efficiencies – but that on balance we have decided not to recommend. This included reducing smaller 'low use' branch library opening hours (Wadestown, Khandallah and Brooklyn) to half days which could provide \$347,000 savings per year.

We spend over \$20 million every year on the libraries network and believe the modest reductions proposed above will not adversely impact on the overall experience of the library service.

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**We're also preparing plans for a refresh of the Central Library.**

As part of a review of the city's community facilities last year, we agreed in principle to invest in a 'refresh' of the Central Library which is twenty years old. In the coming year we will prepare an initial concept plan and refine costs. The initial planning work is budgeted at \$180,000 for 2011/12 and the full cost of the Central Library refresh project is estimated at \$14.880m. A final funding decision on whether to go ahead with renewal of the Central Library will be made as part of the next long-term plan in 2012.

**MEASURING OUR PERFORMANCE**

Our targets for 2011/12 are:

- 90% of library users are satisfied with its services and facilities.
- 70% of residents are registered library users.
- 85% of residents are satisfied with the range and variety of collection.
- There are 2.5 million physical visits and two million website visits to our libraries.
- 80,000 (estimated) people attend various library programmes.
- 3.25 million items are issued from WCC libraries.
- 90% of residents agree that library services and facilities provide good value for money.

**WHAT IT WILL COST**

SCHEDULES	OPERATING EXPENDITURE 2011-2012			CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
	INCOME (\$'000)	EXPENDITURE (\$'000)	NET EXPENDITURE (\$'000)	2011-2012 TOTAL (\$'000)
5.1.1 Libraries network	(2,349)	21,216	18,867	2,235
<b>2011/12 5.1 Total</b>	<b>(2,349)</b>	<b>21,216</b>	<b>18,867</b>	<b>2,235</b>
<b>2010/11 5.1 Total</b>	<b>(2,338)</b>	<b>21,551</b>	<b>19,213</b>	<b>2,382</b>