
ORDINARY MEETING
OF
WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

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

PRESENT

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

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 9:30am with the following karakia.

Whakatata te hau ki te uru,	Cease oh winds of the west
Whakatata te hau ki te tonga.	and of the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta,	Let the bracing breezes flow,
Kia mātaratara ki tai.	over the land and the sea.
E hī ake ana te atākura.	Let the red-tipped dawn come
He tio, he huka, he hauhū.	with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,
Tihei Mauri Ora!	a promise of a glorious day

Aba Tekle Silassie Tekle Hawariat Bokan of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church blessed the meeting.

(Councillor Paul joined the meeting at 9:33am.)

1.2 Apologies

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Sparrow, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Accept the apologies received from Councillor Foon for early departure.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 26.7, voting on which was as follows:

For:

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

Absent:

Councillor O'Neill

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

1.3 Announcements by the Mayor

The Mayor made an announcement regarding the last six months, and expressed his gratitude for the efforts of citizens in continuing to practice good hygiene and contact tracing, and his gratitude to staff and contractors overnight during the state of emergency in Breaker Bay, and to the citizens who took heed of the advice to evacuate.

1. 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1. 5 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Fitzsimons, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Approves the minutes of the Ordinary Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council Meeting held on 26 May 2021, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 26.7, voting on which was as follows:

For:

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

Absent:

Councillor O'Neill

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

(Councillor O'Neill joined the meeting at 9:47am.)

1. 6 Items not on the Agenda

Additional agenda item: Implementation of Parking Changes

The chairperson gave notice of a matter requiring urgent attention as follows:

Implementation of Parking Changes

- The item is not on the agenda because the implementation of the parking changes and related operational requirements need further consideration.
- The decision cannot be delayed because of committee availability over the coming month, and the operational implementation tasks that need to be made.

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

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Consider the item regarding the Parking Implementation Plan as a major item not on the agenda of the 30 June 2021 Council meeting.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 26.7, voting on which was as follows:

For:

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

Against:

Councillor Pannett

Majority Vote: 14:1

Carried

1. 7 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Secretarial note: In accordance with standing order 19.1, the chairperson accorded precedence to some items of business and announced that the agenda would be considered in the following order:

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| Item | 2.1 | Adoption of the 2021-31 Long-term Plan |
| Item | 2.2 | Setting of Rates for 2021/22 |
| Item | 2.3 | Mayoral Travel to Asia Pacific Cities Summit in Australia – September 2021 |
| Item | 2.5 | Parking Implementation Plan |
| Item | 2.4 | Forward Programme |
| Item | 3.1 | Report of the Pūroro Rangaranga Social, Cultural and Economic Committee meeting of 22 June 2021 |
| Item | 3.2 | Report of the Pūroro Waihanga Infrastructure Committee meeting of 23 June 2021 |
| Item | 4.2 | Appointment of Mana Whenua Representatives to Council Committees |
| Item | 4.1 | Wellington Museums Trust Board Appointments |

2. General Business

2.1 Adoption of the 2021-31 Long-Term Plan

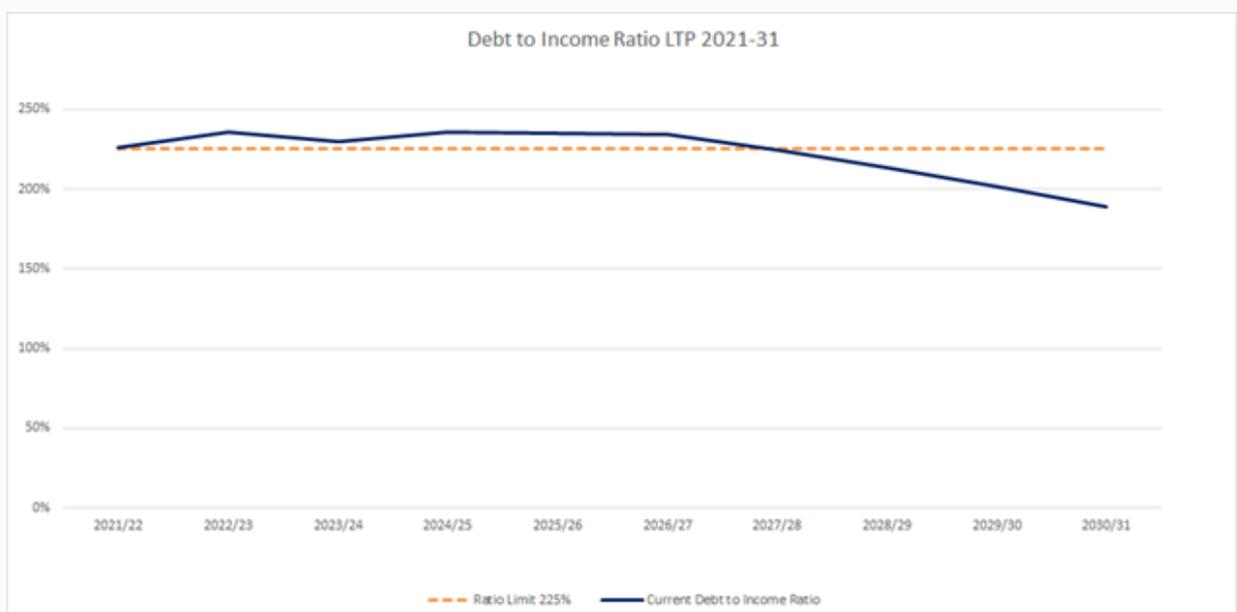
Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Deputy Mayor Free, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note that the Annual Plan/Long-term Plan Committee considered the issues raised in written and oral submissions at its meeting of 27 May 2021
3. Note that the 2021-31 Long-term Plan (attached as Attachment 1) has been prepared based on the decisions and recommendations of the Annual Plan/Long-term Plan Committee meeting of 27 May 2021.
4. Note that the potential total debt forecasted in the Long-term Plan exceeds the financial policy setting of 225% debt to income ratio in the first 6 years, reaching 236% in 2024/25 and returns to within policy by 2027/28.
5. Note that the draft budget prepared for 2022/23 proposes using debt to offset operating expenditure and that this is inconsistent with Council's Revenue and Financing Policy as further explained in sections 12 and 13.
6. 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.
7. Note the nature of the inconsistency, the reason for the inconsistency, and how Council will accommodate the inconsistency as outlined in section 11 of this report.
8. Note that the 3 year rates limit in the Long-term Plan and Financial and Infrastructure Strategy is being set at \$475m.
9. Note the changes to Marina Fees and User charges. This change was done in consultation with the affected user group
10. Agree that, having regard to the requirements of section 100 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Council's forecasting assumptions and Revenue and Financing Policy, it is financially prudent not to set a level of operating revenue that meets the projected operating expenses of Council.
11. Agree that for 2021/22 year, it is financially prudent to forecast a surplus \$15.7 million.
12. Note the closing borrowings over the 10-Year plan is expected to be \$1.5 billion
13. Adopt the 2021-31 Long-term Plan (Attachment1) including:
 - Community outcomes and three-year priorities
 - Statements of Service Provision (including performance measures)

- A schedule covering the activities of Council's CCOs
 - A schedule of changes to fees and charges
 - Forecast Financial Statements
 - 2021-31 Long-term Plan disclosure statement for the period commencing 1 July 2021
 - Funding Impact Statement
 - Statement concerning the balancing of the budget
 - Project and Programme Budgets
 - Financial and Infrastructure Strategy
 - Funding and Financial Policies (Revenue and Financing Policy, Investment and Liability Management Policies, Rates Remission Policy, Rates Postponement Policy)
 - Statement of Significant Forecasting Assumptions
 - Significance and Engagement Policy.
14. Note that having adopted the 2021-31 Long-term Plan (including the 2021-31 Funding Impact Statement), the rates for the year commencing on 1 July 2021 and concluding on 30 June 20122 will need to be set by Council in accordance with section 23 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, as outlined in the 2021/22 Rates Setting paper.
15. Delegate to the Chief Executive and the Mayor the authority to make any editorial changes that may arise as part of the publication process, and any changes that occur as a result of decisions made at this Council meeting of 30 June 2021.
16. **Agree that the Finance and Infrastructure Strategy include the following:**



The graph above shows the level of debt breaches the limit of 225% up until 2026/27 when the debt to income reduces, mainly due to a surplus of depreciation funding that is not spent on renewals. It is important to note that surplus depreciation is expected at this point in time due to the increased investment in new assets that are being depreciated incrementally over their useful life and well before they are due for

renewal. For example, the \$53m new Omāroro Reservoir is expected to be completed in 2022. It is expected to have a useful life of 100 years and therefore there will be a very small (or nil) amount of renewal spend on this new reservoir in the first ten years of its life. To ensure Council has adequate debt headroom for future renewals, Council has set its debt:income ratio at 225%, well below the LGFA covenant level and will also be providing regular reporting to the Finance and Performance Committee.

Carried

Secretarial note: Mayor Foster moved the motion with amendments, supported by officers as marked in red. The motion moved by Mayor Foster and seconded by Deputy Mayor Free was decided part by part, the divisions for which are as follows:

Clauses 1-12, 15 and 16:

For:

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

Majority Vote: 15:0

Carried

Clause 13:

For:

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

Against:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 12:3

Carried

Clause 14:

For:

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

Against:

Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 13:2

Carried

Attachments

1 LTP Audit Opinion - tabled

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:30am and reconvened at 10:56am with all members present.

2.2 Setting of Rates for 2021/22

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Rush, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note the rates stated in the following recommendations exclude GST and GST will be applied.
3. Having adopted the 2021/22 Long-term Plan (including the 2021/22 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 2021 and concluding on 30 June 2022:
 - 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 0.211957 cents per dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Base differential rating category.
 - A rate of 0.688113 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 \$2.435 per cubic metre of water used, and a fixed amount per rating unit of \$135.96, or
 - ii. For rating units connected to the public water supply without a water meter installed a fixed amount of \$197.70 per rating unit, and a rate of 0.039290 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 \$2.435 per cubic metre of water used, and a fixed amount per rating unit of \$135.96, or
 - ii. For rating units connected to the public water supply without a water meter installed a rate of 0.456895 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 0.036096 cents per dollar of capital value.
 - For rating units incorporated in the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category:
 - ii. A rate of 0.159422 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 0.037412 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 0.049609 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 0.039654 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 0.017614 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 0.144915 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:

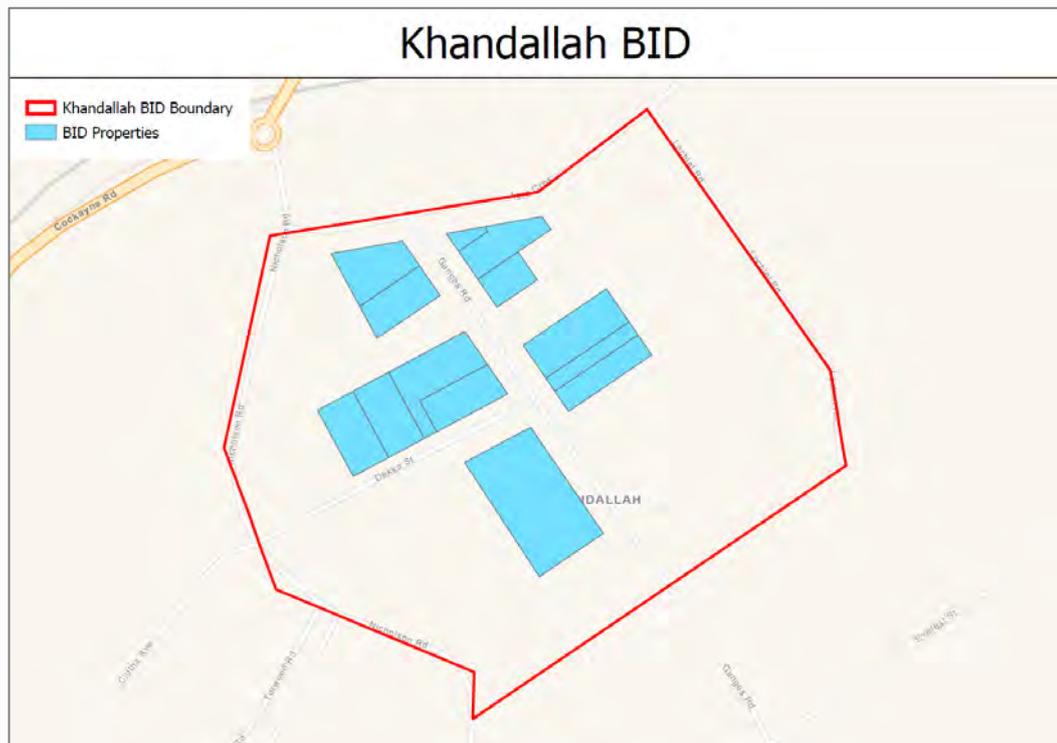
- i. A fixed amount of \$365.00 per rating unit, and
- ii. A rate of 0.015874 cents per dollar of rateable capital value.



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 0.057858 cents per dollar of rateable capital value.

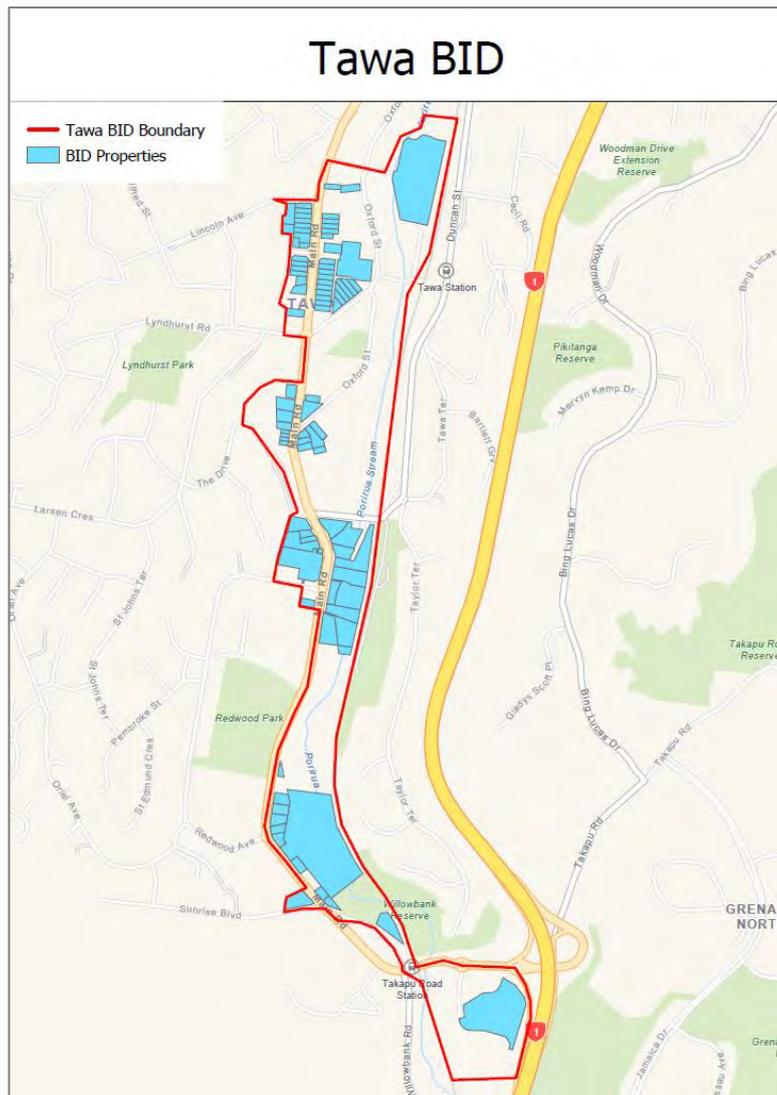
Kilbirnie BID Expansion



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:

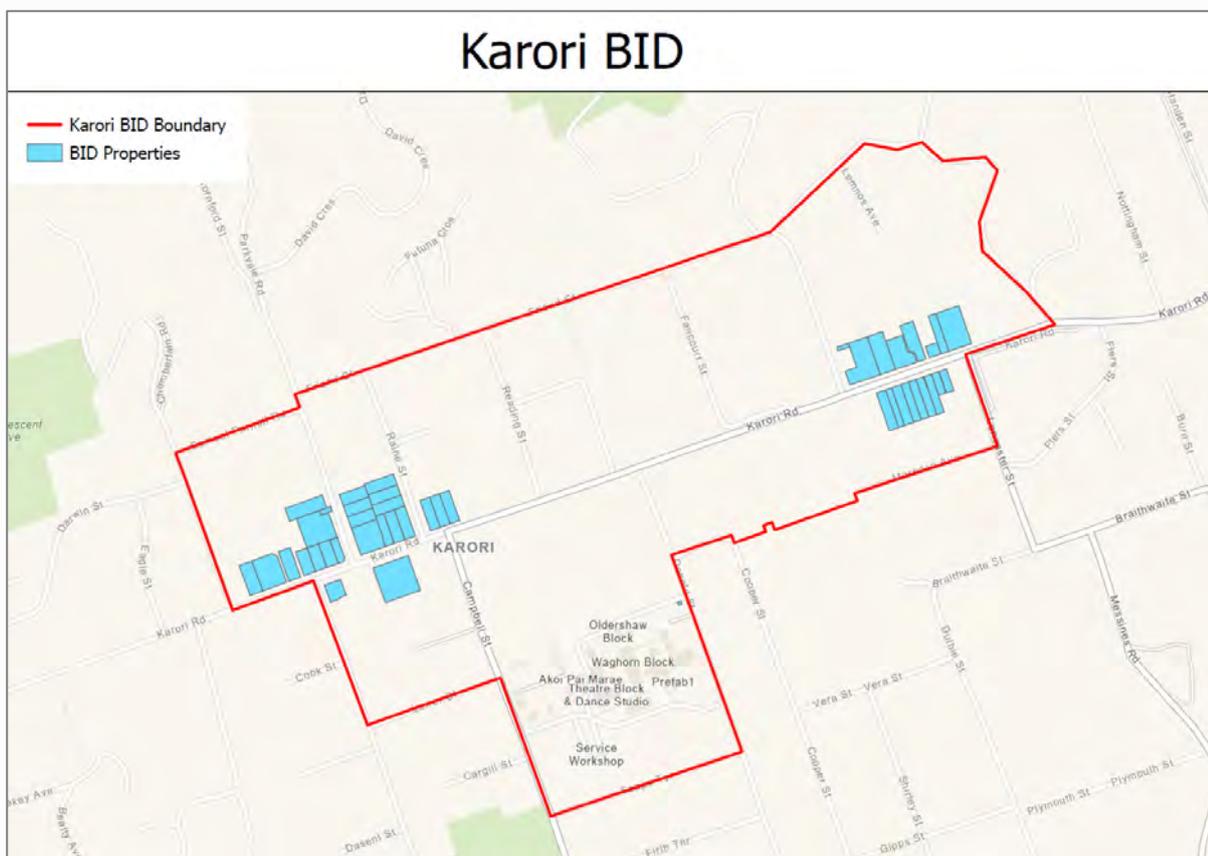
- i. A fixed amount of \$520.00 per rating unit, and
- ii. A rate of 0.049525 cents per dollar of rateable capital value.



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.



4. Agree under section 24 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to set the following due dates for the payment of rates for the 2021/22 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 2021
Instalment Two	1 December 2021
Instalment Three	1 March 2022
Instalment Four	1 June 2022

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.

5. 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 percent 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 2021	8 September 2021
Instalment Two	1 December 2021	8 December 2021
Instalment Three	1 March 2022	8 March 2022
Instalment Four	1 June 2022	8 June 2022

- b. An additional penalty of 10 percent on any amount of rates assessed in previous years and remaining unpaid at 7 July 2021. The penalty will be applied on 7 July 2021.
 - c. A further additional penalty of 10 percent on rates to which a penalty has already been added under recommendation 4(b) if the rates remain unpaid on 10 January 2022. The penalty will be applied on 10 January 2022.
 - d. A penalty of 10 percent 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 percent on any amount of water charges from previous years that remain unpaid at 7 July 2021.
 - 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 10 January 2022.
 - 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.
6. 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.
7. Note that the rates for the year commencing 1 July 2021 and concluding on 30 June 2022 are set excluding GST. GST will be applied when rates are assessed for 2021/22.
8. Note that rates shall be payable by:
- Cash 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.
 - Using our "rates easipay" direct debit system.
 - Internet banking and telephone banking options.
 - Credit card on the Council website.

Carried

Secretarial note: The motion moved by Mayor Foster and seconded by Councillor Rush was decided part by part, the divisions for which are as follows:

Clause 3a:

For:

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

Against:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 12:3

Carried

Remaining Clauses:

For:

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

Majority Vote: 15:0

Carried

(Mayor Foster left the meeting at 11:32am.)

Secretarial note: The chair being vacant, Deputy Mayor Free assumed the chair from 11:32am.

2.3 Mayoral Travel to Asia Pacific Cities Summit in Australia - September 2021

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

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to proposed travel to Asia Pacific Cities Summit & Mayors' Forum in Brisbane, Australia from 8-11 September 2021
3. Agree to proposed travel and subsequent visit to the sister cities of Canberra and Sydney after the Brisbane Summit from 11-14 September 2021.
4. Note that officers will continue to monitor potential COVID-19 outbreaks; state-lockdowns and quarantine free travel zone pauses between Australia and NZ from now until September 2021. If these risks are significantly increased, we would re-evaluate physical attendance.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 26.7, voting on which was as follows:

For:

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

Majority Vote: 15:0

Carried

Secretarial note: Deputy Mayor Free vacated the chair. Mayor Foster returned to the meeting and resumed the chair at 11:44am.

2.5 Implementation of Parking Changes

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Day

Recommendation/s

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Receive the information
2. Agree to extend time limits up to four hours between 6pm and 10pm on Friday and Saturday within three months from today's date
3. Note that for the period from 5 July 2021 until the extension of time limits come into effect, fee increase will only apply until 8pm on Friday and Saturday, and thereafter until 10pm
4. Note that all other changes to fees and hours will come into effect from 5 July 2021, with negligible financial impact
5. Note the revenue impact of these changes is not material on the LTP budget. It is intended that this revenue risk will be offset by operational savings

Moved Councillor Calvert, seconded Councillor Young, the following amendment

Resolved

- ~~1. Delay implementing the decision to extend parking times in the CBD until such time as further analysis and consideration can be given to the impact of the changes on businesses and customers. Noting that any reduction in revenue will need to be absorbed into the current operating budget.~~
- ~~2. Request officers to report back within three months on providing extended time period (3–4 hours) paid on-street parking during the day, evenings and weekends in current designated paid on-street parking areas. The report should include a broader economic assessment on the impacts for the arts and local business sectors.~~
3. Request officers to provide quarterly monitoring performance reports on the capacity levels of paid on-street parking.
4. Request officers to investigate off-street parking opportunities with both council and privately run public parking buildings for evening and weekend parking throughout the year.

Carried

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

Clause 2:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Against:

Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush

Majority Vote: 6:9

Lost

Clause 3:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free (Deputy Chair), Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Against:

Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Matthews, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush

Majority Vote: 9:6

Carried

Clause 4:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Fitzsimons, Deputy Mayor Free (Deputy Chair), Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Against:

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

Majority Vote: 8:7

Carried

Secretarial note: Per standing order 21.10 (f), clause 1 of the amendment not accepted, as the chairperson ruled this to amount to a direct negative of the substantive motion.

(Councillor Foon left the meeting at 12:21am and returned to the meeting at 1:24pm.)

Challenge of Chairperson's Ruling

Challenge by Councillor Calvert:

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Overturn the Chairperson's ruling, and accept clause 1 of the amendment.

A division was required under Standing Order 26.7, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Fitzsimons, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Against:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Foon, Deputy Mayor Free (Deputy Chair), Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush

Majority Vote: 5:10

Lost

The meeting adjourned at 12:48pm for lunch and reconvened at 1:34pm with the following members present: Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Mayor Foster, Deputy Mayor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf and Councillor Young.

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Day, the following substantive motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to extend time limits up to four hours between 6pm and 10pm on Friday and Saturday within three months from today's date.
3. Note that for the period from 5 July 2021 until the extension of time limits come into effect, fee increase will only apply until 8pm on Friday and Saturday, and thereafter until 10pm.
4. Note that all other changes to fees and hours will come into effect from 5 July 2021, with negligible financial impact.
5. Note the revenue impact of these changes is not material on the LTP budget. It is intended that this revenue risk will be offset by operational savings.
6. Request officers to provide quarterly monitoring performance reports on the capacity levels of paid on-street parking.
7. Request officers to investigate off-street parking opportunities with both council and privately run public parking buildings for evening and weekend parking throughout the year.

Carried

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

Clause 4:

For:

Mayor Foster, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Condie, Councillor Day, Councillor Fitzsimons, Deputy Mayor Free (Deputy Chair), Councillor Matthews, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Paul, Councillor Rush

Against:

Councillor Pannett, Councillor Sparrow, Councillor Woolf, Councillor Young

Absent:

Councillor Foon

Majority Vote: 10:4

Carried

Clauses 1-3 and 5-7:

For:

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

Against:

Councillor Pannett

Absent:

Councillor Foon

Majority Vote: 13:1

Carried

2.4 Forward Programme

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Woolf, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 26.7, voting on which was as follows:

For:

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

Absent:

Councillor Foon

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

3. Committee Reports

3.1.1 **Report of the Pūroro Rangaranga | Social, Cultural and Economic** Committee Meeting of 22 June 2021 **Reporting Back on Public Consultation of a New Lease and New Licence On** **Wellington Town Belt: Squash New Zealand Inc And Tanera Garden Inc**

Moved Councillor Woolf, seconded Councillor O'Neill, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Agree to grant a new lease under the Wellington Town Belt Act 2016 to Squash NZ for a five-year term with a renewal term of ten years. The land is part of Wellington Town Belt and is legally described as Lot 1 DP 10086 WN19A/369.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 26.7, voting on which was as follows:

For:

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

Absent:

Councillor Foon

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

3.1.2 Report of the **Pūroro Rangaranga | Social, Cultural and Economic** Committee Meeting of 22 June 2021 **Alcohol Fees Bylaw 2021**

Moved Councillor Day, seconded Councillor Fitzsimons, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Adopt the amended Alcohol Fees Bylaw 2021.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 26.7, voting on which was as follows:

For:

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

Absent:

Councillor Foon

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

3.2 **Report of the Pūroro Waihanga** | Infrastructure Committee Meeting of 23 June 2021

Transfer of Land (Segregation Strips) Adjoining 60-72 Murphy Street From NZTA to Council

Moved Councillor Rush, seconded Councillor Matthews, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Agree to acquire approximately 21m² of land adjoining 60 -72 Murphy Street, Thorndon being sections 1 to 6 and section 14 SO 461178 on ROT 828494 (*the Land*) for \$1 (if demanded), pursuant to section 50 of the Public Works Act 1981.
2. Delegate the Chief Executive Officer to carry out all steps necessary to conclude the acquisition of *the Land* from the Crown (Waka Kotahi – NZTA).
3. Note that Council will pay reasonable costs of the Transfer of approximately \$3,000 funded from activity 2084.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 26.7, voting on which was as follows:

For:

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

Absent:

Councillor Foon

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

4. Public Excluded

Moved Mayor Foster, seconded Councillor Rush, the following motion

Resolved

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

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

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
4.1 Wellington Museums Trust board appointments	7(2)(a) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.	s48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
4.2 Appointment of Mana Whenua Representatives to Council Committees	7(2)(a) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.	s48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

Carried

A division was required under Standing Order 26.7, voting on which was as follows:

For:

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

Absent:

Councillor Foon

Majority Vote: 14:0

Carried

The meeting went into public-excluded session at 2:05pm.

The meeting returned from public-excluded session and concluded at 2:21pm with the reading of the following karakia:

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

Authenticated: _____
Chair

ORDINARY MEETING
OF
WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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

Business

Page No.

2.1 Adoption of the 2021-31 Long-Term Plan

1. LTP Audit Opinion - tabled

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To the reader:

Independent Auditor's report on Wellington City Council's 2021-31 long-term plan

I am the Auditor-General's appointed auditor for Wellington City Council (the Council). The Local Government Act 2002 (the Act) requires the Council's long-term plan (plan) to include the information in Part 1 of Schedule 10 of the Act. Section 94 of the Act requires an audit report on the Council's plan. Section 259C of the Act requires a report on disclosures made under certain regulations. I have carried out this work using the staff and resources of Audit New Zealand. We completed our report on 30 June 2021.

Qualified opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for qualified opinion section of our report:

- the plan provides a reasonable basis for:
 - long-term, integrated decision-making and co-ordination of the Council's resources; and
 - accountability of the Council to the community;
- the information and assumptions underlying the forecast information in the plan are reasonable; and
- the disclosures on pages ... to ... represent a complete list of the disclosures required by Part 2 of the Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014 (the Regulations) and accurately reflect the information drawn from the plan.

This opinion does not provide assurance that the forecasts in the plan will be achieved, because events do not always occur as expected and variations may be material. Nor does it guarantee the accuracy of the information in the plan.

Basis for qualified opinion

Infrastructure asset condition information

The Council has challenges with its ageing three waters networks as outlined on pages ... and ... Many of the assets in the networks are old, and a significant percentage have already passed the end of their expected useful life. The Council has also experienced several high-profile pipe failures which have affected levels of service.

The Council does not use information about the condition of its three water assets to inform its investment in its three waters networks. Rather, the renewal of assets has been forecast based on

the age of the assets, capped by what the Council considers is affordable. Given the challenges outlined above we consider this approach to be unreasonable. This could result in more asset failures during the 10-year period of the long-term plan, reduced levels of service, and greater costs than forecast.

We carried out our work in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) 3000 (Revised) *Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information*. In meeting the requirements of this standard, we took into account particular elements of the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards and the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3400 *The Examination of Prospective Financial Information* that were consistent with those requirements.

We assessed the evidence the Council has to support the information and disclosures in the plan and the application of its policies and strategies to the forecast information in the plan. To select appropriate procedures, we assessed the risk of material misstatement and the Council's systems and processes applying to the preparation of the plan.

Our procedures included assessing whether:

- the Council's financial strategy, and the associated financial policies, support prudent financial management by the Council;
- the Council's infrastructure strategy identifies the significant infrastructure issues that the Council is likely to face during the next 30 years;
- the Council's forecasts to replace existing assets are consistent with its approach to replace its assets, and reasonably take into account the Council's knowledge of the assets' condition and performance;
- the information in the plan is based on materially complete and reliable information;
- the Council's key plans and policies are reflected consistently and appropriately in the development of the forecast information;
- the assumptions set out in the plan are based on the best information currently available to the Council and provide a reasonable and supportable basis for the preparation of the forecast information;
- the forecast financial information has been properly prepared on the basis of the underlying information and the assumptions adopted, and complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand;
- the rationale for the Council's activities is clearly presented and agreed levels of service are reflected throughout the plan;
- the levels of service and performance measures are reasonable estimates and reflect the main aspects of the Council's intended service delivery and performance; and

- the relationship between the levels of service, performance measures, and forecast financial information has been adequately explained in the plan.

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the plan.

Emphasis of Matters

Without further modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the following matters:

Uncertainty over three waters reforms

Page ... outlines the Government's intention to make three waters reform decisions during 2021. The effect that the reforms may have on three waters services provided is currently uncertain because no decisions have been made. The plan was prepared as if these services will continue to be provided by the Council, but future decisions may result in significant changes, which would affect the information on which the plan has been based.

Uncertainty over the delivery of the capital programme

Pages ... and ... outline that the Council is proposing to spend \$3.2 billion on capital projects over the next 10 years. Although the Council is taking steps to deliver its planned capital programme, there is uncertainty over the delivery of the programme due to a number of factors, including the significant constraints in the construction market. If the Council is unable to deliver on a planned project, it could impact on levels of service.

Uncertainty over funding of wastewater treatment plant

Pages ... and ... outline that the Council has assumed that external funding investment in the Moa Point wastewater treatment plant will be obtained by using the mechanisms in the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act 2020. The project is currently uncertain because funding has not yet been confirmed. If the forecast level of external funding is not received, the Council notes that the project would not be able to proceed and will have to be reprioritised. This could affect improvements to levels of service.

The Council's debt limit is forecast to be exceeded

Page X outlines that the Council's debt limit is based on a debt to income ratio of 225%. Forecast debt is expected to exceed this limit for the first six years of the plan.

The Council notes that the forecast debt is prudent as it is below the Local Government Funding Agency debt to income ratio covenant level of 285%. However, given the Council has not used asset condition information to direct its investment in its three waters networks, as outlined in the Basis for qualified opinion section of our report, the Council may need to incur greater costs than forecast. Should this occur these additional costs will need to be funded. Unless the Council reprioritises other projects, which could affect levels of service, it would need to increase rates or increase debt to fund the additional costs.

Responsibilities of the Council and auditor

The Council is responsible for:

- meeting all legal requirements affecting its procedures, decisions, consultation, disclosures, and other actions relating to the preparation of the plan;
- presenting forecast financial information in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
- having systems and processes in place to enable the preparation of a plan that is free from material misstatement.

We are responsible for expressing an independent opinion on the plan and the disclosures required by the Regulations, as required by sections 94 and 259C of the Act. We do not express an opinion on the merits of the plan's policy content.

Independence and quality control

We have complied with the Auditor-General's:

- independence and other ethical requirements, which incorporate the independence and ethical requirements of Professional and Ethical Standard 1 issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board; and
- quality control requirements, which incorporate the quality control requirements of Professional and Ethical Standard 3 (Amended) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Other than our work in carrying out all legally required external audits, we have performed an agreed upon procedures engagement on the revenue and expenditure of the Clifton Terrace car park managed by the Council on behalf of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. The engagement is compatible with those independence requirements. Other than these engagements we have no relationship with or interests in the Council or its subsidiaries and controlled entities.

Karen Young
Audit New Zealand
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Wellington, New Zealand