

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

File Reference ECM 9398015

Meeting Date 16 December 2024, commencing at 1pm.

Venue Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Liardet Street, New Plymouth

Members Present

Mayor Neil Holdom (Chair), Councillors Tony Bedford, Sam Bennett, Max Brough, Gordon Brown, David Bublitz, Anneka Carlson Matthews (from 2.21pm, part Tab 1), Murray Chong, Harry Duynhoven, Bali Haque, Dinnie Moeahu, Marie Pearce and Bryan Vickery.

Non Members Present

Graham Chard (Kaitake Community Board Chair), Christine Fabish (Inglewood Community Board Chair), Sarah Lucas (Inglewood Community Board member), Jonathan Marshall (Waitara Community Board Chair) and Trevor Dodunski (Waitara Community Board member).

Debbie Perera (Audit New Zealand) – Tab 12

Staff in Attendance

Julie Straka, Carol Allen, Helena Williams, Bernie O'Donnell, Kathyryn Scown, Sarah Downs, Mitchell Dyer, Amy Brasch, Rangi Maihi, Rachelle McBeth, Lauren O'Byrne, Aroha Chamberlain, Anaru Wilkie, Rachael King, Latesha Utiger, Pounamu Tawaroa, Jacob Stenner, Charlotte Dunning, Laurelle Morris, Matt Ogier, Catherine Croot, Gloriana Wilson, Susannah Christiansen, Nathaniel Benefield, Raymond Teunissen, Rakei Ngaia, Andrew Barron, Mark Hall, Riley McGregor, Matt Whitmore, Damien Morresey, Carol Malpas, Stuart Knarston, Natasha Beeslaar, Paul Lamb, Fleur Corlett, and (via Zoom) Gareth Green.

Karakia

The hui opened with a karakia.

Apologies

C/2024/148

Council Resolution

Cr Bedford)

Cr Bennett)

That apologies for the absence of Councillors Te Waka McLeod and Amanda Clinton Gohdes and the lateness of Councillor Carlson Matthews be accepted.

Carried

Public Forum

- Fay Looney – social issues in the CBD
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Deputations

- Liana Poutu (Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa) - Tab 1 Notice of Motion
- Te Amoroa Clifton (Ngāti Tama) - Tab 1 Notice of Motion
- Jacqui King and Wharehoka Wano (Taranaki iwi) - Tab 1 Notice of Motion
- Waitara Community Board (Jonathan Marshall and Trevor Dodunski)
 - New Plymouth District Planning, Growth, Development Update – Tab 3
 - Development and Financial Contributions Policy - Tab 16

Previous Minutes

C/2024/149

Council Resolution

Cr Brown)

Cr Moeahu)

That the minutes of the following meeting of the Council, and the proceedings of the said meeting, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record:

Council

5 November 2024

ECM 9367979

Carried

Committee Resolutions

C/2024/150

Council Resolution

Cr Bublitz)

Cr Moeahu)

That the minutes of the following meetings, as circulated be received and decisions made under delegated authority by the committees and Community Boards be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting of the Council:

Strategy and Operations Committee	26 October 2024	ECM 9386059
Inglewood Community Board	20 November 2024	ECM 9389444
Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board	20 November 2024	ECM 9387452
Clifton Community Board	21 November 2024	ECM 9385224
Waitara Community Board	22 November 2024	ECM 9385248
Kaitake Community Board	25 November 2024	ECM 9387812
Community Development Committee	27 November 2024	ECM 9391951
Te Huinga Taumatua	03 December 2024	ECM 9391590
Strategic Projects Committee	04 December 2024	ECM 9401648
Finance, Audit and Risk Committee	10 December 2024	ECM 9403650
CCOs Committee	11 December 2024	ECM 9403655

Carried

(Decisions Made Under Delegated Authority)

MINUTES OF STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

File reference ECM 9386059

Meeting Date Tuesday 12 November 2024 at 1pm

National Land Transport Programme 2024-27 – Shortfall in Funding and Implications

SOC/2024/44

ECM 9373306

The NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) has released the National Land Transport Programme 2024-27 (NLTP 2024-27). The NLTP 2024-27 sets out NZTA priorities and confirms funding for New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) transportation activities.

Council's Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP) provides for the 10 years of transportation projects funded by Council's own local share and assumptions around the level of NZTA co-investment for each activity class.

The NLTP 2024-27 does not provide the level of funding that was assumed which will have implications for Council's work programme. This report provides an outline of the NLTP 2024-27 decisions and the impact on Council's transportation activities ahead of Council decisions required on the matter in December.

Strategy and Operations Committee Resolution

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Pearce)

That having considered all matters raised in the report, the Strategy and Operations Committee:

- a) Note the matters raised in the report.
 - b) Note that Council will make decisions on addressing the shortfall in NLTP 2024-27 funding on 17 December 2024.
 - c) Refer the report to:
 - i) The Community Boards
 - ii) Sustainability Working Party
 - iii) Accessibility Working Party
 - iv) Te Huinga Taumatuafor their feedback.
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- d) Note that Officers will consider the feedback from the above bodies when preparing the report for the Council meeting on Tuesday 17 December 2024.
- e) Note that the options considered in December will include (at a high-level):
 - i) Increase NPDC funding for transportation to meet some or all of the shortfall.
 - ii) Maintain the current NPDC funding for transportation to meet some of the shortfall, thereby reducing the realised percentage funding assistance rate from NZTA, and reprioritise and reallocate programmes and projects.
 - iii) Decrease NPDC funding for transportation, to maintain the realised funding assistance rate from NZTA, and reprioritise and reallocate transportation programmes and projects.

Carried

MINUTES OF PUKETAPU-BELL BLOCK COMMUNITY BOARD

File Reference ECM 9387451

Meeting Date Tuesday 20 November 2024 at 4.30pm.

Members Activity Report – Adrian Sole

PBB/2024/047

ECM 9379627

This report advises of the Community Board activities of Mr Sole, Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board Chair, in the period to 8 November 2024.

Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board Resolution

Mr Sole)

Mr Baker)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board note the report.

Carried

Members Activity Report – Mike Baker

PBB/2024/048

ECM 9379671

This report advises of the Community Board activities of Mr Baker, Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board Deputy Chair, in the period to 6 November 2024.

Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board Resolution

Mr Baker)

Cr Chong)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board note the report.

Carried

Members Activity Report – Kim Sowman

PBB/2024/049

ECM 9375737

This report advises of the Community Board activities of Ms Sowman, Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board member, in the period to 4 November 2024.

Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board Resolution

Ms Sowman)

Mr Sole)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board note the report.

Carried

Supplementary Report – National Land Transport programme 2024-27 – Shortfall in Funding and Implications

PBB/2024/050

ECM 9383042

This supplementary report provides an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the Shortfall in Funding and Implications of the National Land Transport Programme 2024- 2027 (NLTP 2024 - 27).

Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board Resolution

Mr Sole)

Mr Baker)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board:

- a) Note the report
- b) Provides the following feedback for Officers to consider in preparation of the report being considered by Council on 17 December 2024:

The Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board will provide written feedback to Council, on this matter, within the next week.

Carried

Te Pae o Te Rangi (Coastal Walkway Extension – Waitara to Bell Block)

PBB/2024/051

ECM 9365632

The purpose of this information report is to provide quarterly updates to the Waitara and Puketapu-Bell Block Community Boards on the Te Pae o te Rangi project (Coastal Walkway extension from Bell Block to Waitara). The report will provide an update on work to date, current works on, and next steps.

Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board Resolution

Mr Sole)

Mr Baker)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.

Carried

Discretionary Fund – Gardenia Avenue Playground (Phase 2)

PBB/2024/052

ECM 9369445

The matter for consideration by the Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board is the allocation of funding from the 2024/2025 Discretionary Fund, for installation of additional concrete at Gardenia Avenue Playground.

Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board Resolution

Mr Sole)

Ms Sowman)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board:

- a) Approve allocation of \$15,500 from the 2024/2025 Discretionary Fund for the installation of a concrete path and pad at Gardenia Avenue Playground.
- b) Appoint Ms Sowman as the Community Board Liaison with Council for the Project.

Carried

Community Board Discretionary Fund Update

PBBCB/2024/053

ECM 9367668

The purpose of this report is to provide a progress report on Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board Discretionary Fund projects to 13 November 2024.

Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board Resolution

Mr Sole)

Ms Sowman)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.

Carried

MINUTES OF CLIFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

File Reference ECM 9385224

Meeting Date Thursday 21 November 2024 at 4pm

Members Activity Report – Murray Seamark

CCB/2024/032

ECM 9373951

This report advises of the Community Board activities of Mr Seamark, Clifton Community Board Chair, in the period to 31 October 2024.

Clifton Community Board Resolution

Mr Seamark)

Ms Nickson)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the Clifton Community Board note the report.

Carried

Community Board Discretionary Fund Update

CCB/2024/033

ECM 9367670

The purpose of this report is to provide a progress report on Clifton Community Board Discretionary Fund projects to 13 November 2024.

Clifton Community Board Resolution

Mr Seamark)

Cr Bedford)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.

Carried

National Land Transport Programme 2024-27 – Shortfall in Funding and Implications

CCB/2024/034

ECM 9383042

This supplementary report provides an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the Shortfall in Funding and Implications of the National Land Transport Programme 2024-2027 (NLTP 2024-27).

Clifton Community Board Resolution

Mr Seamark)

Ms Nickson)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, Clifton Community Board:

- a) Note the report.
- b) Provides the following feedback for Officers to consider in preparation of the report being considered by Council on 17 December 2024:
 - i) The Clifton Community Board request Council to note that roading infrastructure is the number one focus area for the Clifton Community Board, as detailed in its Community Board Plan. The Board has the goal that, "Our Communities are well connected to each other and New Plymouth via efficient and safe rural roads and public transport".
 - ii) The Clifton Community Board request that Council prioritises maintaining the local network with an emphasis on rural roading.

Carried

MINUTES OF WAITARA COMMUNITY BOARD

File Reference ECM 9385248

Meeting Date Friday 22 November at 9am

Te Pae o Te Rangi (Coastal Walkway Extension – Waitara to Bell Block)

WCB/2024/029

ECM 9365632

The purpose of this information report is to provide quarterly updates to the Waitara and Puketapu-Bell Block Community Boards on the Te Pae o te Rangi project (Coastal Walkway extension from Bell Block to Waitara). The report will provide an update on work to date, current works on, and next steps.

Waitara Community Board Resolution

Mr Rauner)

Mr Dodunski)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.

Carried

Community Board Discretionary Fund Update

WCB/2024/030

ECM 9367669

The purpose of this report is to provide a progress report on Waitara Community Board Discretionary Fund projects to 13 November 2024.

Waitara Community Board Resolution

Mr Rauner)

Mr Dodunski)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.

Carried

Waitara Heritage Trail Beautification – Artwork Expressions of Interest

WCB/2024/032

ECM 9361962

The matter for consideration by the Community Board is approval of an Expressions of Interest document for Artwork on the Waitara Heritage Trail.

Waitara Community Board Resolution

Mr Dodunski)

Mr Rauner)

That having considered all matters raised in the report Waitara Community Board:

- a) Approve release of the Waitara Heritage Trail Beautification Expressions of Interest for Artwork document.
 - b) Note that release of the document forms Stage 1 of a longer term project.
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- c) Undertakes to distribute the Expression of Interest document through their community networks.
- d) Reconfirms Community Board member Joe Rauner as the Community Board contact person for this project.

Carried

Supplementary Report National Land Transport Programme 2024-27 – Shortfall in Funding and Implications

WCB/2024/033

ECM 9383042

This supplementary report provides an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the Shortfall in Funding and Implications of the National Land Transport Programme 2024-2027 (NLTP 2024-27).

Waitara Community Board Resolution

Mr Rauner)

Mr Marshall)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, Waitara Community Board:

- a) Note the report
- b) Provides the following feedback for Officers to consider in preparation of the report being considered by Council on 17 December 2024:
 - i) Request that Council apply a long-term vision to the development and management of roading infrastructure, with safety as the key priority,
 - ii) Request that Council do not undertake borrowing as a solution to this matter.
 - iii) Request that Council prioritises maintenance of the local roading network.
 - iv) Request that Council investigate the potential for a regional fuel tax, in conjunction with all Taranaki Councils.
 - v) Request that Council notes that roading infrastructure is a key focus for the Waitara community. The Waitara Board Plan states, "With the continued population growth and changing demographics, investment in robust transport services is vital for sustaining a quality lifestyle for the community."

Carried

MINUTES OF KAITAKE COMMUNITY BOARD

File Reference ECM 9387812
Meeting Date Monday 25 November 2024 at 5pm

Members Activity Report – Graham Chard

KCB/2024/043

ECM 9382861

This report advises of the Community Board activities of Mr Chard, Kaitake Community Board Chair, in the period to 6 November 2024.

Kaitake Community Board Resolution

Mr Chard)

Mr Lobb)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the Kaitake Community Board note the report.

Carried

Community Board Discretionary Fund Update

KCB/2024/044

ECM 9367670

The purpose of this report is to provide a progress report on Kaitake Community Board Discretionary Fund projects to 13 November 2024.

Kaitake Community Board Resolution

Mr Chard)

Ms Hohaia)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.

Carried

National Land Transport Programme 2024-27 – Shortfall in Funding and Implications

KCB/2024/045

ECM 9383042

This supplementary report provides an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the Shortfall in Funding and Implications of the National Land Transport Programme 2024-2027 (NLTP 2024-27).

Kaitake Community Board Resolution

Mr Chard)

Ms Hohaia)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the Kaitake Community Board:

- a) Note the report
 - b) Request Council to note the Boards reluctance to support options that result in rate increases
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- c) Request Council to note the Boards reluctance to debt fund through borrowing
- d) Urge Council to focus on the safety of the network, together with a review of the current status of Councils entire roading network, and
- e) Urge Council to actively pursue the opportunity to disregard the directive of introducing variable speed limits outside schools, currently anticipated to be in place by mid-2025.

Carried

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

File Reference ECM 9391951

Meeting Date Wednesday 27 November, at 1pm

Housing Workstream Update

CDC/2024/022

ECM 9367247

The purpose of this report is to provide a high-level update covering several housing workstreams. Any decisions needed in future as a result of progressing these workstreams will be put to Council as they arise, in detailed individual reports.

Community Development Committee Resolution

Cr Moeahu)

Cr Carlson Matthews)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted by Council.

Carried

Food Security Update – October 2024

CDC/2024/023

ECM 9367262

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Community Development Committee on the progress supporting the Food Security Sector in Taranaki.

Community Development Committee Resolution

Cr Moeahu)

Cr Bublitz)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted by Council.

Carried

SUSTAINABILITY WORKING PARTY MINUTES

File Reference ECM 9395105

Meeting Date Wednesday 27 November 2024, at 9.30am.

Sustainability Accelerator Fund Prioritisation Framework

SWP/2024/046

ECM 9367100

This report seeks the advice of the Sustainability Working Party on the Sustainability Accelerator Fund Prioritisation Framework, following Council's resolution at the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 deliberations "that officers develop a prioritisation framework for the Sustainability Accelerator based on the Sustainability Policy and in collaboration with the Sustainability Working Party".

The report also seeks advice to Council on whether to utilise the Fund in 2024/25 to addressing a funding shortfall for the high frequency bus trial as a result of changing Government priorities in the land transport sector.

Sustainability Working Party Resolution

Cr Vickery)

Cr Clinton Gohdes)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the Sustainability Working Part provides the following advice:

- a) Sustainability Accelerator Fund Prioritisation Framework recommendations for Officers consideration:
 - i) In developing the application forms and process, endeavour to strike an appropriate balance between having a process that ensures accountability, but does not create a burdensome process which deters internal teams from applying.
 - ii) For project features scoring identify more criteria that help drive impact, eg does the project trigger/ leverage other funding streams, does the project have an amplifier effect (eg repeatable lessons across Council, local business, communities; and/or plan to share knowledge, capacity); does this seed new choices or pioneer new practices; ultimately self-sustaining in future.
 - b) High frequency bus trial funding shortfall recommendations and comments for Council consideration:
 - i) The Working Party recognises the difficulties in making a recommendation without detailed options or costings presented;
 - ii) However, the high frequency bus trial would be an appropriate use of the additional available SAF funding as transport emissions are a key opportunity area for reducing the district's emissions;
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- iii) Selection of the route and ensuring that a 15 or 20 minute frequency trial will be key to ensuring success. This allows for acceptable wait times and allows users to easily memorise the timetable.
- iv) Encourage Council to consider shortening the trial period to between 12 - 18 months and bring funding forward to ensure the route and frequency provides the trial the best likelihood of success. Also, to consider further funding should the trial prove to be successful.
- v) Explore a combined current route with the existing proposed high frequency route (across town, through the CBD) to reduce incremental costs.
- vi) Recommend that Suraya Sidhu Singh present to Council on this matter.
- vii) Recommend that Council consider funding the high frequency bus trial in year 1 through alternative funding sources, given the potential long-term cost saving that bus services can bring to the transport network.

Carried

Sustainability Working Party Summary Report - October 2024

SWP/2024/047

ECM 9383012

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the status of the Long-Term Plan (LTP) 2024-2034 projects relevant to the Sustainability Working Party Terms of Reference.

Sustainability Working Party Resolution

Mr Silk)

Ms Bailey)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.

Carried

Community Climate Action Funding Scheme

SWP/2024/048

ECM 9365542

This report seeks the input of the Sustainability Working Party into the early development of a new Community Climate Action Funding Scheme.

Sustainability Working Party Resolution

Mr Silk)

Mr Francis)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the Sustainability Working Party provide the following advice for developing the Community Climate Action Funding Scheme:

- a) Prioritising the reduction of emissions, community resilient hubs.

- b) Leveraging the benefits of investment and possible co-funding opportunities.
- c) The importance of behaviour change initiatives.
- d) Use this funding to amplify or seed the transition, eg enabling the community to help community and demonstrating 'firsts' to create stories.
- e) If there was operational funding available, this to be a small proportion of the fund.
- f) To exclude funding initiatives where other Council funded schemes exist/could apply.

Carried

Supplementary Report National Land Transport Programme 2024-27 – Shortfall in Funding and Implications

SWP/2024/049

ECM 9383042

This supplementary report provides an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the Shortfall in Funding and Implications of the National Land Transport Programme 2024-2027 (NLTP 2024-27).

Sustainability Working Party Resolution

Mr Silk)

Mr Francis)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the Sustainability Working Party:

- a) Note the report.
 - b) Provides the following feedback for Council to consider at the meeting on 17 December 2024:
 - i) Ensure that NPDC prioritises funding to continue the 'Let's Go' programme at existing service levels to ensure work can be undertaken within the community and commercial sector, as well as schools;
 - ii) Ensure project prioritisation of walking and cycling infrastructure, including footpaths and safety improvements;
 - iii) Prioritise funding of the high frequency transport trial;
 - iv) Recognise the trade-off for quality vs cost, and therefore, recommend a focus on fit for purpose solutions that meet community needs, reduce emissions and minimise environmental impact;
 - v) Consider reducing the amount of funding spent on resurfacing and repairing of roads;
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- vi) Note that significant funding of behaviour change programmes would be required to reactivate programmes should there be a break in continuity of delivery. Any break in delivery would negatively impact consumer behaviour and push behaviour change progress backwards;
 - vii) Continue to support low emissions technology for roading infrastructure.
- Carried

MINUTES OF STRATEGIC PROJECTS COMMITTEE

File Reference ECM 9401648

Meeting Date 4 December 2024 at 9am

Strategic Projects Summary Report – December 2024

SP/2024/27

ECM 9367316

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the status of the projects identified as Strategic Projects.

Strategic Projects Committee Resolution

Cr Vickery)

Mayor Holdom)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, including:

- a) The RAG Status Report Summary;
- b) New Plymouth Water Treatment Plant Major Upgrades Programme;
- c) Consideration of High Rated Residual Risks

the report be noted.

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

Notice of Motion - Submission to the Justice Select Committee to Oppose the Treaty Principles Bill

C/2024/151

ECM 9394232

The Justice Committee has called for public submissions on the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill. The closing date for submissions is Tuesday, 7 January 2025. The Committee intends to complete Hearings by the end of February 2025. Due to the urgency of public submissions and the limited time for Councils to submit on the Bill, the following Notice of Motion has been put forward to the New Plymouth District Council for consideration.

Council Resolution

Cr Moeahu)

Cr Brown)

That That, having considered the matters raised in the Notice of Motion, New Plymouth District Council:

1. Write a submission to the Justice Select Committee opposing the Treaty Principles Bill, and
2. That the draft submission include the matters in Appendix 1 along with any other matters to be drafted, and
3. That the draft submission be forwarded to Councillors and Community Board members for their input and
4. That the Mayor and Chair of the Strategy and Operations Committee (acting under authority previously delegated) and Cr Moeahu (as author of this Notice of Motion) jointly approve the final submission for lodgement no later than 7 January 2025.

A Division was called (ECM 9410324)

Those voting for the motion were Mayor Holdom, Councillors Carlson Matthews, Bedford, Moeahu, Duynhoven, Brown, Bublitz, Vickery, Bennett, Haque, Brough and Pearce.

No votes were received against the motion.

Councillor Chong abstained from voting.

The Motion was Carried

Governance Advisers Note

An adjournment was called at 2.44pm. The meeting reconvened at 2.54pm

Waiwhakaiho Wildlink Vision

C/2024/152

ECM 9303682

The matter for consideration by the Council is to endorse the scope and intent of the Waiwhakaiho Wildlink Vision - a draft strategic vision document for the Waiwhakaiho Awa (River).

Council Resolution

Cr Brown)

Cr Carlson Matthews)

That having considered all matters raised in the report Council:

- a) Endorse the draft Waiwhakaiho Wildlink Vision (as documented in Appendix 1) as a basis for further work with Ko ngā hapū, stakeholders and landowners to inform the development of an implementation plan and requirements for a business case.
- b) Note that this will be reported back to Council.

Carried

Governance Advisers Note

Cr Bennett was absent from the room during consideration and voting on the above matter.

New Plymouth District Planning, Growth and Development Update

C/2024/153

ECM 9364619

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Strategy and Operations Committee on resource management planning, growth and development within the district.

This report also recommends the revocation of the Framework for Growth, dated March 2008 (S08-001) which has been superseded by the Future Development Strategy for Ngāmotu New Plymouth 2024-2054.

Council Resolution

Cr Bublitiz)

Cr Bedford)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, Council:

- a) Note the update relating to growth and development in the report.
- b) Revoke the Framework for Growth, dated March 2008 (S08-001).

Carried

Land Purchase to Enable the Proposed Airport Drive Roundabout – Realignment and Safety Improvements for Airport Drive, New Plymouth

C/2024/154

ECM 9367341

The matter for consideration by the Council is the strategic purchase of 46 Airport Drive, to enable the alignment of Airport Drive and construction of a roundabout for the SH3 safety improvements project. This land is essential for the projects to proceed.

Council Resolution

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Duynhoven)

That having considered all matters raised in the report the Council:

- a) Approves the purchase of the property at 46 Airport Drive, New Plymouth (LOT 1 DP 10773 BLK III PARITUTU SD) under the Public Works Act 1981, subject to the addition of a requirement that the vendor contract out of the offer back provisions of the Public Works Act.
- b) Approves debt funding for the purchase of the property.
- c) Authorises the Property Manager to finalise the sale and purchase agreement.

Carried

Governance Advisers Note

The Strategic Property Adviser noted that Puketapu Hapū has offered preliminary support, in writing, on this matter subject to the project aligning to the Hapū's long-term strategy.

Road Stopping and Exchange to Facilitate Road Relignment of Part Parklands Ave, Bell Block in Order to protect Natural Wetlands

C/2024/155

ECM 9367315

The matter for consideration by the Council is a recommendation to stop approximately 305m² of unformed legal road in order to protect a wetland identified during design of the Twin Lake Subdivision.

Council Resolution

Cr Bedford)

Cr Brown)

That having considered all matters raised in the report Council:

- a) Approves pursuant to Section 342 and Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, initiating the stopping of two portions of unformed road measuring approximately 102m² and 203m² each (subject to survey), situated at 78 Wills Road.
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- b) Authorises the Chief Executive to conclude undertaking all statutory requirements in relation to the road stopping of the land, including issuing relevant public notice. Should no public objection be received the Chief Executive shall proceed to declare the road stopped and secure a Freehold Record of Title to the land.
- c) Notes that if any objection(s) are received, a further report will be submitted for consideration of the objection(s) and a decision by the Council as to whether or not to proceed with an application to the Environment Court to stop the road.
- d) Notes that the proposed Twin Lakes subdivision will require the developer to vest part of their land as road reserve as a condition of the subdivision. The 305m2 can be exchanged with part of that land to be taken in the future.
- e) Approves exchange of the land by way of title amalgamation, to the adjoining owner subject to, and conditional upon, approval of the Twin Lakes subdivision, stopping being accomplished in terms of the statutory process and a freehold Record of Title being issued for the land.
- f) Authorises the Property Manager to effect all terms of the exchange of land noting that each party will pay their own fees associated with the road stopping and exchange.

Carried

Gifting of Land to Create a Reserve – Urban SNA #20

C/2024/156

ECM 9364810

The matter for consideration by the Council is the formal acceptance of a proposed gifting of 9.755 hectares of urban indigenous forest land (SNA #20) as Scenic Reserve.

Council Resolution

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Chong)

That having considered all matters raised in the report the Council:

- a) Accepts the gift of land for scenic reserve purposes.
 - b) Will meet the legal costs related to the property conveyance if required.
 - c) Delegates power to the Manager Property to:
 - i) Execute the deed of gift (or any other deed or agreement giving effect to the proposed transaction); and
 - ii) Sign all necessary documentation giving effect to the gift and conveyance.
 - d) Classifies the land as scenic reserve.
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- e) Issues a public notice in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977 if required.
- f) Amends the reserve management plan in due course following consultation with tangata whenua and the community.

Carried

Agility Fund Application – Destination Kāwaroa Security Cameras and Remote Locking

C/2024/157

ECM 9404026

The matter for consideration by the Council is whether to support a request for up to \$65,000 from the Agility Fund for the installation of security cameras and associated equipment and up to \$15,000 for remote locking of the toilets and changing rooms to protect Destination Kāwaroa assets.

Council Resolution

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Pearce)

That having considered all matters raised in the report, Council:

- a) Approve up to \$65,000 from the Agility Fund for the installation of security cameras and associated equipment and up to \$15,000 for remote locking of the toilets and changing rooms to help protect Destination Kāwaroa assets, and
- b) Notes that associated operating expenditure for the cameras will be included in requests in the Long-Term Plan 2027-37.

Carried

Local Waters Done Well – Short List Options for Detailed Analysis

C/2024/158

ECM 9396616

The matter for consideration by Council is determination of reasonably practicable models for water service delivery in the region and district.

Council Resolution

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Brown)

That having considered all matters raised in the report, Council:

- a) Note that Central Government has legislated that Local Authorities are to develop, and publicly consult on a Water Services Delivery Plan by 3 September 2025.

- b) Determines that the following water service delivery models are not reasonably practicable and resolves not to proceed with detailed analysis on those models:
 - i) Enhanced Status Quo + shared services (Model 1 & 2 combined)
 - ii) Outsource to Private Sector (Model 5)
 - iii) Outsource to Other Council (Model 6)
 - iv) Regional Consumer Trust (Model 7)
 - c) Notes that the reasons why the above models are not reasonably practicable are:
 - i) There are not enough delineating factors between Enhanced Status Quo and Enhanced Status Quo + shared services.
 - ii) The lack of control inherent in outsourcing water delivery services to the private sector or other councils.
 - iii) The inability to access preferable lending and complexities inherent in a Consumer Trust Model.
 - d) Note that detailed analysis has already begun on following shortlisted models and agrees to continue with detailed analysis on those models:
 - i) Enhanced Status Quo (Model 1)
 - ii) Single Council WSCCO (Model 3) and
 - iii) Joint/Taranaki WSCCO (Model 4)
 - e) Notes that the reasons for shortlisting the three water service delivery models above are to:
 - i) Maximise the time available to assess those options that demonstrate the greatest value.
 - ii) Mitigate the risk of confusing public consultation with too many, complex options.
 - iii) Ensure we can meet the central government submission deadline of 3 September 2025.
 - iv) The models align with the position of our partner councils.
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An amendment was moved

Cr Brough)

Cr Duynhoven)

That clause b) (iv) (Regional Consumer Trust (Model 7) be deleted.

The amendment was lost

The original motion was put and Carried

NPDC Performance Report for the Period 1 July to 30 September 2024

C/2024/159

ECM 9376831

The purpose of this report is to advise of the Council's performance for the first quarter of the 2024/25 financial year, from 1 July to 30 September 2024.

Council Resolution

Cr Vickery)

Cr Bublitiz)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report the performance report for the first quarter of the 2024/25 financial year be noted.

Carried

Risk Management Framework Review 2024

C/2024/160

ECM 9387074

This report provides a draft revision of the Risk Management Framework for adoption.

Council Resolution

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Carlson Matthews)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, Council adopt the revised Risk Management Framework, subject to amendments in the Risk Tolerance section of the main framework, the tolerance for Health and Safety be changed from Medium to Low.

Carried

Governance Advisers Note

The Risk and Assurance Adviser noted an error in the reporting of the residual risk for Health, Safety and Wellbeing (ECM 9411006).

Health, Safety & Wellbeing Quarterly Report – Period Ending September 2024 (Q1) – Due Diligence Obligations

C/2024/161

ECM 9386569

This report presents the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Quarterly Report for the period 1 July 2024 – 30 September 2024.

Council Resolution

Cr Haque)

Cr Duynhoven)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted by Council.

Carried

Supplementary Report on the Annual Report for the Year Ending 30 June 2024

C/2024/162

ECM 9399152

The matter for consideration by Council is to adopt New Plymouth District Council Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Council Resolution

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Carlson Matthews)

That, having considered all matters raised in the report Council adopt the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2024.

Carried

Acknowledgement

1. Mayor Holdom noted that Helen Barnes (Manager Financial Services) was leaving Council and, on behalf of those present, acknowledged the contribution Ms Barnes had made during her time with the Council.
2. The Mayor also acknowledged the work of Debbie Perera (Audit New Zealand) and the important role of audit in Council operations.

Venture Taranaki Trustees Remuneration 2024

C/2024/163

ECM 9357145

The matter for consideration by the Council is the level of remuneration for Venture Taranaki Trust board members and how the increase will be funded.

A motion was moved at the Council meeting

Cr Pearce)

Cr Carlson Matthews)

That having considered all matters raised in the report, Council endorse remuneration of Venture Taranaki Trust board members at \$53,000 for the chair and \$28,000 for board members.

A Procedural motion was moved

C/2024/164

Cr Bedford)

Cr Moeahu)

That this matter lie on the table.

The Procedural Motion was Carried

Integrated Transport Framework

C/2024/165

ECM 9364561

The matter for consideration by the Council is the adoption of the Integrated Transport Framework and endorsement of the iterative Programme Business Case (PBC) to New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA). This is a visionary framework and subject to change while acknowledging any future costs would be shared with NZTA, the Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) and New Plymouth District Council (NPDC).

Council Resolution

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Pearce)

That having considered all matters raised in the report:

- a) The appended documents which constitute the 30-year Integrated Transport Framework are noted by Council and the Integrated Transport Framework is adopted.
- b) The submission of the Integrated Transport Framework Programme Business Case to NZTA is endorsed.

A Procedural Motion was moved

C/2024/166

Cr Brown)

Cr Haque)

That this matter lie on the table to allow officers to provide additional information before further consideration by Council.

The Procedural Motion was Lost

The Original Motion was moved

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Pearce)

The Original Motion was Carried

Mayor Holdom departed the meeting at 5.30pm and did not take any further part in the meeting prior to the adjournment at 5.45pm. Deputy Mayor Bublitz chaired the remainder of the meeting.

The hui was adjourned at 5.45pm on 16 December 2024

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Date 17 December, reconvened at 10am.

Venue Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Liardet Street, New Plymouth

Members Present

Mayor Neil Holdom (Chair), Councillors Tony Bedford, Sam Bennett, Max Brough, Gordon Brown, David Bublitz, Anneka Carlson Matthews, Murray Chong, Harry Duynhoven, Bali Haque, Dinnie Moeahu, Marie Pearce Bryan Vickery and (via Zoom) Amanda Clinton Gohdes (until 12.23pm, part Tab 16).

Non Members Present

Graham Chard (Kaitake Community Board Chair), Christine Fabish (Inglewood Community Board Chair), Jonathan Marshall (Waitara Community Board Chair), and (via Zoom) Sarah Lucas (Inglewood Community Board).

Staff in Attendance

Gareth Green, Julie Straka, Carol Allen, Helena Williams, Jacqueline Baker, Kathryn Scown, Sarah Downs, Mitchell Dyer, Amy Brasch, Rachelle McBeth, Lauren O'Byrne, Jacob Stenner, Catherine Croot, Susannah Christiansen, Nathaniel Benefield, Raymond Teunissen, Andrew Barron, Jessica Stokes, Mark Hall, Matt Whitmore, David Brown, Damien Morresey, Stuart Knarston, Matt Richardson, Kris Butterworth and Paul Lamb.

The meeting reconvened at 10am on Tuesday 17 December 2024

Deputations

- Suraya Sidhu Singh - High-frequency bus trial – Tab 16 (ECM 9395156)
- Selwyn Brown (Let's Go Cycling Programme in New Plymouth schools) overview of what this programme has achieved in the last 15 years – Tab 16 (ECM 9411064)

Development and Financial Contributions Policy – Supplementary

C/2024/167

ECM 9402558

The purpose of this supplementary report is to provide Elected Members with responses and feedback to the report on Development and Financial Contributions Policy from the Committee meeting round and to provide further detail on timeline and risks associated with the options.

This supplementary report also identifies an additional option that Council may wish to consider in their final deliberation on this matter.

Council Resolution

Cr Bublitz)

Mayor Holdom)

That having considered all matters raised in the report, Council:

- a) Approves Options 1 and 3 from the original report and Direct officers to prepare a revised development contribution policy with no charge applied for bedroom additions to existing dwellings and approves for consultation alongside the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
- b) Note that a revised Draft DC Policy will be reported back to Council to approve for consultation alongside the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
- c) Note that in preparation for the next policy review, that Council officers will consider further the district and network growth projects lists and the associated apportionment to growth.
- d) Note that in preparation for the next policy review, that Council officers will consider yield within growth areas based on future benefits gained in long term growth areas (Future Urban Zones).

A Division was called (ECM 9410339)

Those voting for the motion were Mayor Holdom, Councillors Moeahu, Clinton Gohdes, Duynhoven, Bennett, Carlson Matthews, Bedford, Brown, Bublitz, Vickery, Haque, and Pearce

Those voting against the motion were Councillors Brough and Chong.

The Motion was Carried

Standing Order 22

C/2024/ 168

A motion was moved in relation to the voting system to be used for Tab 16 (National Land Transport programme 2024-27 – Shortfall in Funding and Implications).

Council Resolution

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Bublitz)

That given the complexity of Tab 16, Council adopt Option C (Standing Order 22.4) for the consideration of this matter.

Carried

National Land Transport Programme – Shortfall in Funding and Implications

C/2024/169

ECM 9391042

NZTA funding for NPDC's 2024-27 transportation programme is less than what was assumed in the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP), which will have implications for Council's transportation work programme.

The matter for consideration by the Council is whether to maintain NPDC's transportation budget in the LTP for 2024/25 given the shortfall in funding from NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) under the National Land Transport Programme 2024-27 (NLTP 2024-27).

If Council decides to maintain NPDC's transportation budget in the LTP, Council must decide on changes to NPDC's transportation programme in the remainder of 2024/25 so that it is operating within the reduced budget.

Council is required to provide high-level direction on the approach to managing the NZTA funding shortfall for 2025/26 so that this can be consulted on as part of the Annual Plan 2025/26 process.

C/2024/170

Council Resolution (clauses a), b) and c))

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Brough)

- a) Note that the Transportation budget, approved in the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP) is \$113.55 million for 2024-27. This is made up of 49 per cent New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) funding and an assumed 51 per cent contribution from NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA).
- b) Note that NZTA approved a Transportation programme of \$87.30 million for NPDC under the National Land Transport Programme 2024-27 (49 per cent NPDC and 51 per cent NZTA), which is a shortfall in NZTA funding of \$14.02 million over 2024-27 compared to the LTP.

Decision to address the NZTA funding shortfall in 2024/25

- c) Maintain the NPDC transportation budget in the LTP for 2024/25:
 - i) Funding the OPEX shortfall by repurposing renewal funding, and debt-funding renewals, and managing the debt through the Annual Plan 2025/26.
 - ii) Allocating the available CAPEX debt-funding as per the LTP budget to address the NZTA CAPEX funding shortfall in 2024/25 and managing the debt through the Annual Plan 2025/26.

The motion was Carried

C/2024/171

Council Resolution (clause d))

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Bublitz)

Let's Go programme [Appendix 10]

d) Retain the NPDC LTP and do not top-up (limit to education programme only)

A Division was called (ECM 9410332)

Those voting for the motion were Mayor Holdom, Councillors Chong, Pearce, Bennett, Vickery, Brown, Brough and Bedford.

Those voting against the motion were Councillors Haque, Carlson Matthews, Bublitz, Duynhoven, Clinton-Gohdes, and Moeahu.

The Motion was Carried

C/2024/172

Council Resolution (clauses e) and f))

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Bublitz)

e) Proceed with the trial in year 2 to maximise outcomes sought in the LTP resolution within available budgets. The final route to be recommended by the newly formed Taranaki Passenger Transport Joint Committee and confirmed by the mayor, deputy mayor and chair of Audit and Risk.

Annual Plan 2025/26

f) Directs that, for the purpose of consultation on the Annual Plan 2025/26, the approach to managing the NZTA funding shortfall in 2025/26 is to maintain NPDC's portion of the 2025/26 transportation budget in the LTP.

The motion was Carried

C/2024/173

Council Resolution (clause g))

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Brough)

Local Road Improvements (OPEX)

Work categories

- *Public Transport Services (High Frequency Bus Trial)*
- *Let's Go education and encouragement implementation (including staff overheads)*
- *Road Safety Promotion*

g) Signals the following changes for Year 2 and Year 3 to be considered within subsequent annual plan decision making being

- i) reducing the NPDC component of local road improvements budget by \$400k in Year 2 of the LTP and \$400k in year 3 of the LTP and
- ii) reallocating those funds to E1 business casing priority works most likely to attract regional infrastructure fund support from Government or similar support through the regional deals framework.

The motion was Carried

Standing Order 4.2

C/2024/ 174

During debate on the previous item the following resolution was passed.

Council Resolution

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Bennett)

That pursuant to Standing Order 4, and having sat for three hours, the meeting resolves to continue debating clause g) before taking an adjournment.

The motion was Carried

Governance Advisers Notes

An adjournment was called at 12.23pm and the meeting reconvened at 1.55pm.

Cr Clinton-Gohdes left the meeting at this juncture.

Cr Bedford left the room at the conclusion of the debate on item g) and rejoined the meeting on Zoom following the adjournment.

C/2024/175

Council Resolution (clause h))

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Brough)

- h) Delegate to management the authority to determine whether it is possible to reduce the NPDC component of local road improvements opex by a further \$1.3m over years 1, 2 and 3 of the LTP and apply those funds to pothole prevention if that will secure the corresponding 51% funding from NZTA to maximise the Government's contribution to NPDC's roading budget.

The motion was Carried

The substantive motion was put and Carried

Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Flow Improvements at the Intersection of Huatoki Street and Carrington Streets

C/2024/176

ECM 9362896

The matter for consideration by the Council is revoking a time restricted carpark on Huatoki Street.

Council Resolution

Cr Duynhoven)

Cr Carlson Matthews)

That having considered all matters raised in the report, Council:

- a) Uplift the matter from the table.
- b) Revokes one, time restricted, on-street parking space on the north side of Huatoki Street from 12.8m to 18.3m (5.5m) measured in a westerly direction from the prolongation of the west kerb of Carrington Street.
- c) Notes that revoking the parking space will allow Council Officers to formalise the current arrangement and improve pedestrian safety at the existing crossing point.

Carried

Exclusion of the Public from the Remainder of the Meeting

C/2024/177

ECM 9396738

This report details items that are recommended to be considered with the public excluded, and the reason for that recommendation.

Council Resolution

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Bennett)

That having considered all matters raised in the report, the Council hereby resolves that, pursuant to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting:

- a) Appeals to Proposed New Plymouth District Plan
The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege. This particular interest being protected by section 7(2)(g) of the Act.

Carried

The hui closed with a karakia at 2.47pm
