


Minutes Whakatāne District Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting – 5 August 2024

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT EXTRA-ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ROOM TŌTARA, WHAKTANE DISTRICT COUNCIL, COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON MONDAY, 5 AUGUST 2024, COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM.
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca, Deputy Mayor Immink, Councillors T Boynton, G Dennis, A Iles, W James, J Jukes, T O’Brien, J Pullar, N Rangiaho, and N Tanczos
	In Attendance:	D Bewley (Acting Chief Executive), B Gary (GM Infrastructure), S Perdia (GM Strategy and Transformation), G Fletcher (GM Community Experience), E Hatch (GM People and Engagement), N Woodley (Acting GM Development and Environment Services), L Woolsey (Manager Strategy and Performance), H Keravel (Senior Strategic Policy Analyst), C Viljoen (Manger Governance Services) and S French (Senior Governance Support Advisor) <i>Via Teams:</i> G Connolly (CFO and GM Business Partnering) and P Warbrick (Kaihautu Strategic Māori Partnerships)
	Visitors:	P Jones (Consultant), D McCarthy (Beacon Newspaper) and members of the public <i>Via Teams:</i> S Henderson (Independent Chair Risk and Assurance Committee) and D Walker, M Jeyaruban, N Mehta (Audit NZ)
	Apologies:	

1 KARAKIA

The Councillor O’Brien opened the meeting with a Karakia at 9:00 am.

2 MEETING NOTICES

Meeting attendees were advised on the following subjects:

- Health and Safety aspects attendees needed to be aware of.
- Standard meeting protocols when livestreamed.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Nil.

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts were declared.

Attendance: CFO and GM Business Partnering joined the meeting at 9:03 am.

6 REPORTS

6.1 Long Term Plan 2024/34 Budget Position Report

Refer to pages 10 – 14 of the Extra-Ordinary agenda.

Correction: Reason for the Report; the Rates Resolution for the period ending 30 June 2025.

Moved Deputy Mayor Immink/ Seconded Councillor Pullar

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Long Term Plan 2024/34 Budget Position Report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Council **resolves** that the unbalanced budget position projects an operating deficit until 2028/29 and that it is financially prudent.

CARRIED

6.2 Adoption of the Long Term Plan 2024-34 and supporting documents

Refer to pages 15–475 of the Extra-Ordinary agenda and page 475a of the tabled items.

General Manager Strategy and Transformation introduced the report, and acknowledged the Elected members, the project team, and other teams involved, for their hard work and dedication throughout the process.

Attendance: Kaihautu Strategic Māori Partnerships joined the meeting at 9:13 am.

Manager Strategy and Performance explained the three changes as per the tabled document and reported that the final Audit Opinion was under embargo, to be released publicly once the LTP had been adopted. She acknowledged the enormous contribution submitted from a wide range of the community, thanked Councils staff involved in the process, and expressed appreciation to the Elected Members for their consistent leadership and direction.

Mr Walker (Audit NZ) clarified points that were within the qualified Audit Opinion.

Mayor Luca informed members that, within the agenda, recommendations 2 and 3 were in fact one recommendation. To avoid any confusion when voting on the recommendations, he advised that this numbering would remain, and this recommendation would be referred to as:

- 2-3 THAT the Council adopt the Financial Strategy (included in the Long Term Plan 2024-34); and in accordance with Section 101(A) of the Local Government Act 2002.

Moved Councillor O'Brien / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Council **receive** the adoption of the Long Term Plan 2024-34 and supporting document report.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Tánczos / Seconded Councillor James

RESOLVED:

2-3 THAT the Council **adopt** the Financial Strategy (included in the Long Term Plan 2024-34); and in accordance with Section 101(A) of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED.

Mayor Luca and Councillor Dennis requested their votes against the motion be recorded.

Moved Councillor Pullar / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

4. THAT the Council **adopt** the Infrastructure Strategy (included in the Long Term Plan 2024-34) in accordance with Section 101(B) of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

Moved Deputy Mayor Immink / Seconded Councillor Tánczos

RESOLVED:

5. THAT the Council **adopt** the Revenue and Financing Policy (included in the Long Term Plan 2024-34), in accordance with Section 102(1) of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

Councillor Dennis requested his vote against the motion be recorded.

Moved Councillor Pullar / Seconded Councillor Boynton

RESOLVED:

6. THAT the Council **adopt** the Financial Contributions for Roads and Public Reserves (included in the Long Term Plan 2024-34), as provided under Part 2, FC-Financial Contributions of the Whakatāne District Plan, and in accordance with Section 102(1) of the Local Government Act 2002; and
7. THAT the Council **adopt** the Development Contributions Policy, in accordance with section 102(1) of the Local Government Act 2002; and
8. THAT the Council **adopt** the Rates Remission and Postponement Policies – All Land in accordance with Sections 102(1) and 102(3) of the Local Government Act 2002; and
9. THAT the Council **adopt** the proposed Rates Remission and Postponement Policies – Māori Freehold Land - in accordance with Sections 102(2) (e)) of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 (TTWMA).

CARRIED

Moved Councillor James / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

10. THAT the Council **adopt** the Treasury Management Policy which consists of the Liability Management Policy and the Investment Policy in accordance with Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

Mayor Luca requested his vote against the motion be recorded.

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Tánczos

RESOLVED:

11. THAT the Council **receive** a copy of the Auditor's report on the Long Term Plan 2024-34; and
12. THAT the Council **note** that the proposed Council balanced budget position projects an operating deficit until 2028/29 which is considered financially prudent and further described in Long Term Plan 2024/34 Budget Position Report; and
13. THAT the Council **repeal** any previous versions of these policies and documents by adopting the policies and documents attached to this report; and

CARRIED

In turn, Elected Members spoke to the recommendation to adopt the LTP.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor Pullar

RESOLVED:

14. THAT the Council **adopt** the Long-Term Plan 2024-34 in accordance with section 93 of the LGA

CARRIED

Mayor Luca and Councillor Dennis requested their votes against the motion be recorded.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am and reconvened at 10:33 am.

6.3 Rates Resolution for the Period 1 July 2024 and Ending 30 June 2025

Refer to pages 476–486 of the Extra-Ordinary agenda.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor Pullar

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Rates Resolution for the Period Commencing 1 July 2024 and ending 30 June 2025 report be **received**.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Pullar / Seconded Councillor Jukes

RESOLVED:

2. THAT the Whakatāne District Council **sets** the rates noted in sections 4.1 to 11 of this report, under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on rating units in the District for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2024 and ending on 30 June 2025, based on the Long Term Plan rating requirement within the indicative funding impact statement of a 16.2% rates requirement in comparison with the 2023-24 annual plan (15.0% net of growth) provided for in the proceeding Agenda item adopting the 2024-34 Long Term Plan within this Council meeting.

CARRIED

Mayor Luca and Councillor Dennis requested their vote against the motion be recorded.

Correction: Councillor Dennis requested the following correction be recorded in the minutes: when he had made a reference to staff hui held off site, the frequency was in fact yearly.

Councillor O'Brien closed the meeting with a Karakia at 10:43 am.

Confirmed at the meeting dated:
CHAIRPERSON