

HUTT CITY COUNCILKOMITI HANGANGA | INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road,
Lower Hutt on

Thursday 9 May 2024 commencing at 2:00 pm

PRESENT: Cr S Edwards (Chair) Mayor C Barry (until 3.00pm)
Cr T Stallinger (Deputy Chair) Cr G Tupou
(from 2.06pm)
Cr A Mitchell Deputy Mayor T Lewis
Cr B Dyer (via audio-visual)
(until 3.12pm)

APOLOGIES: Cr K Brown
Cr G Barratt¹

IN ATTENDANCE: A Geddes, Director Environment and Sustainability
P Hewitt, Head of Transport
R Lemalu, Project Delivery Manager
R Faulkner, Project Manager
R Hardie, Head of Strategy and Policy (part meeting)
A Gordon, Senior Policy Advisor (part meeting)
R Houlbrooke, Policy Lead (part meeting)
B Hodgins, Strategic Advisor (part meeting)
D Bentley, Environmental Health Manager (part meeting)
T Johnstone, Head of Planning (part meeting)
R Barton, Head of Building Control (part meeting)
D Pratt, Animal Services Manager (part meeting)
J Roberts, Head of Environmental Protection (part meeting)
E Anand, Head of City Delivery (part meeting)
L Desrosiers, Head of Urban Development (part meeting)
D Millin, Principal Advisor - Micromobility Programme
H Bell, Elected Member Support Coordinator (part meeting)
J Kilty, Democracy Advisor (part meeting)
V Gilmour, Democracy Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS

¹ The apology was recieved but not passed on due to an administrative error.

1. **OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	Cease the winds from the west
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	Cease the winds from the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta	Let the breeze blow over the land
Kia mātaratara ki tai	Let the breeze blow over the ocean
E hī ake ana te atakura	Let the red-tipped dawn come with a
He tio, he huka, he hau hū	sharpened air.
Tihei mauri ora	A touch of frost, a promise of a
	glorious day.

2. **APOLOGIES**

RESOLVED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Mitchell)

Minute No. IARCC 24201

"That the apology received from Cr K Brown be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS

In accordance with Standing Order 10.4, Item 9) Retrospective Approval for Council's Submission to The Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024 was accorded precedence of business. The item is recorded in the order it appeared on the agenda.

Mayor Barry left the meeting at 2.27pm.

5. **RECOMMENDATION TO TE KAUNIHERA O TE AWA KAIRANGI COUNCIL - 28 May 2024**

Infrastructure Acceleration Fund Project Report

The Head of City Delivery elaborated on the report.

Mayor Barry rejoined the meeting at 2.28pm.

In response to questions from a member, the Head of City Delivery said he was advised that Wellington Water Limited (WWL) does not have the capacity to deliver the stormwater and wastewater projects that were decided in 2023. He explained that with funding from the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund (IAF), Council agreed to proceed with these projects under the City Delivery Unit. He confirmed that using the same contractors that WWL employs was possible.

The Head of Urban Development explained that the 3,500 plus dwellings outlined in the contract with Kāinga Ora could be situated anywhere on the valley floor. She said that since the stormwater and wastewater works primarily occurred in the central city area, the focus was increasing the number of dwellings there.

In response to questions from a member, the Strategic Advisor reiterated that the decision on who would complete the projects was made in 2023. He stated that WWL had been clear that they could not deliver the stormwater and wastewater projects.

The Head of City Delivery expressed confidence in the team's ability to deliver these projects. He advised that WWL was assisting in the detailed design phase and that he would follow up with WWL about their capacity to take the lead role.

In response to a question from a member, the Head of City Delivery stated that the capacity limitation for WWL stemmed from their contractors and management being engaged in the Wellington Water works.

In response to a question from a member, the Head of City Delivery confirmed that Council had a stage 1 commitment with Kāinga Ora until the end of June 2024. He further noted that negotiations for stages 2 and 3 were pending.

Cr Mitchell spoke in support of the proposal but expressed concerns about Council taking on the projects without the expertise of WWL. He suggested involving WWL for specific tasks if they could not resource the entire project.

Cr Tupou thanked officers for their work and emphasised the importance of Council's commitment to investing in infrastructure to support 3,500 plus homes.

RECOMMENDED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Mitchell)

Minute No. IARCC 24202

“That the Committee recommends that Council:

- (1) receives the report and notes the information;*
- (2) endorses the advancement of Stormwater works Option 1b to Stage 2 (Detailed Design) as the preferred option;*
- (3) notes that this option aligns strongly with project objectives and is within the overall project funding of \$174M;*
- (4) notes that although Option 5 (Riddiford Street) scored as the best option in the Multi Criteria Analysis workshop, Option 1b is recommended as the preferred option as it best aligns with the project objectives to enable the housing outcomes;*
- (5) endorses advancement of Wastewater works option to Stage 2-Detailed Design;*
- (6) notes the risks associated with these options will be best addressed in Stage 2 once the design and cost maturity are sufficiently developed in collaboration with contractors; and*
- (7) requests officers to reassess the delivery of the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund project and whether it is best suited with Council or with Wellington Water Limited.”*

6. **PROPOSED REVIEWS OF THE LOCAL ALCOHOL POLICY 2018 AND THE ALCOHOL FEES BYLAW 2020**

Report No. IARCC2024/2/105 by the Senior Policy Advisor

The Senior Policy Advisor elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from a member, the Senior Policy Advisor advised that a review of the policy and bylaw had not been conducted since a change in the legislation. She suggested that Council might be among the first to do so. She confirmed that Council's alcohol fees had remained unchanged.

In response to a question from a member, the Senior Policy Advisor stated that she believed the engagement plan would involve a proactive approach to inform all licence holders about the reviews and provide them with an opportunity to submit their views.

RESOLVED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Tupou)

Minute No. IARCC 24203

"That the Committee:

- (1) notes that the Alcohol Fees Bylaw and the Local Alcohol Policy are due for review this year;*
- (2) notes that each review requires consultation to be undertaken;*
- (3) agrees to run a concurrent consultation process for both reviews in August 2024;*
- (4) notes the Control of Alcohol in Public Places Bylaw is also undergoing consultation in August 2024;*
- (5) notes that the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee is responsible for the Control of Alcohol in Public Places Bylaw;*
- (6) agrees to run consultation processes for both the Alcohol Fees Bylaw and the Local Alcohol Policy concurrently with the consultation on the Control of Alcohol in Public Places Bylaw to ensure a coordinated and efficient public consultation process;*
- (7) notes that subsequent hearings of submissions on the Alcohol Fees Bylaw (if required) and on the Local Alcohol Policy will be undertaken separately in September 2024;*
- (8) notes the timeline attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and*
- (9) notes that officers will undertake draft reviews of the Alcohol Fees Bylaw and the Local Alcohol Policy and bring them back to the Committee in July 2024 for consideration."*

7. THREE WATERS UPDATE

Report No. IARCC2024/2/106 by the Strategic Advisor

The Strategic Advisor elaborated on the report. He advised that the target for pipe renewal was 12 km by the end of the year, but it was now on track to reach 13 km. He explained that the cost per kilometre fluctuated due to different types of projects. He pointed out that costs for the 2022/23 period were \$3.2M and \$3.13M up to May 2024, with specific projects such as Barber Grove to Seaview Wastewater Main impacting these costs. He explained that comparing costs between different projects, such as the water pipe renewal in Howard Road versus Naenae, was not an effective way to gauge Council's value for money. He advised that Council was working on finding appropriate measures to assess value for money.

The Strategic Advisor further advised that WWL had considered five approaches for the Jackson Street renewals. He said the current recommendation, pending community consultation, suggested conducting all renewals simultaneously on a block-by-block basis. This would temporarily close the street to vehicles but maintain pedestrian access. He mentioned that although this option would prolong shutdowns, it could save costs. He explained that the next step involved consulting with the Jackson Street Programme and Petone Community Board.

The Strategic Advisor reported that the backlog of water leaks had decreased to 543. He said that these jobs had not yet been bundled but were in the pipeline. He further advised that WWL was still developing a plan for renewing the main Hutt Valley wastewater pipe, which may take a few more weeks.

In response to questions from members, the Strategic Advisor confirmed that construction on Jackson Street was scheduled to commence in mid-2025 and could take three years to complete.

In response to a question from a member, the Strategic Advisor said that the membership for water reform remained the same as Entity G. However, he mentioned subtle differences between the two policies. He confirmed that officers were assessing what could be used from the work previously done by the Department of Internal Affairs.

RESOLVED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Stallinger)

Minute No. IARCC 24204

"That the Committee receives the report and notes its contents."

8. REGULATORY MATTERS

Report No. IARCC2024/2/107 by the Head of Planning

The Director Environment and Sustainability advised that Council recently underwent an International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ) assessment, which identified several minor and significant non-compliances. She suggested that one major issue was the performance against statutory timeframes. She explained that after implementing improvements and addressing the issues raised in recent reporting, IANZ upgraded Council's compliance rate to 92.4%, resolving this non-compliance.

The Head of Planning elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the Animal Services Manager advised that Council had implemented a volunteer scheme for patrolling but had to scale it back due to threats. He explained that they were currently dealing with legal and privacy challenges to make body cameras operational. He further advised that the team was not equipped for extensive proactive patrolling but was monitoring areas as they passed by. He said plans were underway to explore additional resources for patrolling in 2025.

In response to questions from members, the Animal Services Manager advised that Council would consider the proposed bylaw changes concerning Eastern Bays on 28 May 2024. He also mentioned that there would be an increased presence in the area once the changes were fully implemented and signed.

RESOLVED: (Cr Edwards/Deputy Mayor Lewis)

Minute No. IARCC 24205

"That the Committee receives and notes the information."

9. **RETROSPECTIVE APPROVAL FOR COUNCIL'S SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT ON LAND TRANSPORT 2024**

Memorandum dated 24 April 2024 by the Executive Assistant to the Director of Economy and Development

Speaking under public comment, **Matthew Young representing Hutt Cycle Network** addressed the issue of the conflict between Council's Transport Strategy objectives and central government's policy on transport. He expressed concern that the draft Government Policy Statement for land transport reduced funding for public transport services and infrastructure, rail, and increased pressure on walking and cycling funding, which contradicted Council's goals to cut emissions and promote alternative modes of transport. He was surprised that Council's submission supported the suggested funding plan and believed it was a shift from what was discussed with the community. He urged Council to reconsider endorsing the proposed funding plan and to seek clarity on the submission process from officers.

Cr Stallinger joined the meeting at 2.06pm.

Speaking under public comment, **David Tripp representing Doctor's for Active, Safe Transport** expressed confusion regarding Council's submission of the draft GPS, which was believed to conflict with Council's integrated transport strategy. He said the integrated transport strategy acknowledged the disadvantage of a car-dependent transport system and its adverse effects on health. He stated that GPS mainly favoured a car-centric approach, reducing funding for public transport and neglecting the need to address the associated health issues. He felt these differences were not discussed in Council's submission.

In response to a question from a member, Matthew Young believed that Council had not provided enough clarity of its support for public transport funding in its submission. David Tripp believed that Council's submission and integrated transport strategy were contradictory.

The Project Delivery Manager elaborated on the report. She acknowledged that they utilised current usage data to forecast future walking and cycling patterns. She explained that Council's approach was to promote the development of walking and cycling infrastructure despite the current low usage. She said that Council recognised the importance of continuing the walking and cycling plan and used the current low usage statistics to advocate for expansion in these areas. She agreed that Council could have been more explicit about this point.

In response to questions from members, the Project Delivery Manager advised that the submission consultation period had closed. She agreed to check the possibility of revising Council's submission to improve its clarity. She confirmed there was limited time to submit the submission to central government.

In response to a further question from a member, the Project Delivery Manager explained that officers reviewed other submissions. She highlighted that the current draft GPS offered opportunities to focus on maintenance, which Council may not have had the chance to do before. She advised that Council continued to have initiatives promoting

walking and cycling while exploring additional opportunities outlined in the draft GPS.

RESOLVED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Stallinger)

Minute No. IARCC 24206

"That the Committee:

(1) receives and notes the submission to the Ministry of Transport on the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024; and

(2) retrospectively approves Council's submission attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum."

10. **INFORMATION ITEM**

Infrastructure and Regulatory Forward Programme 2024

Memorandum dated 18 April 2024 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Mitchell)

Minute No. IARCC 24207

"That the Committee receives and notes the Forward Programme for 2024 attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum."

11. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

12. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**RESOLVED:** (Cr Edwards/Cr Tupou)**Minute No. IARCC 24208***"That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:***13. National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) 2024-27 - Verbal update***The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:*

(A)	(B)	(C)
<i>General subject of the matter to be considered.</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter.</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution.</i>
<i>National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) 2024-27 - Verbal update.</i>	<i>The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (s7(2)(i)).</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exist.</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified in Column (B) above."

There being no further business the Chair declared the public part of the meeting closed at 3.12pm. The public excluded part of the meeting was declared closed at 3.29pm.

S Edwards
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 28th day of May 2024