

HUTT CITY COUNCILKOMITI ITI MAHERE Ā-NGAHURUTANGA / MAHERE Ā-TAU
LONG TERM PLAN/ANNUAL PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the Council Chambers,
2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on
Tuesday 4 June 2024 commencing at 1.00pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Mayor C Barry (Chair)	Deputy Mayor T Lewis (via audio-visual link)
	Cr G Barratt until 2.44pm (via audio-visual link) and from 3.17pm (in person)	Cr J Briggs
	Cr K Brown	Cr B Dyer
	Cr S Edwards	Cr A Mitchell
	Cr K Morgan	Cr C Parkin
	Cr N Shaw	Cr T Stallinger
	Cr G Tupou (from 1.03pm) (via audio-visual link)	

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE: J Miller, Chief Executive
A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities
T Johnstone, Acting Director Environment and Sustainability
J Kingsbury, Director, Economy and Development
J Livschitz, Group Chief Financial Officer
B Cato, Chief Legal Officer
C Parish, Head of Mayor's Office
C Ellis, Head of Chief Executive's Office (part meeting)
K Stannard, Head of Democratic Services (part meeting)
E Anand, Head of City Delivery
P Hewitt, Head of Transport (part meeting)
D Millin, Principal Advisor - Micromobility Programme (part meeting)
D Nunnian, Manager Financial Strategy and Planning
A Andrews, Finance Transaction Services Manager
B Hodgins, Strategic Advisor (part meeting)
R Hardie, Head of Strategy and Policy
V Jones, Senior Communications Advisor (part meeting)
K Glanville, Senior Democracy Advisor
H Clegg, Minute Taker

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. **OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

Whakataka te hau ki te uru
 Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
 Kia mākinakina ki uta
 Kia mātaratara ki tai
 E hī ake ana te atakura
 He tio, he huka, he hau hū
 Tīhei mauri ora.

*Cease the winds from the west
 Cease the winds from the south
 Let the breeze blow over the land
 Let the breeze blow over the ocean
 Let the red-tipped dawn come with
 a sharpened air.
 A touch of frost, a promise of a
 glorious day.*

2. **APOLOGIES**

RESOLVED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Stallinger)

Minute No. LTPAP 24301(2)

"The apologies from Cr Tupou for lateness and Cr Barratt, who was travelling to rejoin the meeting in person, be accepted."

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

Cr Tupou joined the meeting at 1.03pm via audio-visual link.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. **RECOMMENDATIONS TO TE KAUNIHĒRA O TE AWA KAIRANGI
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a) Final decisions on the Long Term Plan 2024-2034

Speaking under public comment, **Louise Black and Lynne Fraser** spoke to the submission and expressed their opposition to the proposed paid parking in Petone, as attached as pages 21-22 of the minutes. Louise Black requested that the parking arrangement at the back of the Petone Library remain as it was. Lynne Fraser expressed concern that paid parking would negatively impact people with disabilities.

In response to questions from members, Louise Black suggested that free parking in Petone should be retained due to the high number of elderly residents in the area. Lynne Fraser also mentioned that there were only two disability parking spots in the Peel Street carpark.

Speaking under public comment, **Paul Duffin** spoke to his statement, attached as pages 23-24 of the minutes.

In response to questions from members, Paul Duffin clarified that all candidates were treated equally, with a fair and equitable selection process involving Hutt Valley schools.

Speaking under public comment, **Nik Zangaouropoulos** opposed paid parking in Petone, stating it would have minimal impact on the budget and negatively affect local businesses. He suggested delaying the implementation until after major water pipe works on Jackson Street were completed. He also proposed offering the first hour of parking for free, with a review after a year, and establishing a working group to find future funding sources and support business growth in the Hutt Valley.

Speaking under public comment, **Nik Zangaouropoulos, President of the Petone Historical Society**, thanked Council for listening to the Society's concerns and for instigating an independent review.

Speaking under public comment, **Dave Gillespie, representing Taitā Cricket Club**, stated the clubs at Fraser Park Sportsville were interested in open dialogue to create a "win-win" model. He emphasised the goal of retaining facilities for the community and asked for information on building code requirements and cost estimates.

Speaking under public comment, **Mick Yates, representing Lower Hutt Soccer**, emphasised that the clubs at Fraser Park Sportsville needed more information about the required work. He mentioned that once the clubs have these details, they can start investigating how to carry out the necessary work.

The Chair expressed his readiness to have an open discussion with the clubs at Fraser Park Sportsville. He mentioned that the \$240,000 budgeted for demolishing the buildings could not be used for strengthening works. He also emphasised that there were other recreational facilities in the city that required urgent attention.

Speaking under public comment, **Mike Fisher, Chair of the Petone Community Board**, emphasised the need for the first hour of parking to be free and for the Peel Street carpark to be exempt from paid parking fees. Additionally, he expressed the Board's preference to postpone the paid

parking proposal due to the ongoing construction work on Jackson Street and raised concerns about the potential impact of the RiverLink project.

Speaking under public comment, **Pete Fahy** asked Council to preserve the Petone Wharf. He stated that the Petone Wharf held historical significance and was an attraction for tourists. He emphasised that the bulkhead of the Petone Wharf was its most significant feature and should not be dismantled.

In response to a question from a member, Pete Fahey advised that seahorses used to live under the Petone Wharf and that the area was a marine sanctuary.

Speaking under public comment, **Thomas Doolan** expressed support for Pete Fahy's comments. He suggested seeking sponsorship to sell naming rights to the wharf to fund the necessary renovations. Additionally, he mentioned that local contractors could handle the restoration work.

PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Briggs) **Minute No. LTPAP 24302 (2)**

"In accordance with Standing Order 10.4, precedence be accorded to items 5b) 'Final Development and Financial Contributions Policy 2024, 5c) 'Three Waters Investment', 5d) 'Micromobility Options 2024/25 onwards'."

The items are recorded in the order they are listed on the order paper.

Section D of the Report

Water Services Investment Proposal

Julie Alexander, General Manager Network Strategy and Planning and Peter Wells, Head of Service Planning from Wellington Water Limited (WWL) were in attendance for the item.

The Strategic Advisor recommended a review of the proposed operational expenditure in the Long Term Plan (LTP) for the three water networks. He noted that WWL had advised that the costs of providing drinking water over a 10 year period would rise due to an ageing network. He also mentioned that funds were currently being allocated to the wastewater network for necessary works at the expense of other networks. He further explained that WWL proposed an additional annual allocation of \$1.5M to address water leaks and the ageing of pipes.

The Group's Chief Financial Officer explained that an additional \$2.8M had been added to the budget in line with a previous Council decision. She stated that this would lead to a 1% increase in rates for each of the first two years of the LTP, followed by no further rates increase. She proposed that the \$2.8M be fully funded in the first year, resulting in a 2% rates rise for that year. She also recommended budgeting an additional \$1.5M for each of the subsequent years of the 10 year LTP, with a subsequent 1% rates rise for each of those years

In response to questions from members, the Strategic Advisor stated that an extra \$1.5 M per year would be necessary to cover the 10 year programme aimed at fixing water leaks, including work to repair the most vulnerable parts of the network. He clarified that the original advice from WWL did not consider the accelerated rate of deterioration of the pipe network that had now been identified. Additionally, he said that Taumata Arowai required monthly updates from WWL regarding the condition of the water network. He also confirmed that if the extra funds were not needed to fix leaks, they would be reallocated to renewals to continue the upgrade works on the network.

Members discussed the increasing need for more funding for Three Waters requirements. The Chair recommended addressing short-term issues to achieve long-term gains.

The Chief Executive stated that the proposal to increase the Three Waters budget by \$1.5M for years two through to 10 of the LTP did not require engagement with the community as outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. She explained that while the amount differed from the one consulted on, it was not significantly different and was necessary for the same network improvement activity.

In response to further questions from members, the Strategic Advisor confirmed that the key performance indicator for responding to leaks was no more than 20 days. He acknowledged that an ageing pipe network may

require increased funding over the life of the LTP.

Cr Barratt rejoined the meeting (in person) at 3.17pm.

In response to questions from members, the General Manager Network Strategy and Planning, WWL advised that if funding were provided, WWL would have enough capacity to complete the works.

The Chair advised that providing the requested extra funding was a prudent course of action.

In response to a further question from a member, the Strategic Advisor was uncertain about the course of action available to Taumata Arowai if WWL did not meet their expectations.

Members discussed the request for additional funding. They recognised the challenging financial circumstances and the worsening condition of the networks. Additionally, they observed that the implementation of water meters could impact water usage and lead to the identification of more leaks.

RECOMMENDED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Edwards) **Minute No. LTPAP 24303(3)**

“That the Subcommittee recommends Council approves additional water services opex funding of \$1.5M per annum from years 2 to 10 of the Long Term Plan (adjusted for inflation).”

Food organics and green organics collection service (FOGO)

Cr. Staller suggested that the FOGO proposal be reconsidered as part of the next LTP and that the budget allocated for it be removed from this LTP.

The Chair, Crs Briggs and Mitchell, spoke in favour of retaining the FOGO budget to allow for potential government directives and cross-regional collaboration with other local authorities.

Water services investment proposal

Members supported the water services option 1 outlined in Section D of the report.

Petone assets investment proposal

Members supported the Petone assets option 3 outlined in Section D of the report.

Rates Relief for Low Income Households

In response to questions from members, the Group Chief Financial Officer stated that if this item were not included, the rates would be reduced by 0.28%.

Cr Mitchell did not support the proposed rates relief for low-income households. He noted his earlier decision not to contribute to any further rates increase.

Deputy Mayor Lewis, Crs Dyer, Edwards and Parkin agreed with Cr Mitchell's comments.

Cr Brown expressed support for retaining the proposed rates relief, emphasising that residents in need required assistance. She said that the relief could be the deciding factor in whether someone kept their home or was forced to sell.

Cr Briggs supported Cr Brown's comments, adding that the impact of the proposed rates increase was minimal.

Crs Morgan and Tupou supported the retention of the proposed rates relief for low income households.

The Chair acknowledged the difficulty of the decision, noting that providing welfare was outside Council's role. He suggested that Council could do more to promote its existing policy.

Table 2: Other proposed budget changes requiring Council decisions

Infrastructure Acceleration Fund

Members agreed to carry over and rephrase the funding.

Petone Parking Options

The Chair advised that if a decision were made to implement any of the proposed options, more details regarding timing would be available by the end of June 2024

In response to questions from members, the Director Economy and Development advised that the parking limit in the Peel Street carpark would be reduced from four hours to two hours. He said this change aimed to align with parking regulations in other areas of the city and to match the working hours of Council's Enforcement officers. He agreed to provide more detailed information about the Peel Street carpark at a later time. He confirmed that the proposal for a period of free parking before charges apply would be specific to Petone and not found elsewhere.

MOVED: (Cr Parkin/Cr Morgan)

"That the Subcommittee recommends that Council approves for inclusion in the final Long Term Plan 2024-2034 the Petone Paid Parking option 3 being paid parking seven days per week but first 30 minutes free, as outlined in Table 2 of the report."

The motion was declared LOST by a show of hands.

Crs Barratt, Briggs, Dyer, Edwards, Shaw, and Tupou spoke in support of option 1, which proposed implementing paid parking in Petone seven days a week. They believed the CBD and Petone had an unfair parking situation and noted that the RiverLink project would disrupt the CBD.

Cr Stallinger spoke in support of option 5, which would involve paying to park in Petone seven days a week but implemented in July 2027.

Cr Mitchell spoke in support of option 2, which involved paid parking in Petone seven days a week, but the first 60 minutes were free until 2027, and then the transition to option 1, which involved paid parking seven days per week. He mentioned a preference for an option that gradually introduced paid parking in Petone.

The Chair spoke in support of option 1, which proposed implementing paid parking in Petone seven days a week. He highlighted the disparities between the CBD and Petone.

The Director Economy and Development agreed to provide a report on how to implement the proposal and its implications for Council's Enforcement team.

RECOMMENDED: (Cr Briggs/Cr Edwards) **Minute No. LTPAP 24304(3)**

“That the Subcommittee recommends that Council approves for inclusion in the final Long Term Plan 2024-2034 the Petone Paid Parking option 1 being paid parking in Petone seven days per week, as outlined in Table 2 of the report.”

Crs Stallinger and Mitchell requested that their dissenting vote be recorded against the above matter.

Rangatahi action plan

In response to a question from a member, the Director Neighbourhoods and Communities advised that one officer held the portfolios for disability, rainbow, seniors, rangatahi, Pasifika, new migrants, and kai.

Cr Morgan spoke in support of appointing a full-time FTE position to lead the Rangatahi action plan.

Cr Mitchell spoke in opposition to the proposal. He agreed with the officers' advice that the portfolio could be delivered by existing officers. He supported the Rangatahi Strategy, but he believed other communities should also be represented.

Deputy Mayor Lewis and Cr Edwards supported the comments made by Cr Mitchell. Cr Edwards believed that the timing was not right to increase the staffing levels for this initiative.

Crs Briggs, Brown, Dyer, Parkin, Stallinger and Tupou spoke in support of the proposal, emphasising the importance of involving youth in democracy and endorsing the initiative to encourage youth engagement.

RECOMMENDED: (Cr Morgan/Cr Shaw) **Minute No. LTPAP 24305(3)**

“That the Subcommittee recommends that Council approves for inclusion in the final Long Term Plan 2024-2034 the service level improvement through the inclusion of additional budget to lead the coordination and implementation of the Rangatahi action plan, as outlined in Table 2 of the report.”

Sister City Programme

Cr Barratt expressed support for including the funding in the LTP, emphasising that the experience benefited many students who then went on to contribute to the city. She pointed out that Council's contribution was relatively small compared to the individual fundraising efforts required.

Councillor Dyer and Councillor Edwards also supported including \$12,500 for the Sister City programme in the LTP.

In response to a question from a member, the Chair advised that further discussions concerning the wider Sister City programme were required at a later date.

MOVED: (Cr Morgan/Cr Parkin)

“That the Subcommittee recommends Council does not approve funding for the Sister City Programme to be included in the final Long Term Plan.”

The motion was declared LOST on the voices.

RECOMMENDED: (Cr Dyer/Cr Barratt) **Minute No. LTPAP 24306(3)**

“That the Subcommittee recommends that Council approves \$12,500 for inclusion in the final Long Term Plan for the Sister City Programme.”

Deputy Mayor Lewis and Crs Morgan and Parkin requested their dissenting vote be recorded against the above matter.

The meeting adjourned at 4.34pm and resumed at 4.48pm.

Concessions for Community Services Card Holders

In response to a question from a member, the Director Neighbourhoods and Communities explained that the figures provided were derived from the number of community service card holders living in the city. She said that the effect on rates could be lower than anticipated. She also confirmed that data would be gathered if the proposal was approved.

RECOMMENDED: (Cr Mitchell/Cr Morgan) **Minute No. LTPAP 24307(3)**

“That the Subcommittee recommends that Council

- (1) agrees to amend the Swimming Pools fees to include a standard discount for adults with Community Services cards, to be the same discount as for students and seniors; and*
- (2) notes that this impacts rates increases by 0.03%.”*

Water OPEX

In response to a question from a member, the Group Chief Financial Officer stated that the proposed rates increase for 2024-25 was currently 16.7%, based on decisions made so far.

Members considered an additional 0.2% increase in rates revenue for 2024/25 and a 0.8% increase for 2025/26 to address water leaks. This would result in an overall rates revenue increase of 16.9% in 2024/25 and 13.4% in 2025/26. Members acknowledged that the 16.9% increase in 2024/25 was agreed upon after consulting with the community.

RECOMMENDED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Dyer) **Minute No. LTPAP 24308(3)**
"That the Subcommittee recommends Council approves an additional rates revenue increase of 0.2% in 2024/25 and 0.8% in 2025/26 to fund water leaks."

Fees And Charges

Members agreed to the revised fees and charges and agreed that the LTP Working Group has the authority to make any necessary minor decision changes.

Rates Revenue Increases

In response to questions from members, the Group Chief Financial Officer advised that based on the decisions made at the meeting, the 16.9% rates revenue increase for 2024/2025 was correct. She said that the proposed rates revenue increase for subsequent years would require further confirmation by officers. She said that officers would report back with final figures by the end of June.

Cr Stallinger stated that he would vote against the proposed rates revenue increase. He recognised the need for a significant rate increase to address water infrastructure costs, but he opposed the rising costs associated with officer numbers. While he acknowledged the necessity of some increase in staff numbers, he believed that the proposed amount was excessive. He commended officers for their support during the LTP process.

Cr Briggs spoke in support of the increase in rates revenue. He provided reasons for why the staff increases were necessary, pointing out that they were not as costly as the previous member had stated. He considered it a cop-out if members voted against the rates revenue increase, as all members had been part of the LTP discussions and had voted for a majority of the projects.

Cr Stallinger raised a point of order in relation to the previous member's statement.

The Chair asked Cr Briggs to proceed with his next point

Cr Briggs believed the proposed increase in rates was a direct result of

underfunding by a series of previous councils.

The meeting adjourned at 5.10pm and resumed at 5.14pm.

The motion was taken in parts. Parts (1)-(6) and (8)-(18) were declared CARRIED on the voices and part (7) was declared CARRIED by a show of hands

RECOMMENDED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Dyer) **Minute No. LTPAP 24309 (3)**

“That the Subcommittee recommends that Council:

- (1) *notes that on 27 March 2024, Council approved the draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Consultation Document and underlying information for public consultation;*
- (2) *notes that the detailed analysis and results of public consultation were reported to Council on 17 May 2024;*
- (3) *notes that Council provided initial direction to officers for finalising the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 on 17 May 2024;*

RECOMMENDED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Morgan) **Minute No. LTPAP 24310(3)**

“That the Subcommittee recommends that Council:

- (4) *approves for inclusion in the final Long Term Plan 2024-2034 the water services option 1 being an investment of \$1.6B over 10 years, refer to Section D in the report for further details;*
- (5) *approves for inclusion in the final Long Term 2024-2034 the Petone assets option 3 being an investment of \$20M (Petone wharf \$12M, Petone Library \$5M, Petone Rec grandstand \$3M), refer to Section D in the report for further details;”*

RECOMMENDED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Briggs) **Minute No. LTPAP 24311(3)**

“That the Subcommittee recommends that Council:

- (6) *approves for inclusion in the final Long Term 2024-2034 the food organics and green organics collection service option 1, however notes that in recognition of the feedback received from our community during the consultation, as well as the uncertainty regarding food and organic participation rates, reliance on unconfirmed government funding, and the need to accommodate those who currently compost, officers have been asked to do further work to identify how these concerns might be met before proceeding further;”*

Cr Stallinger requested that his dissenting vote be recorded against part (6) above.

RECOMMENDED: (Cr Dyer/Deputy Mayor Lewis)

Minute No. LTPAP 24312(3)

“That the Subcommittee recommends that Council:

- (7) *agrees that Option 1 for rates relief for low-income households is not approved for inclusion in the final Long Term 2024-2034, refer to Section D in the report for further details;”*

Crs Barratt, Briggs and Brown requested that their dissenting vote be recorded against part (7) above.

RECOMMENDED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Dyer) **Minute No. LTPAP 24313(3)**

“That the Subcommittee recommends that Council:

- (8) *agrees the budget matters as detailed in Table 2 in the report and agrees decisions on these matters for the final Long Term Plan 2024-2034 as per feedback provided at the meeting;*
- (9) *notes the latest projected debt and balanced operating budget results, as detailed in Section D and graphs 2 and 3 in the report;*
- (10) *notes that the report includes financial projections based on a number of assumptions about final budgets and the associated rates increases;*

RECOMMENDED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Mitchell) **Minute No. LTPAP 24314 (3)**

“That the Subcommittee recommends Council:

- (11) *agrees to the rates revenue increases (after growth) to be included in the final Long Term Plan 2024-2034 as follows (refer to Section H in the report) and agrees that these will be updated to reflect final Council decisions as required;*

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34
Rates revenue increase	16.9%	13.4%	12.6%	12.6%	12.4%	12.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%

Crs Barratt and Stallinger requested their dissenting vote be recorded against part (11) above.

RECOMMENDED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Dyer) **Minute No. LTPAP 24315(3)**

"That the Subcommittee recommends Council:

- (12) notes the projected rating impact for 2024-25 for the average residential ratepayer is \$10.81 per week, refer to Section E in the report;*
- (13) agrees the fees and charges to be included in the final Long Term Plan 2024-2034, refer to Section F in the report;*
- (14) endorses the proposed updates to Long Term Plan 2024-2034 narratives to reflect the latest information, refer to Section F in the report;*
- (15) notes that final reviews are being carried out as well as an external audit process that is to be completed and that further changes may be required to the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 as a result of these processes;*
- (16) agrees that the Long Term Plan Working Group (comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairs of Committees) be delegated the authority to make decisions as required in preparing the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 for Council adoption on 27 June 2024 ;*
- (17) requires that any such decisions made by the Long Term Plan Working Group be reported back to Council at its meeting on 27 June 2024; and*
- (18) notes the further direction and guidance provided to officers ahead of the preparation of the final Long Term Plan 2024-2034 to be adopted by Council on 27 June 2024. "*

b) Final Development and Financial Contributions Policy 2024

Dwayne Fletcher, Vale Consulting elaborated on the report via audio visual link.

The Group Chief Financial Officer confirmed that the changes to the Development and Financial Contributions Policy (the policy) have been factored into the proposed 16.9% rates increase. She mentioned that due to the policy changes, there would be no impact on rates for the first year of the LTP. However, she also noted that higher rates increases than initially predicted would occur in the later years of the LTP.

RECOMMENDED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Morgan) **Minute No. LTPAP 24316(3)**

“That the Subcommittee recommends that Council:

- (1) notes that the final Development and financial contributions policy 2024 has been updated to reflect the decisions and direction provided by Council on 17 May 2024, refer to Section B of the officer’s report for further details;*
- (2) notes that a separate policy on a proposed Development Contributions Remission for Community Housing providers will be presented separately to Council for approval on 27 June 2024;*
- (3) approves the final Development and financial contributions policy 2024, attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and*
- (4) approves the Chief Executive and the Chair of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee to make minor editorial changes to the Development and Financial Contributions Policy 2024. “*

c) Three Waters Investment

Julie Alexander, General Manager Network Strategy and Planning, and Peter Wells, Head of Service Planning from Wellington Water Limited (WWL), were in attendance for this item.

The Strategic Advisor elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Strategic Advisor advised that final decisions on the timings of the Jackson Street renewal project were being worked through. He noted that the work would occur in blocks from Queen Street moving east and that future work on The Esplanade pipes would also need to be factored in. He confirmed that plans would be discussed with Council's Transport team. He advised that the backlog of renewals over the next two years would increase by approximately 10-20 kms in relation to the proposed 200kms of pipes to be renewed.

In response to further questions from members, the Strategic Advisor confirmed there was always a risk involved when projects were delayed. He said that to date, Upper Hutt City Council had not raised any concerns with the upgrade to the collector sewer being delayed to 2027.

The Head of Services Planning, WWL, explained that funding for the design stage had been increased for this project whilst construction was delayed.

In response to questions from members, the Head of Services Planning, WWL, stated that Council contributed the most to the WWL investment programme compared to other local authorities in the region. He acknowledged concerns about potential leaks and assured that WWL was fully committed to the programme. He confirmed that the introduction of water meters would improve leak detection and response times.

The Chief Executive advised that officers would report on the impact of providing additional funding for fixing leaks in years six and seven.

RECOMMENDED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Edwards) **Minute No. LTPAP 24317(3)**

"That the Subcommittee recommends Council:

- (1) notes the advice from Wellington Water Limited (WWL) to assist Council in finalising investment in three waters for its 2024-2034 Long Term Plan;*
- (2) agrees to incorporate the changes proposed by WWL to the CAPEX programme, noting that such changes have been made within the overall investment envelope as proposed in the draft Long Term Plan;*
- (3) notes that the most significant change to the CAPEX programme is the inclusion of WWL project management costs, which had been mistakenly omitted by WWL in previous advice and is estimated to be \$20.1M for the first three years;*
- (4) notes that this will impact all major projects, including growth projects, such that Development Contribution charges will be updated to reflect the changes as per the WWL advice;*
- (5) notes that the renewal of Petone Collecting Sewer has been deferred two years to commence in year three and that both the proposed Jackson Street network renewals and Western Hills Trunk main renewal are not currently included in the detailed three year programme and will need to be considered once further information is available;*
- (6) notes that investigations for network renewals in Jackson Street, Petone have been undertaken and that engagement with businesses through the Jackson Street Programme (JSP) is underway to assist Council with deciding on a preferred option;*
- (7) notes that the proposed investment programme is expected to result in an overall improvement in levels of service for water and wastewater services;*
- (8) notes the risks that WWL has identified for Council's three water assets, as summarised in paragraph 17 of the report, based on the proposed investment programme; and*
- (9) agrees to retain investment in universal water metering in the Long Term Plan on the basis that the Business Case being prepared for the region in year one is favourable and in line with the positive benefits identified in the work done to date, noting that Council could redirect such investment to network renewals if this were not the case. "*

d) Micromobility Options 2024/25 onwards

The Principal Advisor – Micromobility Programme elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the Director Economy and Development advised that additional business case investigations were required due to gaps in the cycling network and the need for wider strategic awareness.

The Principal Advisor – Micromobility Programme added that the new business cases would build on existing knowledge and provide more detailed information, enabling accurate quantification of benefits.

In response to further questions from members, the Director Economy and Development confirmed that a key performance indicator related to mode shift was being developed. He emphasised the importance of establishing a realistic target and preparing business cases for government subsidies in three years' time.

In response to questions from members, the Principal Advisor – Micromobility Programme confirmed that funding had been allocated for year four and onward in the LTP. He mentioned that this timeline aligned with the expected availability of government subsidies and emphasised the importance of having projects prepared for construction by that time.

In response to further questions from members, the Director Economy and Development clarified that the connection between Stokes Valley and Eastern Beltway was a distinct project. He mentioned that the possibility of a cycleway between Stokes Valley Centre and Eastern Hutt Road had already been explored.

Cr Mitchell spoke in support of option A, citing forthcoming government subsidies and goodwill among the cycling community and officers.

Cr Dyer spoke in support of option A but was hesitant to fund another round of strategic documents.

Cr Shaw spoke in support of option A, stating that it would enhance cycling connections in the northern parts of the city, including Stokes Valley.

Cr Stallinger spoke in support of option A but expressed concern about the escalating costs of construction projects.

RECOMMENDED: (Cr Dyer/Cr Mitchell) **Minute No. LTPAP 24318(3)**

"That the Subcommittee recommends Council:

- (1) receives and notes the report;*
- (2) notes that Council has a \$7.28M budget available over the period 2024-27, based on the DLTP, to fund Micromobility projects itself;*
- (3) notes that Micromobility funding should be prioritised for projects that are already underway or are ready for construction (eg Taitā);*
- (4) notes that updated project costs that fall within the category above will be investigated and reported back through the Infrastructure and Regulatory Committee at its 12 September 2024 meeting;*
- (5) notes this report does not cover any micromobility projects included in the Cross Valley Connections and RiverLink programmes; and*
- (6) agrees to increase the Long Term Capital budget by \$6.8M (inflated) per year in the Long-Term Plan for years 2031/32 to 2033/34. Subsidies, at 51%, are assumed together with debt funding of the balance. The specific projects this funding relates to will be informed by the cycleway review in 2024/25."*

The meeting moved into the public excluded part of the meeting at 2.29pm. The items are recorded in the order that they appear in the agenda.

The meeting moved to the public part of the meeting at 3.00pm and considered item 5a) Final decisions on the Long Term Plan 2024-2034.

6. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

Cr Brown left the meeting at 2.30pm.

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Briggs) **Minute No. LTPAP 24319(3)**

"That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

8. *Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink) Funding and Commercial Matters and 9. Potential Long Term Plan savings in neighbourhood hubs*

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>

Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink) Funding and Commercial Matters.

The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities (s7(2)(h)).

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.

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)).

Potential Long Term Plan savings in neighbourhood hubs.

The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons. (s7(2)(a)).

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.

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)).

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."

The public excluded business closed at 2.44pm. Cr Barratt left the meeting (via audio-visual link) at 2.44pm.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.17 pm.

C Barry
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record dated this 25th day of July 2024

Submission in opposition to paid car parking in Petone

We are a group of older women and men who use the facilities located at the Petone Library for a number of group activities several times per week.

We are :

Louise Black

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Rebecca Carras

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28 April 2024

Lynne Fraser

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Coral Williams

C. E. Williams

Susan Dopson

S. Dopson

Leila Rutherford

Rutherford

30/4/24

Peter Dopson

P. Dopson

Julie Parsons

J. Parsons

Irene Paton

I. M. Paton

Julian Paton - of N. Paton

*West Fawcett
New Fawcett*

Irene

Barnitt

E. B. Barnitt

Katherine Colton

K. Colton

On Fridays 6 or more of the above attend the Koha Cafe run by Timebank and held at the Depot, which is directly opposite the library. Koha Cafe is held from 11am - 3pm. After lunch at about 2pm we then cross back to the library to attend a collage - making activity until 3pm. Approx.

As to be expected the time taken for these activities is from four to 5 hours and we all park in the carpark at the back of the library.

On Sunday the same group of men and women attend a colouring group. It is a private group which used to be held in one of the rooms off the library foyer and has been recently moved to inside the library. This group runs from 1pm until 4pm.

The peace and enjoyment of these meetings would be completely eroded if the Hutt City Council placed more physical and financial stress on the retirees of this area. Some of the group can't walk far or fast and rely on the handiness of the library and its environs for access to Jackson Street, nearby cafes and "The Lighthouse" cinema.

Two of our group use walking sticks, one has recently been in hospital and one is recovering from cancer.

These members would like speak in person with regard to the above.

P.T.O -

Yours with respect,

Louise Black (member of the above group)

Louise Black

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Public Comment – Paul Duffin - What happens when in Tempe.

Following on from the presentation to the Long Term Plan here is some more information of what happens during and after the exchange to Tempe.

When in Tempe the Hutt Valley students will be with the other delegates that are part of the Tempe Sister City exchange, these delegates coming from 11 countries from around the world, these countries being China, Ireland, France, Germany, Sweden, Mali, Ecuador, Peru, Macedonia, India.

Our delegates will learn about the other countries during their 3 weeks there as they are in each others company constantly. The trips away to places like the Grand Canyon where they camp for 2 nights, Disneyland where they are once again in constant contact with the other delegates will only firm up their bonds. I do know from personal experience that the friendships they make will be with them for life.

One of the things we emphasize when the 3 delegates are selected is that nothing comes for free and they and their families and friends have a lot of fundraising ahead of them. Since selected late last year this years group have worked at numerous events at the stadium on behalf of Red Badge Security, run two sausage sizzles at Bunnings Petone, sold firewood as well as other activities. This work has raised over \$9000 with a portion going towards airfares with the balance being to cover expenses incurred while showing the Tempe delegates what New Zealand has to offer both locally and within the country.

Part of the selection process is that numerous e-mails are sent to every secondary school in the Hutt Valley. This has previously resulted in delegates from Naenae College, Taita College, Wainuiomata High, St Bernards, Sacred Heart and Chilton St James. We also fund a billboard on a Council site.

Since covid we have been in a rebuilding phase and are now thinking outside the box on how we can get delegates from more than one school as we have this year. It is our intention once the 2024 delegates have returned is to visit all Hutt Valley based secondary along with the 2024 delegates to speak to year 11 and 12 year students about the exchange and what it can mean for the rest of their lives.

An example of the benefit how lives are changed is below.

Kacie from Wainuiomata High travelled overseas the next year to be an Au Pair in Italy for a year.

Krishna also from Wainuiomata went on to gain a tourism qualification and spent a year working in Florida before returning to New Zealand and joining our board.

Hazel from Naenae College spent three years gaining a qualification at Massey University and travelled to London to be a nanny for 12 months. She is now travelling back to New Zealand via Asia.

These three young ladies were quite shy when they were selected but the exchange gave them the confidence to travel overseas and proudly say they are from Lower Hutt.

Some families who have a person selected have the funding means to pay for such an exchange but we make it very clear that this is not an option and that only hard work from everyone concerned will achieve the goal. At the end of the process they become a tight unit having to work together to achieve the target. All through the process everyone is guided along the journey by the Hutt Sister City Board and previous delegates when required as they have all experienced that hard work that it takes and what the outcome of this is.

Hutt Sister City is held in high esteem by Tempe Sister Cities who are in fact adopting some of best practices and ensuring the other countries involved step up to the mark in this regard.