



## TE KAUNIHERA O TE AWA KAIRANGI

30 August 2024

Order Paper for Council meeting to be held in the  
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt,  
on:

**Friday 6 September 2024 commencing at 3:00 pm**

The meeting will be livestreamed on Council's You Tube page.

### Membership

Mayor C Barry (Chair)  
Deputy Mayor T Lewis

Cr G Barratt  
Cr K Brown  
Cr S Edwards  
Cr K Morgan  
Cr N Shaw  
Cr G Tupou

Cr J Briggs  
Cr B Dyer  
Cr A Mitchell  
Cr C Parkin  
Cr T Stallinger

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## TE KAUNIHERA O TE AWA KAIRANGI | COUNCIL

<b>Chair</b>	Mayor Campbell Barry
<b>Deputy Chair</b>	Deputy Mayor Tui Lewis
<b>Membership:</b>	All Councillors (11) Refer to Council's Standing Orders (SO 31.10 Provisions for Mana Whenua)
<b>Meeting Cycle:</b>	Council meets on an eight-weekly basis (extraordinary meetings can be called following a resolution of Council, or on the requisition of the Chair or one-third of the total membership of Council)
<b>Quorum:</b>	Half of the members

### **POWER TO (BEING A POWER THAT IS NOT CAPABLE OF BEING DELEGATED)<sup>1</sup>:**

- Make a rate.
- Make bylaws.
- Borrow money other than in accordance with the Long Term Plan (LTP).
- Purchase or dispose of assets other than those in accordance with the LTP.
- Purchase or dispose of Council land and property other than in accordance with the LTP.
- Adopt the LTP, Annual Plan and Annual Report.
- Adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the Local Government Act 2002 in association with the LTP or developed for the purpose of the Local Governance Statement.
- Appoint the Chief Executive.
- Exercise any powers and duties conferred or imposed on the local authority by the Local Government Act 1974, the Public Works Act 1981, or the Resource Management Act 1991, that are unable to be delegated.
- Undertake all other actions which are by law not capable of being delegated.
- The power to adopt a Remuneration and Employment Policy for Council employees.

### **DECIDE ON:**

#### **Policy and Bylaw issues:**

- Adoption of all policies required by legislation.
- Adoption of strategies, and policies with a city-wide or strategic focus.
- Approval of draft bylaws before the consultation.
- Adoption of new or amended bylaws.

#### **District Plan:**

- Approval to call for submissions on any Proposed District Plan, Plan Changes and Variations.

<sup>1</sup> Work required before the making of any of these decisions may be delegated.

- Before public notification, approval of recommendations of District Plan Hearings Subcommittees on any Proposed Plan, Plan Changes (including private Plan Changes) and Variations.
- The withdrawal of Plan Changes in accordance with clause 8D, Part 1, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- Approval, to make operative, District Plan and Plan Changes (in accordance with clause 17, Part 1, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991).
- Acceptance, adoption, or rejection of private Plan Changes.

**Representation, electoral and governance matters:**

- The method of voting for the triennial elections.
- Representation reviews.
- Council’s Code of Conduct for elected members.
- Hearing of and making decisions on breaches of Council’s Code of Conduct for elected members.
- Elected members’ remuneration.
- The outcome of any extraordinary vacancies on Council.
- Any other matters for which a local authority decision is required under the Local Electoral Act 2001.
- Appointment and discharge of members of committees when not appointed by the Mayor.
- Adoption of Terms of Reference for Council Committees, Subcommittees and Working Groups, and oversight of those delegations.
- Council’s delegations to officers, community boards and community funding panels.

**Delegations and employment of the Chief Executive:**

Appointment of the Chief Executive of Hutt City Council.

**Meetings and committees:**

- Standing Orders for Council and its committees.
- Council’s annual meeting schedule.

**Long Term and Annual Plans:**

- The adoption of the LTP and Annual Plans.
- Determination of rating levels and policies required as part of the LTP.
- Adoption of Consultation Documents proposed and final LTPs and proposed and final Annual Plans.

**Council Controlled Organisations:**

- The establishment and disposal of any Council Controlled Organisation or Council Controlled Trading Organisation.
- Approval of annual Statements of Intent and annual Statement of Expectation for Council Controlled Organisations and Council Controlled Trading Organisations.

**Community Engagement and Advocacy:**

- Receive reports from the Council's Advisory Groups.
- Regular reporting from strategic partners.

**Operational Matters:**

- Civil Defence Emergency Management matters requiring Council's input.
- Road closing and road stopping matters.
- Approval of overseas travel for elected members.
- All other matters for which final authority is not delegated.

**Appoint:**

- The non-elected members of the Standing Committees, including extraordinary vacancies of non- elected representatives.
- The Directors of Council Controlled Organisations and Council Controlled Trading Organisations.
- Council's nominee on any Trust.
- Council representatives on any outside organisations (where applicable and time permits, recommendations for the appointment may be sought from the appropriate Standing Committee and/or outside organisations).
- Council's Electoral Officer, Principal Rural Fire Officer and any other appointments required by statute.
- The recipients of the annual Civic Honours awards.

**TE KAUNIHERA O TE AWA KAIRANGI | HUTT CITY COUNCIL**

Ordinary meeting to be held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road,  
Lower Hutt on  
Friday 6 September 2024 commencing at 3:00 pm.

**ORDER PAPER**

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

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

**2. APOLOGIES**

No apologies have been received.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Generally up to 30 minutes is set aside for public comment (three minutes per speaker on items appearing on the agenda). Speakers may be asked questions on the matters they raise.

**4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

**5. DECISION TO ESTABLISH MĀORI WARDS AT THE 2025 ELECTIONS**

Report No. HCC2024/4/238 by the Head of Strategy and Policy

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**MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

"That recommendations (1), (2), (3) and (5) contained in the report be endorsed and part (4) to read:

- (4) agrees to reaffirm its decision of 21 November 2023 to establish a Māori ward in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt."

6. **PITO ONE NAME CHANGE JOINT SUBMISSION**

Report No. HCC2024/4/239 by the Senior Policy Advisor | Pou Tohutohu  
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**MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

"That recommendations (1), (2), (3) and (5) contained in the report be endorsed and part (4) to read:

(4) agrees to endorse the joint submission attached as Appendix 1 to the report."

7. **PROPOSED NAME FOR NEW NAENAE POOL**

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**MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report be endorsed."

8. **AMENDMENTS TO HUTT CITY COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS -  
REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

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**MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report be endorsed."

9. **RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL FROM THE LONG TERM  
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AUGUST 2024**

Recommendations to Council from the Long Term Plan/ Annual Plan  
Subcommittee meeting held on 26 August 2024 27

10. **QUESTIONS**

With reference to section 32 of Standing Orders, before putting a question a member shall endeavour to obtain the information. Questions shall be concise and in writing and handed to the Chair prior to the commencement of the meeting.

**11. CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**

Unuhia!	<i>Release us from the supreme sacredness</i>
Unuhia!	<i>of our tasks</i>
Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui	<i>To be clear and free</i>
Kia wātea, kia māmā	<i>in heart, body and soul in our continuing journey</i>
Te ngākau, te tinana, te	<i>Oh Rongo, raise these words up high</i>
wairua i te ara takatū	<i>so that we be cleansed and be free,</i>
Koia rā e Rongo	<i>Yes indeed, we are free!</i>
whakairihia ake ki runga	<i>Good and peaceful</i>
Kia wātea, kia wātea!	
Ae rā, kua wātea!	
Hau, pai mārire.	

Kate Glanville  
**SENIOR DEMOCRACY ADVISOR**

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Report no: HCC2024/4/238

## Decision to establish Māori Wards at the 2025 elections

### Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to support Council decision making as to whether to reaffirm or rescind the decision to have a Māori ward. Under the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024, the decision must be made by 6 September 2024.

### Recommendations

It is recommended that Council:

- (1) notes that on 21 November 2023, Council resolved to establish a Māori ward in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt;
- (2) notes that the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024 requires Council to actively consider and resolve to reaffirm or rescind its resolution on 21 November 2023 to establish a Māori ward;
- (3) notes that provisions of the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024 impose additional, unbudgeted costs on Council;
- (4) agrees to either:
  - (a) reaffirm its decision of 21 November 2023 to establish a Māori ward in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt; OR
  - (b) rescind its decision of 21 November 2023 to establish a Māori ward in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt; and
- (5) notes that if Council decides to reaffirm its decision to establish a Māori ward, there will be a binding poll in the 2025 election on the question of continuing to have a Māori ward in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt.

For the reason that Council has decision-making authority in relation to electoral arrangements, including the representation review and the establishment of Māori wards.



## Background

2. On 21 November 2023, Council resolved to establish a Māori ward in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt.
3. At its meeting on 28 May 2024, Council noted that because of its decision to establish a Māori ward it would have to hold a binding poll in the 2025 election on the question of continuing to have a Māori Ward.
4. A Māori ward was factored into Council's Initial Representation Proposal that went out for consultation from 1 July to 1 August 2024. Submissions included public feedback on the establishment of a Māori ward.
5. On 29 May 2024, Council provided a joint submission with Mana Whenua partners on the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill (the Bill) asking the Justice Committee to:
  - a. acknowledge and implement the recommendations of the Waitangi Tribunal, in its Māori Wards and Constituencies Urgent Inquiry Report (WAI 3365); and
  - b. remove changes that will require a poll at the 2025 local body elections on any Māori wards and Māori constituencies established without a poll.
6. On Tuesday 30 July 2024, the Bill had its third reading and become law: Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024 (the Amendment Act).
7. Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) has noted that the Amendment Act adds significant and unnecessary cost to councils, especially at a time of significant funding challenges for councils that have higher priority areas for investment (including delivering on other key Government priorities such as Local Water Done Well).

## Discussion

8. In its initial drafting, the Bill only required councils to make an active decision to disestablish their Māori wards or to rescind the decision to establish them.
9. Ahead of the final reading of the Bill, a change was made, requiring Council now to actively consider and resolve whether it wishes to affirm or rescind the resolution to establish a Māori ward. The legislation requires the decision to be made by 6 September 2024. This will be the third time that Council will have made a decision on Māori wards.
10. As a result, Council had to schedule an additional, unbudgeted Council meeting on 6 September 2024 to meet the legislative requirements of the Act.
11. The Amendment Act imposes additional, unbudgeted costs on Council, including costs of approximately \$80,000 associated with holding a binding poll as part of the 2025 elections.

### *Engagement to inform the decision*

12. Mana Kāwanatanga ā Rohe | Local Government Commission has advised that Council does not have to run a special consultative procedure before considering whether to resolve to affirm the resolution to establish Māori wards.
13. Officers advise that recent consultation ahead of the decision to establish a Māori ward (November 2023) and on the Initial Representation Proposal (July 2024) has provided opportunities for elected members to hear broad community views on the establishment of Māori wards. Further consultation would be unlikely to provide views that are different to what Council has already heard.

### **Options**

14. That Council agrees to either:
  - a. reaffirm its decision of 21 November 2023 to establish a Māori ward in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt; OR
  - b. rescind its decision of 21 November 2023 to establish a Māori ward in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt.
15. If Council decides to reaffirm its decision to establish a Māori ward, there must be a binding poll in the 2025 election on the question of continuing to have a Māori ward in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt. The outcome of the referendum will apply to the next two triennial elections in 2028 and 2031.
16. If Council rescinds its decision on Māori wards, the resolution will trigger a new legislative representation process for the 2025 elections. Elected members will need to agree either to retain the current representation arrangements, or run a truncated review process which must be publicly notified no later than 13 September 2024.

### **Climate Change Impact and Considerations**

17. The matters addressed in this report have been considered in accordance with the process set out in Council's Climate Change Considerations Guide.

### **Consultation**

18. Council has undertaken formal consultation on the decision to establish a Māori ward in November 2023 and included a Māori ward as part of the consultation on its Initial Representation Proposal in July 2024.
19. The question of Māori wards was discussed with Mana Whenua at hui in October 2023, May and August 2024.
20. The hui supported the establishment of Māori Wards as a step in the right direction to strengthen the voice of Māori in the governance of our community.

21. The hui also acknowledged that Wards do not represent, nor should they replace Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership between Mana Whenua and Kawanatanga at the local level. Council will continue to build its partnership with Mana Whenua to deliver on the Treaty obligations.

### **Legal Considerations**

22. The decisions in this report are required to comply with the Amendment Act 2024.

### **Financial Considerations**

23. The binding poll requirements of the Amendment Act impose additional, unbudgeted costs of approximately \$80,000 associated with holding a referendum as part of the 2025 elections.

### **Appendices**

There are no appendices for this report.

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**Approved By:** Jo Miller  
Chief Executive

12 August 2024

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## Pito One Name Change Joint Submission

### Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement of a joint submission (attached as Appendix 1) on behalf of Council and Mana Whenua to Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa | The New Zealand Geographic Board (NZGB) regarding the proposed Pito One name change.

### Recommendations

It is recommended that Council:

- (1) notes that authority for changing suburb names sits with the Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa | The New Zealand Geographic Board;
- (2) notes that prior to Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa | The New Zealand Geographic Board making a decision on the proposal to change the suburb name “Petone” to “Pito One” it has sought public submissions by 10 September 2024;
- (3) notes the draft joint submission attached at Appendix 1 was developed in consultation with Mana Whenua;
- (4) **EITHER**
  - (a) agrees to endorse the joint submission; **OR**
  - (b) agrees not to endorse the joint submission; and
- (5) authorises the Mayor to make minor amendments and sign the letter on behalf of Council.

### Background

2. The NZGB is the agency with the authority to change the name of a suburb in New Zealand.
3. On 21 December 2023, Wellington Tenth Trust (the WTT) and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust (the PNMRT) asked the NZGB to consider changing the suburb name “Petone” to “Pito One”.
4. On 21 November 2023, Council agreed to provide a letter to the NZGB in support of the WTT and PNMRT application.
5. On 30 April 2024 the NZGB decided to undertake public consultation on the proposed name change. The consultation period is from 6 June 2024 to 10 September 2024.

6. In partnership with Mana Whenua, Council has committed to putting forward a joint submission as part of the consultation process. Council has gathered and applied feedback on a draft joint submission from Mana Whenua (attached at Appendix 1 to the report).

### Discussion

7. Following the public consultation process, final decisions will be made by the NZGB or the Minister for Land Information. The date for a final decision has not been set.

### Options

8. Agrees to either:
- a. **Option 1:** endorse the draft joint submission; **OR**
  - b. **Option 2:** not endorse the draft joint submission.
9. If endorsed, officers recommend that Council authorises the Mayor to make minor amendments and sign the letter on behalf of Council.

### Climate Change Impact and Considerations

10. The matters addressed in this report have been considered in accordance with the process set out in Council's Climate Change Considerations Guide.

### Consultation

11. The draft joint submission has been discussed with Mana Whenua at quarterly hui.
12. Council is not responsible for public consultation on proposed name changes for suburbs. This process sits with the NZGB.

### Legal Considerations

13. There are no legal considerations for this report.

### Financial Considerations

14. There are no financial considerations for this report.

### Appendices

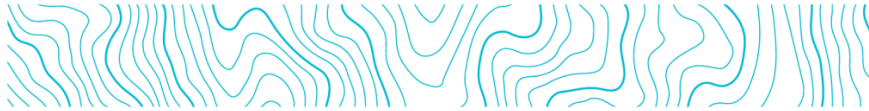
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[00] September 2024

Secretary of the New Zealand Geographic Board  
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### **Hutt City Council and Mana Whenua Joint Submission on the Pito One Name Change Proposal**

Tēnā koutou,

Hutt City Council, Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika, Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, Wellington Tenths Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust write in collective support of the proposal to change the name of Petone to **Pito One**. This will give clarification to the meaning, and return mana to the name.

We believe that respecting and restoring the correct spelling of the name Pito One is the right thing to do.

#### ***Respecting the historical context***

The current spelling is an anomaly that perpetuates a historical lack of knowledge, care, and respect for Te Reo Māori and Mana Whenua who reside here.

As the New Zealand Geographic Board is aware, the kōrero associated with the name refers to burial of “pito” in the “one” and this symbolises the tethering of a newborn to the land and their tūrangawaewae.

The Pito One pā was located between the foreshore and current day Jackson Street and from Korokoro Stream to current day Victoria Street.

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### ***Alignment with Naming Policy***

Correcting the spelling of Pito One aligns with the intent of the Hutt City Council *Kaupapa Here Tapanga Naming Policy 2021-31*. The Policy recognises that the names of significant sites and areas in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai are important to Māori and a key matter on which Council and Mana Whenua will work together.

### ***Assisting to embed the name change***

Over many years Hutt City Council has worked closely with Mana Whenua to drive change and address inequity. Through the Tākai Here partnership agreements we work together to create a more inclusive and sustainable future for all our people.

If the Board decides to change the name - Hutt City Council, Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika, Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, Wellington Tenths Trust, Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust; all stand prepared to play our parts in enabling a smooth transition within our community.

We have the opportunity to make sure that our future generations grow up knowing the area by the same name that our past generations knew it by – Pito One. Though we cannot change the past, help us to stay connected to our history and model what it is to be the very best of our nation.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Hutt City Council Mayor Campbell  
Barry

Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa Chair Kura  
Moehau

Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika  
Trust Chair Te Whatanui Winiata

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Chair Callum  
Katene

Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust  
Chair Liz Mellish

Wellington Tenths Trust Chair Anaru Smiler

21 August 2024

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## Proposed name for new Naenae Pool

### Purpose of Report

1. To seek Council's support for a proposed name for the new Naenae Pool.

### Recommendations

It is recommended that Council:

- (1) notes that the Mana Whenua Naming Committee has proposed Te Ngaengae as the name for the new Naenae Pool;
- (2) notes this has been supported by Council's Mana Whenua partners and by the community and;
- (3) approves Te Ngaengae as the name for the new Naenae Pool.

For the reason that this process for determining the name is consistent with what is required in Council's naming policy; it aligns with Council's aim of indigenising community spaces and places.

### Background

2. In 2020, as part of the initiation of the Whakatupu Ngaengae Project, Council entered into an agreement with Mana Whenua representatives of Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa to work in partnership on the project.
3. Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa agreed to provide a cultural narrative for the project, a recommendation on a lead artist and propose names for the new facilities.
4. In May 2024 Council approved the proposed name Te Mako for the community centre.

### Discussion

5. Since then, a Mana Whenua Naming Committee has been established to consider naming requests. That group has proposed Te Ngaengae as the name for the pool.
6. The story of Te Ngaengae is intrinsically linked to the narrative of the rivers, Waiwhetū and Te Awamutu, and the creation of Te Whanganui a Tara.



7. After the hauling up of the great fish, the actions of Māui's brothers caused the great many lacerations and scars on the land. But they also caused the awakening of many beings from deep within its bowels – two of which lived at the place called Te Ngaengae.
8. Te Kāhui Mouna, the Mountain Clan, had already been summoned to the head of the fish to calm the Great Fish o Māui. While here, the Mountain Clan placed a rāhui (ritual prohibition) over the lake at Te Ngaengae, forbidding the people to visit due to the two man eating serpents that dwelled there - Kume and Rona. There they remained at Te Ngaengae, sleeping. Centuries passed by with no incident until a young child slipped and fell into the lake, awakening these ancient beings from their slumber with the scent of mankind. In their frenzy to be the first to devour the young child, a great battle ensued between them.
9. They shook the earth with their ravenousness behaviour, creating landslides, changing the landscape, and drying up the lake. In their frenzied madness, they carved and scarred the land, fashioning the sacred rivers that are known today as Te Awamutu and Waiwhetū. Eventually, they reached the freshwater lake – Te Waimānga - where they were gobbled up by their tuākana, Wgake and Whātaimai.
10. A Te Ngaengae (Waiata ā-ringa/action song) composed by Kura Moeahu is attached as Appendix 1.
11. Te Ngaengae would be the main name for the facility, with 'Pool + Fitness' added as a sub-heading, as is consistent with other pools in Council's network.
12. Council's Naming Policy requires that Mana Whenua are asked to provide feedback on the proposed name. This has happened through regular hui with partners and there is broad support.
13. Support has also been received from the Community Advisory Group which has been part of the pool project.
14. The original pool was called the Naenae Olympic Swimming Pool, and as a tribute and reference to that history, the metal lettering from the front of the old facility has been retained and will be displayed inside the new pool.

### **Options**

15. Council can approve or not approve the proposed name and provide guidance on the next steps.

### **Climate Change Impact and Considerations**

16. There are no climate change impacts in this decision.

### **Consultation**

17. Consultation is outlined in the report.

### **Legal Considerations**

18. There are no legal considerations.

### Financial Considerations

19. There are no financial considerations. The project includes budget for signage for the new facility.

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Tumuaki Māori

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**Approved By:** Jo Miller  
Chief Executive

**Te Ngaengae** (Waiata ā-ringa)*Nā Kura Moeahu i whakahī*

Hurihuri noa ana ngā tipua o Te Ngaengae  
 Mai rua tipua, mai rua tawhito  
 Ka piua, ka rurea i ngā au  
 Ngengere mai ana mō te kiri tangata

Tē ai o mahara, ka mate koe i Te Ngaengae  
 Ka mania mai koe i roto i te wai  
 Hei kai mā tipua, hei kai mā tawhito  
 Hei kai mā te putanga

Ka ngateri (ka ngateri te whenua)  
 Ka ngāueue (ka ngaue te pūtake) o te ao  
 Ka hora ngā tini kararehe  
 Ka mimiti ngā puna wai  
 Ka maroke ngā tarataru  
 Ngā ngāherehere i te koraha

Te tai māturuturu (mai te kāuru) o Te Ngaengae  
 Nā ngā tipua (i whakairotia) ngā wai e rere nei  
 i te ao, i te pō  
 Te wai inuino o Te Awamutu  
 Te wai tuku kiri o Waiwhetū  
 Taupae atu rā ki Te Wai Mānga  
 ka taka kōrua i te pō

Ināianeī rangi ahakoa kia rere noa atu  
 Tahuri mai ana tēnei whenua i te ao  
 He au o Waiwhetū  
 He au o Te Awamutu  
 Oreore tonu ngā au  
 O ngā tipua  
 O ngā tawhito

Nō reira e te iwi  
 E kai ō mata ki nga wai o kui mā, o koro mā e  
 Ka whakatanguru i te ao, i te pō  
 Te Awamutu, te au o Waiwhetū

**Te Ngaengae** (Action song)*Composed by Kura Moeahu*

Turning aimlessly, the guardians of Te Ngaengae  
 From the great depths, from the realm  
 Tossed and buffeted by its currents  
 Groaning for the flesh of man

Without thought of the danger at Te Ngaengae  
 You slipped into the water  
 As food for the metaphysical, for the ancient ones  
 As food for their freedom

The land vibrates  
 The earth's core rumbles  
 The creatures have scattered  
 The springs have dried up  
 The vegetation withers and dries  
 The forests are barren

The trickling tides from the source of Te Ngaengae  
 The ancient ones who carved the waters that flow  
 day and night  
 The drinking waters of Te Awamutu  
 The sustaining waters of Waiwhetū  
 Drifting beyond into the freshwater lake  
 Where you met your demise

Now days although they flowed long ago  
 The landscape has changed the world  
 The current of Waiwhetū  
 The current of Te Awamutu  
 The currents still quiver  
 oh the metaphysical beings (the land tremors)  
 oh the ancient ones (the earth's core rumbles)

Therefore, oh multitudes  
 Feast your eyes on the waterways of our people  
 That murmur day and night  
 Te Awamutu, the currents of Waiwhetū

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Report no: HCC2024/4/241

## Amendments to Hutt City Council Standing Orders - Remote Participation

### Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek amendments to three of Hutt City Council's Standing Orders to align with legislative changes that allow remote participation at Council meetings to be counted as quorum.

### Recommendations

It is recommended that Council:

- (1) receives and notes the report;
- (2) adopts amendments to Hutt City Council's Standing Orders that allow remote participation at Council meetings counting towards quorum attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (3) notes the requirement to achieve the agreement of at least 75% of members present at a meeting to amend Standing Orders.

For the reason that the Local Government Act 2002 has been amended to allow members attending a meeting via audio-visual link, to be counted as part of the quorum of meetings of a local authority.

### Background

2. Local authorities are required to adopt Standing Orders for the conduct of their meetings under clauses 27(1) and (2) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). Standing Orders reflect the requirements of the LGA, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and other legislation concerning the conduct of meetings. The amendment and adoption of Standing Orders require the agreement of at least 75% of members present at a meeting. Council can amend the Standing Orders at any time.
3. Council adopted amendments to its current Standing Orders on 22 November 2022.

### Discussion

4. Audio-visual technology has become increasingly used over the past few years. However, members who have used this technology have traditionally not been able to be counted as quorum.

5. In response to COVID-19 and, more recently, the effects of Cyclone Gabrielle, the government has amended legislation to allow members joining the meeting remotely to be counted towards quorum requirements. This assists Council and community boards in continuing their business uninterrupted by having members join remotely if they are unable to attend the meeting in person.
6. The Local Government Legislation Amendment Act 2023 amended Schedule 7 s25A(4) of the Local Government Act 2002 to allow for members joining the meeting remotely to be counted as quorum and enables councils to manage remote participation through their standing orders.
7. The change will take effect on 1 October 2024, and local authorities must amend their standing orders by this date to allow for remote participation.
8. The below table outlines the recommended changes to the standing orders that relate to members attending meeting by audio or audio-visual link.

Standing Order	Recommended change
Ngā whakamārama Definitions	<p>Delete the current definition:</p> <p><del><i>Present at the meeting to constitute quorum means the member is to be physically present in the room.</i></del></p> <p>Replace with:</p> <p><i>Present at the meeting to constitute quorum means the member is to be either physically present in the room or attending the meeting by audio/audio-visual link, should this be enabled by their council's standing orders.</i></p>
SO 12.1 Ngā hui Kaunihera Council meetings	<p>Delete the word 'physically':</p> <p>The quorum for a meeting of the council is:</p> <p>(a) Half of the members <del>physically</del> present, where the number of members (including vacancies) is even; and</p> <p>(b) A majority of the members <del>physically</del> present, where the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.</p>
SO 14.8 Te tūnga a te mema: kōrama Member's status: quorum	<p>Delete:</p> <p><del>Members who attend meetings by electronic link will not be counted as present for the purposes of a quorum.</del></p>
SO 14.9 Te tūnga a te mema: te pōti Member's status: voting	<p>Delete the word 'physically':</p> <p>Where a meeting has a quorum, determined by the number <del>physically</del> present, the members attending by electronic link can vote on any matters raised at the meeting.</p>

## Options

Options	Advantages	Disadvantages
<p><b>Option A (recommended)</b></p> <p>Amend Standing Orders to allow for remote participants to be counted towards quorum</p>	<p>Amendment to the Standing Orders reflects a practice that is already occurring to good effect and is already allowed in legislation.</p> <p>There is less possibility of losing the quorum</p>	<p>None identified as members are already able to join remotely; this is only a change to count them as present for quorum</p>
<p><b>Option B (not recommended)</b></p> <p>Do not amend Standing Orders to allow for remote participants to be counted towards quorum</p>	<p>None identified</p>	<p>Online meetings as needed cannot continue after 1 October 2024</p> <p>There is a possibility of losing quorum</p>

### Climate Change Impact and Considerations

9. Climate change considerations are not considered relevant to the consideration of this report, which deals with an administrative matter.

### Consultation

10. There is no requirement for consultation on this matter. The amendments to Standing Orders for use at meetings are a matter to be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002.
11. The amended Standing Orders will be made available on Council's website and copies will be provided to all elected members via diligent. The amended Standing Orders will also be included in the local governance statement.

### Legal Considerations

12. The adoption of Standing Orders requires in every case a vote of not less than 75% of the members present. The Appendices, as an attachment to the Standing Orders, do not require a vote of 75% of the members present, but rather a majority vote.

### Financial Considerations

13. There are no financial considerations in respect of adopting amendments to Standing Orders.

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**Mover** means the member who initiates a motion.

**Newspaper** means a periodical publication published (whether in New Zealand or elsewhere) at intervals not exceeding 40 days, or any copy of, or part of any copy of, any such publications; and this includes every publication that at any time accompanies and is distributed along with any newspaper.

**Notice of motion** means a motion given in writing by a member in advance of a meeting in accordance with, and as provided for, in these Standing Orders.

**Officer** means any person employed by the council either full or part time, on a permanent or casual or contract basis.

**Pecuniary Interest** includes any interest described in s 3 and 6 of the Local Authorities (Members Interests) Act 1968.

**Open voting** means voting that is conducted openly and in a transparent manner (i.e. enables an observer to identify how a member has voted on an issue) and may be conducted by electronic means. The result of the vote must be announced immediately it has concluded. Secret ballots are specifically excluded.

**Order paper** means the list of items for consideration at a meeting together with reports and other attachments relating to those items set out in the order in which they will be considered. An order paper is also referred to as an agenda.

**Ordinary meeting** means any meeting, other than the first meeting, of a local authority publicly notified in accordance with ss 46(1) and (2) of LGOIMA.

**Petition** means a request to a local authority which contains at least 20 signatures.

**Powhiri** means a formal welcome involving a Karanga from the Tangata Whenua (the home people) followed by formal speech making. A Powhiri is generally used for formal occasions of the highest significance.

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**Presiding member** means the chairperson.

**Procedural motion** means a motion that is used to control the way in which a motion or the meeting is managed as specified in Standing Orders 26.1 – 26.7.

**Public excluded information** refers to information which is currently before a public excluded session, is proposed to be considered at a public excluded session, or had previously been considered at a public excluded session and not yet been released as publicly available information. It includes:



### **10.14 Public excluded business on the agenda/Ngā take o te rārangi take kāore e whārikihia ki te marea**

Items that are likely to be discussed under public-excluded must be indicated on each agenda, including the general subject of the item. The chief executive, however, may exclude public access to any reports, or parts of reports, which are reasonably expected to be discussed with the public excluded.

*LGOIMA, s 46A(9).*

### **10.15 Qualified privilege relating to agenda and minutes/Te maru whāiti e pā ana ki te rārangi take me ngā meneti**

Where any meeting is open to the public and a member of the public is supplied with a copy of the agenda, or the minutes of that meeting, the publication of any defamatory matter included in the agenda or in the minutes is privileged. This does not apply if the publication is proved to have been made with ill will, or improper advantage has been taken of the publication.

*LGOIMA, s 52.*

## **Meeting Procedures/Ngā Tikanga Hui/**

### **11. Opening and closing/Te whakatuwhera me te whakakapi**

Local authorities and community boards may, at the start of a meeting, choose to recognise the civic importance of the occasion through some form of reflection. This could be an expression of community values, a reminder of the contribution of members who have gone before or a formal welcome, such as a mihi whakatau.

Options for opening a meeting could include a karakia timitanga, mihi whakatau, or powhiri as well as a karakia whakamutunga to close a meeting where appropriate.

### **12. Quorum/Kōrama**

#### **12.1 Council meetings/Ngā hui Kaunihera**

The quorum for a meeting of the council is:

- (a) Half of the members **physically** present, where the number of members (including vacancies) is even; and
- (b) A majority of the members **physically** present, where the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.

*LGA 2002, sch 7, cl 23(3)(a).*









