



MINUTES

Record of a meeting of the HUTT VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE in Upper Hutt City Council
Chambers, 838-842 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt on FRIDAY 2 May 2025 at 9.30 am

Upper Hutt City Council (UHCC)		Hutt City Council (HCC)
Present:	Cr J B Griffiths (Chair) Deputy Mayor H Swales (alternate) Cr C B G Carson Cr H Newell	Cr T Stallinger (Co-Chair) Cr B Dyer Cr C Parkin Cr N Shaw
In attendance	Cr T Ultra	
Apologies:	Mayor W N Guppy	
In attendance:	Lisa Kynaston, Principal Governance Advisor Fiona Murphy, Governance Advisor Tim Harty, Group Manager of Operations (part meeting) Mike Ryan, Group Manager of Community Services	Bruce Hodgins, Strategic Advisor (for items 1 to 5) Geoff Roberts, Waste and Resource Recovery Manager (for items 1 to 6) Jorn Schertzer
Also in Attendance:	Fraser Clark, Head of Strategy for three waters at Wellington Water Limited (for items 1 to 5) Geoff Williams, Head of Strategy Team at Wellington Water Limited (for items 1 to 5) Steve Hutchison, Chief Advisor Wastewater at Wellington Water Limited (for items 1 to 5) Jeremy McKibbin, Group Manager at Wellington Water Limited (for items 1 to 5) Charles Barker Chief Executive Officer and Capital Programme Delivery Manager at Wellington Water Limited (for items 1 to 5)	

1. Apologies

An apology has been received from Mayor Guppy. Deputy Mayor Swales is in attendance as the alternate for this committee. Councillor Ultra (UHCC) is also in attendance.

RESOLVED: Councillor Griffiths / Councillor Newell

CARRIED: HVSC 250301

"That the apology from Mayor Guppy be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

RESOLVED: Councillor Griffiths / Councillor Stallinger

CARRIED: HVSC 250302

"That Councillor Ultra be granted speaking rights, with no voting rights."

2. Public Forum

There were no speakers.

The Chair noted that Daniel Chrisp has asked that his email be tabled as public comment in relation to Item 7: Akatārawa Cemetery Update, this is appended to the minutes as [Attachment 1](#).

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Confirmation of the minutes 7 March 2025

There were no questions about the record of the 7 March Committee meeting.

RESOLVED: Councillor Griffiths / Councillor Newell

CARRIED: HVSC 250303

"That the committee receives the minutes of the 7 March 2025 Hutt Valley Services Committee meeting and accepts the record as an accurate and true account of the meeting."

Deputy Mayor Swales noted her abstention from voting, citing that she was not present at the 7 March 2025 meeting.

5. Wastewater Joint Venture Update 1 February – 31 March 2025.

Bruce Hodgins, Strategic Advisor at HCC, introduced Wellington Water Limited officers: Fraser Clark, Head of Strategy for three waters and Geoff Williams, Principal Advisor of Strategy. Fraser and Geoff talked through the presentation, appended Attachment 4 to the report.

Fraser Clark answered questions from members about the investment objectives and assessment options for the Seaview outfall pipe, the timeline for the wastewater strategic plan, the amount of investment required for the subsequent options to ensure that future demand is met, and the costs to the user.

In response to members' questions, Geoff Williams noted there is a situational analysis report that is currently being prepared to apply a whole-system view approach to the network, considering everything that has been undertaken to date.

Steve Hutchinson stepped up to the table to answer questions from members relating to the balance of infrastructure and considerations for water requirements when considering the ability to meet future demand on the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant in its current location, constraints for future consents and network discharges.

Fraser Clarke answered members' questions and provided some context around considerations for the discharge consent processes and reduction of overflows, levels of investment for existing customers and considerations for local and regional water requirements.

Steve Hutchinson answered a member's question about the effectiveness and considerations for water storage across the network, and the cost variances for HCC and UHCC under the services agreement between the councils.

Jeremy McKibbin stepped up to the table and introduced Charles Barker, the new Chief Operating Officer and current Capital Delivery Manager for Wellington Water Limited. Charles Barker thanked the meeting for the opportunity to participate in today's meeting.

Jeremy McKibbin provided an overview of the main points of his report on the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations and answered questions from members about the replacement of milliscreens.

Bruce Hodgins answered a member's question about the decision-making process for HCC and UHCC in relation to the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant system upgrade, and the engagement between HCC and UHCC officers in relation to the operational activities in the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant.

RESOLVED: Councillor Dyer / Councillor Stallinger

CARRIED: HVSC 250304

"That the Committee receives and notes the report entitled Wastewater Joint Venture Update 1 February – 31 March 2025."

6. **Update on Silverstream Landfill and Resource Recovery**

In attendance for this item: Geoffrey Roberts, Waste and Resources Recovery Manager (HCC), and Jörn Scherzer Head of Climate, Waste and Resource Recovery.

Geoffrey Roberts answered members' questions in relation to the consent process and works underway at Manor Park for a Resource Recovery Park, the reduction in waste disposal at the Silverstream Landfill due to external factors, management and treatment of dry and wet sludge coming from the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant, tyre levies and disposal, challenges disposing of polystyrene.

Councillor Dyer and Councillor Stallinger noted that there is more information about the Manor Park Resource Recovery Park on the Hutt City Council website, and the progress at this site is reported to Hutt City Council.

RESOLVED: Councillor Dyer / Councillor Griffiths

CARRIED: HVSC 250305

"That the Committee receives and notes the report entitled Update on Silverstream Landfill and Resource Recovery."

7. **Akatārawa Cemetery Update**

In attendance for this item: Mike Ryan, Group Manager of Community Services. Mike advised members that the Resource Consent lodged with the Greater Wellington Council has been received, and there are a couple of enquiries that need to be followed up about the run-off from the site.

In response to questions from members, UHCC officers were requested to respond to the questions raised in the document tabled by Daniel Chrisp, appended as **Attachment 1**.

Mike Ryan answered questions from members about the change to capacity estimates over the five stages of the development, mulching of the site.

Officers were requested to; provide additional financial reporting and more information about the factors that were considered when recalculating the cemetery capacity.

RESOLVED: Councillor Griffiths / Councillor Carson

CARRIED: HVSC 250306

"That the Committee receives the report entitled Akatārawa Cemetery Update."

8. **Hutt Valley Services Committee Forward Work Programme 2025**

There were no questions or comments.

RESOLVED: Councillor Griffiths / Councillor Newell

CARRIED: HVSC 250307

"That the committee receives and notes the Hutt Valley Services Committee forward work programme 2025."

Included attachment:

[Attachment 1. Tabled document from Daniel Chrisp](#)

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The meeting closed at 11.04 am.

Cr B Griffiths
Chair

From: Daniel Chrisp <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, 1 May 2025 12:53 pm

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] public comment for HVSC meeting

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Hi Dem services team

I know this is late notice, but my work has been manic this week.

A few quick comments from me to please pass onto the committee.

1. I submitted an OIA to UHCC requesting information on the project and the cemetery expansion, information I requested related to the procurement process for this project. Given its a multimillion project. I was told that the normal best practice for procurement process was not followed and the consultant was direct appointed, were the committee aware of this?

2. The work done by officers to re calculate the capacity is great, I do have to ask if it would have been done at all if it weren't for my OIA specifically asking about capacity numbers. Given how different the new capacity numbers are it does not look like good project management at all. These details matter, you are asking the councils to invest millions.

3. For the new capacity numbers - My OIA asked about new estimated hectares for the expansion development, that info was not available, and I note that even in today's report and update we still have no indication on how many hectares are able to be developed in the new site, which means all of their capacity figures provided are either plucked out of thin air, or still estimates based on previous figures before wetlands etc were discovered.

They need to separate ashes and burial capacity to give accurate capacity figures.

As a lower Hutt ratepayer I am still very concerned that Upper Hutt Council are lead project managers developing land that we own and paid for and there still seems to be no acknowledgement of how much \$ they have saved for not having to buy land for this cemetery expansion that serves their residents as well as ours.

I continue to labour these points because I still believe HCC need to act faster to not have all their eggs in one basket for future cemetery services. The project managers need to urgently update their developed or concept designs so we actually know what we are getting.

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Daniel Chrisp

Football Coach,

Wainuiomata Community Board Member,

Cemeteries Manager - PCC

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