

TE KAUNIHERA O TE AWA KAIRANGI | 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 25 March 2025 commencing at 1:01 pm

PRESENT:

Mayor C Barry (Chair)	Deputy Mayor T Lewis
Cr J Briggs	Cr K Brown
Cr B Dyer	Cr A Mitchell
Cr K Morgan	Cr C Parkin
Cr T Stallinger	Cr G Tupou (via audio-visual link)

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from Crs G Barratt and N Shaw and an apology from Cr S Edwards for lateness.

IN ATTENDANCE:

J Miller, Chief Executive
A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities
J Griffiths, Director Strategy and Engagement
A Geddes, Director Environment and Sustainability
J Kingsbury, Director, Economy and Development
J Livschitz, Group Chief Financial Officer
C Parish, Head of Mayor's Office
R Hardie, Head of Strategy and Policy
W Botha, Corporate Planning Lead
D Nunnian, Manager Financial Planning and Performance
N Twilton, Strategic Financial Advisor
A Andrews, Finance Transaction Services Manager
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
Tihei 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 Morgan)

Minute No. LTPAP 25101(2)

"That the apology received from Crs Barratt and Shaw be accepted and leave of absence be granted and an apology received from Cr Edwards for lateness be accepted¹."

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. RECOMMENDATION TO TE KAUNIHERA O TE AWA KAIRANGI COUNCIL - 25 March 2025

Draft Annual Plan 2025-26 and Engagement Material

The Corporate Planning Lead elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Corporate Planning Lead advised that general feedback was being sought without specific prompts or questions on particular matters. The Director Strategy and Engagement confirmed there was no structured survey questions as no changes were proposed from the Long Term Plan 2024-34.

Mayor Barry and the Chief Executive confirmed that the Annual Plan engagement document could include similar wording from the Local Water Done Well consultation, addressing recent concerns about Wellington Water Limited and highlighting Council's focus on water infrastructure in the 2025/2026 budget.

In response to a question from a member, the Chief Executive confirmed the '\$100 average rates spend' graph could be added to the engagement document. The Group Chief Financial Officer advised that Long Term Plan growth figures were not required but were included in the document for context.

Cr Stallinger raised concerns about the proposed Council expenditure and delays in receiving what he considered basic infrastructure data. He noted leak repair costs had doubled over the past year without members being informed. He stated he could not support the Draft Annual Plan engagement document.

¹ Cr Edwards was not in attendance for the meeting.

RECOMMENDED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Briggs) **Minute No. LTPAP 25102(2)**

"That the Subcommittee recommends that Council:

- (1) receives the information contained in the report;*
- (2) notes that officers found cost savings or re-prioritised within the base budget to balance rising costs and reduce the rates revenue increase to 12.8% (after growth) compared to the 13.4% (after growth) projected in the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034;*
- (3) approves the Draft Annual Plan 2025-2026 for engagement, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report;*
- (4) approves the engagement material attached at Appendix 2 to the report for public engagement between 27 March to 27 April 2025; and*
- (5) agrees that the Chief Executive be delegated authority to make minor editorial changes to the Draft Annual Plan 2025-2026 documents ahead of these being published for public engagement."*

Cr Stallinger requested that his dissenting vote be recorded.

6. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

7. 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 wairua i te	<i>Oh Rongo, raise these words up high</i>
ara takatū	<i>so that we be cleansed and be free,</i>
Koia rā e Rongo whakairihia ake ki	<i>Yes indeed, we are free!</i>
runga	<i>Good and peaceful</i>
Kia wātea, kia wātea!	
Ae rā, kua wātea!	
Hau, pai mārire.	

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 1.16 pm.

C Barry
MAYOR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 29th day of May 2025