

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

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of The Hutt City Council held in the Council Chambers,  
2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on  
**Friday 27 June 2025 commencing at 2:00 pm**

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor C Barry (Chair)	Deputy Mayor T Lewis
Cr G Barratt	Cr J Briggs
Cr K Brown (via audio-visual link) (from 2.16pm)	Cr B Dyer (via audio-visual link) (from 2.31pm)
Cr S Edwards	Cr A Mitchell
Cr K Morgan	Cr C Parkin
Cr N Shaw	Cr T Stallinger
Cr G Tupou (from 2.03pm)	

**APOLOGIES:**

There were no apologies.

**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  
B Cato, Chief Legal Officer  
B Hodgins, Strategic Advisor  
D Newth, Financial Accounting Manager  
Y Chung, Senior Financial Accountant  
W Botha, Corporate Planning Lead (part meeting)  
R Hardie, Head of Strategy and Policy  
E Anand, Head of City Delivery  
R Oliver, Senior Consultant (via audio-visual link) (part meeting)  
S White, Policy Advisor (part meeting)  
A Quinn, Project Manager – City Delivery (Infrastructure Acceleration Fund) (part meeting)  
V Gilmour, 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 Briggs)

**Minute No. C 25301(2)**

*"That the apologies for lateness from Crs Dyer, Tupou and Brown be accepted."*

The Chair acknowledged the recent passing of John Morrissey, a member of the Wainuiomata community. He highlighted Mr Morrissey's contributions to the Wainuiomata Rugby Club and the Wainuiomata Christmas Parade, as well as many other efforts that benefited the community.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

Cr Tupou arrived at 2.03pm.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

Deputy Mayor Lewis declared a conflict of interest in item 7) 'Seaview Marina Limited Statement of Intent for the three years - 2025/26 to 2027/28', as she was Council's representative on the Seaview Marina Board of Directors. She took no part in discussion or voting on the matter.

## 5. WATER SERVICES DELIVERY MODEL

Report No. HCC2025/3/174 by the Strategic Advisor

Speaking under public comment, **Glenn Barclay and Muriel Tunoho from the Living Wage Movement** expressed their support for Council efforts to ensure that the new water entity paid the living wage to all its employees and contractors. They advocated for the entity to become a Living Wage Accredited Employer.

The Strategic Advisor elaborated on the report. He suggested that Living Wage accreditation be included in the Statement of Expectations, pending Council decision, and agreed that this could be formalised through an additional recommendation.

In response to questions from members, the Chief Executive confirmed that water meters and volumetric charges would be included in future water management plans. She noted that this topic would be discussed at the upcoming briefing, which would cover communication strategies for the community and the new water entity's board. She emphasised that current efforts were focused on establishing a viable water entity model for the transition in July 2026, while broader issues, such as demand reduction, would be addressed at a later stage.

Members discussed Council's support for Living Wage accreditation.

The Chair recognised community feedback and expected the creation of a metropolitan water asset-owning entity in the Wellington region, which he considered a positive advancement toward long term water sustainability. He noted that this issue had caused uncertainty since the early 2000s but was now progressing clearly. He thanked the team for their efforts, particularly in the past six months. He acknowledged that the upcoming transition would be the most significant change to Council since the 1989 amalgamation.

Cr Brown joined the meeting at 2.16pm.

Cr Stallinger agreed with the Chair's comments, noting past discussions had been fragmented but highlighted the near-unanimous support now shared by councils.

Cr Briggs acknowledged the efforts behind the progress made and voiced support for fair pay and the views expressed during public comment.

Cr Mitchell noted the public's growing awareness of water network issues and the high cost of solutions, while also recognising the major changes ahead in water management.

**RESOLVED:** (UNANIMOUS) (Mayor Barry/Cr Tupou)

**Minute No. C 25302(2)**

*"That Council:*

- (1) *notes the majority support from the community for Council's preferred water services delivery model option following the consultation undertaken from 20 March 2025 to 20 April 2025;*
- (2) *notes that similar levels of community support were received for the preferred water services delivery model by each of the partner Councils;*

- (3) *agrees to jointly establish and co-own a new water services Council Controlled Organisation (water organisation) for water, wastewater and stormwater services, together with Porirua, Upper Hutt and Wellington City Councils and Greater Wellington Regional Council;*
- (4) *notes the intention to transfer its assets, debt, liabilities and services in relation to drinking water, wastewater and stormwater to the new jointly owned water organisation on or by 1 July 2026;*
- (5) *requests officers to develop a joint Water Services Delivery Plan and foundation documents for Council's approval in August 2025, prior to submission to the Secretary of Local Government (Department of Internal Affairs) by 3 September 2025;*
- (6) *amends the terms of reference for the Advisory Oversight Group (the AOG) as set out in this report, to allow the AOG to undertake specific establishment activities to give effect to Council's agreed water services delivery model;*
- (7) *delegates to the Mayor and Chair of the Infrastructure and Regulatory Committee (as the Council's representative and alternate on the AOG) the power to make decisions on the following establishment activities only:*
  - (a) *the appointment, removal, and remuneration of the interim directors of the new water organisation; and*
  - (b) *approve the new water organisation's draft Constitution and draft Stakeholders Agreement;*
- (8) *notes that the final decision to approve and ratify the new water organisation's Constitution and Stakeholders Agreement will be made by each of the individual participating councils;*
- (9) *delegates to the Chief Executive the power to make decisions on the establishment activities listed above in recommendation 7 in the event, and to the extent that, the Wellington Water Advisory Oversight Group is disestablished before decisions on those matters are made, noting that it is intended that the Wellington Water Advisory Oversight Group will be disestablished by or before 11 October 2025;*
- (10) *reaffirms its support for Living Wage accreditation and formally expresses this position through the Statement of Expectations process for the entity; and*
- (11) *notes that any other matters Council wishes to put forward through the Statement of Expectations can be discussed at the briefing on 6 August 2025."*

6. **URBAN PLUS LIMITED GROUP STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR THE THREE YEARS - 2025/26 TO 2027/28**

Report No. HCC2025/3/175 by the Senior Financial Accountant

Cameron Madgewick, Chair of Urban Plus Limited (UPL) (via audio-visual link), was in attendance for the item.

The Financial Accounting Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Financial Accounting Manager explained that if a new Council decided to pursue a different direction for UPL, this could be addressed through the Statement of Expectation process. He noted that UPL could borrow directly from the Local Government Funding Agency after completing the required documentation.

In response to questions from members, the Chair of UPL stated that UPL sought permission to explore alternative funding options and was interested in taking on cancelled Housing New Zealand contracts. He also noted a change in rental allocations to accommodate a broader range of socially disadvantaged tenants by reducing the proportion reserved for low-income elderly residents.

**RESOLVED:** (Mayor Barry/Cr Morgan)

**Minute No. C 25303(2)**

*"That Council:*

- (1) notes the changes made to the final Statement of Intent as outlined in paragraphs 6 to 14 of the officer's report;*
- (2) receives and agrees to the final Statement of Intent for Urban Plus Limited Group for the three years commencing 1 July 2025, attached as Appendix 1 to the report;*
- (3) agrees to the loan facility for Urban Plus Ltd at \$43M for the period of the Statement of Intent, and that aligns with the Long Term Plan 2024-2034, as detailed in paragraph 12 of the officer's report; and*
- (4) notes the 10 year projections for Urban Plus Group, attached as Appendix 2 to the report."*

7. SEAVIEW MARINA LIMITED STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR THE THREE YEARS - 2025/26 TO 2027/28

Report No. HCC2025/3/176 by the Senior Financial Accountant

Deputy Mayor Lewis declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in the discussion or voting on the matter.

Tim Lidgard, Chief Executive of Seaview Marina Limited, was in attendance for the item.

The Financial Accounting Manager elaborated on the report.

Cr Stallinger expressed his appreciation for the detailed reports on Seaview Marina Limited and Urban Plus Limited. However, he expressed concern regarding the low returns on investment. He suggested that a future discussion be held to consider whether continuing to invest in these two companies or exploring alternative investment opportunities would be the best use of funds.

RESOLVED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Briggs)

**Minute No. C 25304(2)**

*"That Council:*

- (1) notes the changes made to the final Statement of Intent as outlined in paragraphs 6 to 12 contained in the officer's report;*
- (2) receives and agrees to the final Statement of Intent for Seaview Marina Limited for the three years commencing 1 July 2025, attached as Appendix 1 of the report;*
- (3) agrees that the loan facility for Seaview Marina Limited be retained at \$8.1M for the period that aligns with the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 until 30 June 2034 in order to fund the breakwater transfer arrangements and the pier refurbishment programme; and*
- (4) notes the 10-year plan for Seaview Marina Limited, attached as Appendix 2 of the report."*

Cr Dyer joined the meeting at 2.31pm.

## 8. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL PLAN 2025-26

Report No. HCC2025/3/178 by the Manager Financial Planning & Performance

The Corporate Planning Lead elaborated on the report. She noted an error regarding the charges for the 'Signboard location 2025-2026'. She mentioned that the fee for 'All four signboards' under 'Side A production per booking' should be \$726.00 instead of \$179.00.

The Chair foreshadowed two additional recommendations about the work officers had undertaken on the proposed new water entity structure and asked that officers prepare budget review options for the incoming Council.

Cr Stallinger congratulated the officers for the information shared with members, which supported informed decision-making, and for maintaining a consistent reporting format.

The Chair expressed concern about the impact of the rate increase in the current economic climate. He praised councillors for their balanced approach, particularly for not delaying investment in water infrastructure. As this was his final Annual Plan process, he commended the improved quality of information and expressed confidence in Council's future decision-making processes. In addressing the broader context of local government, he highlighted concerns about long-term affordability and the strain on households with fixed incomes. He called for support from central government to drive significant reforms, aimed at creating a more sustainable local government model.

Cr Dyer expressed opposition to the proposed rates increase and suggested an alternative funding method for water assets to reduce the impact on rates.

Cr Stallinger expressed opposition to the proposed rates increase and supported the Chair's call for a more sustainable local government model.

Cr Briggs expressed support for the proposed rates increase. He believed that the Council needed to be upfront and honest with the community, emphasising that the only alternative to the proposed rates increase would be a significant reduction in services, something the community did not support.

Cr Tupou expressed support for the proposed rates increase. He thanked Mayor Barry for his leadership during the Annual Plan process, emphasising the importance of strong guidance in challenging economic conditions. He highlighted the significant use of community services and the urgency of making timely infrastructure decisions.

The motion was taken in parts. Parts (1)-(6) were declared CARRIED on the voices.

RESOLVED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Briggs)

**Minute No. C 25305(2)**

*“That Council:*

- (1) notes that the Annual Plan 2025-26 has been prepared based on the final decisions of the Long-Term Plan/Annual Plan subcommittee on 4 June 2025;*
- (2) resolves that it is financially prudent to have an unbalanced operating budget as outlined in Section D of the report;*
- (3) notes the work officers have already undertaken in anticipation of Council approving a new water entity structure;*
- (4) asks officers to prepare budget review options for the incoming Council to consider, which includes a focus on service prioritisation, affordability, and value for money;*

RESOLVED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Briggs)

**Minute No. C 25306(2)**

*“(5) agrees to adopt the Annual Plan 2025-26 attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and”*

Crs Stallinger and Dyer requested that their dissenting votes be recorded against part (5).

RESOLVED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Briggs)

**Minute No. C 25307(2)**

- (6) agrees to delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Mayor to make any minor editorial changes that may arise as part of the Annual Plan 2025-26 publication process.”*



## 9. SETTING OF RATES FOR 2025-26

Report No. HCC2025/3/179 by the Manager Finance Transaction Services

The Group Chief Financial Officer elaborated on the report.

**RESOLVED:** (Mayor Barry/Cr Morgan)

**Minute No. C 25308(2)**

*“That Council resolves to set the rates and add penalties to unpaid rates during the 2025-26 rating year by passing the following resolution:*

*Targeted and General Rates*

1. *In accordance with the relevant provisions of the 2025-26 Annual Plan and the Funding Impact Statement including Rates for 2025-2026, the Council hereby resolves, pursuant to Section 23 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to set and assess the following Hutt City Council rates for the year commencing 1 July 2025 and ending 30 June 2026. All amounts are inclusive of Council’s GST obligations.*
  - (a) *A Targeted Rate (Water Supply Rate) set and assessed under sections 16 to 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The water supply charges for 2025-26 are as follows:*
    1. *A charge of \$884.00 per separately used or inhabited part (SUIP) on a rating unit which is connected to the water reticulation system and is not metered.*
    2. *A charge of \$442.00 per SUIP on a rating unit that is not connected to, but is able to be connected to, the water reticulation system.*
    3. *A charge of \$884.00 per rating unit, which is connected to the water reticulation system and contains more than one separately used or inhabited part, where a water meter has been installed to measure the total water consumed.*
  - (b) *A Targeted Rate (Wastewater Rate) set and assessed under sections 16 to 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The wastewater charges for 2025-26 are as follows:*
    1. *A charge of \$876.00 per SUIP on a rating unit that is connected to the city wastewater system.*
    2. *For rating units in the commercial categories (CMC, CMS and UTN), an additional charge of \$438.00 (50% of the above charge) for the second and subsequent water closet or urinal connected to the wastewater system from each rating unit.*
  - (c) *A Recycling Collection Targeted Rate set and assessed under sections 16 to 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The recycling charge for 2025-26 will apply as follows:*

CATEGORY	Provision or availability	Per SUIP
Residential and Rural rating units	Able to be serviced	\$130.00
Community Education Facility, CF1, CF2 and CF3 rating units	Opt-in to the Service (provision)	\$130.00

- (d) A Refuse Collection Targeted Rate set and assessed under sections 16 to 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The refuse charges for 2025-26 are as follows:

CATEGORY	Provision or availability	Per SUIP
Residential, Rural, Community Education Facility, CF1, CF2 and CF3 rating units	80 Litre or equivalent	\$153.00
Residential, Rural, Community Education Facility, CF1, CF2 and CF3 rating units	120 Litre or equivalent	\$222.00
Residential, Rural, Community Education Facility, CF1, CF2 and CF3 rating units	240 Litre or equivalent	\$444.00
Residential and Rural rating units	Able to be serviced but not serviced	\$153.00

- (e) A Green Waste Collection Targeted Rate set and assessed under sections 16 to 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The green waste charge for 2025-26 is \$120.00 per SUIP on every rating unit in the Residential, Rural, Community Education Facility, CF1, CF2 and CF3 categories that have opted in to receive the green waste service.
- (f) A Targeted Rate (Jackson Street Programme Rate) set and assessed under sections 16 to 18 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The Jackson Street Programme charge for 2025-26 is 0.0006822 cents per dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Commercial Suburban differential category having frontage to Jackson Street, Petone, between Hutt Road and Cuba Street.
- (g) A General Rate set and assessed under sections 13 and 14 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The general rate charge for the 2025-26 rating year is as follows:

CATEGORY	DIFFERENTIAL	CHARGE PER \$ OF CAPITAL VALUE
Residential	1.000	0.277382 cents
Rural	0.747	0.207204 cents
Commercial Central	3.597	0.997873 cents
Commercial Suburban	2.862	0.793896 cents
Utility Networks	3.441	0.954493 cents
Community Facilities 1	1.000	0.277382 cents
Community Facilities 2	0.500	0.138691 cents
Community Facilities 3	2.344	0.650184 cents

*Rates Instalments*

2. *The Council resolves that the targeted rates and the general rate for the financial year ending 30 June 2026, as set out above, are payable in four equal instalments by the following due dates:*

<i>INSTALMENT NUMBER</i>	<i>DUE DATE</i>	<i>PENALTY DATE</i>
<i>One</i>	<i>1 September 2025</i>	<i>2 September 2025</i>
<i>Two</i>	<i>1 December 2025</i>	<i>2 December 2025</i>
<i>Three</i>	<i>1 March 2026</i>	<i>3 March 2026</i>
<i>Four</i>	<i>1 June 2026</i>	<i>2 June 2026</i>

*Penalties on unpaid rates*

3. *The Council resolves, pursuant to sections 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, except as stated in 4 below, that:*
- a) A penalty of 10% will be added to the amount of any instalment remaining unpaid by the relevant due date above. The penalty will be added on the relevant penalty date stated above.*
  - b) A penalty of 10% will be added to the amount of any rates assessed in previous years remaining unpaid 5 working days after the date of this resolution. The penalty will be added on 7 July 2025.*
  - c) A further penalty of 10% will be added to the amount of any rates to which a penalty has been added under b) above and which remain unpaid on 7 January 2026.*
4. *No penalty shall be added to any rate account if:*
- A direct debit authority is in place for payment of the rates by regular weekly, fortnightly, monthly or two monthly instalments, and payment in full is made by the end of the rating year.*
  - Any other satisfactory arrangement has been reached for payment of the current rates by regular instalments by the end of the rating year."*

## 10. RATEPAYER ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Report No. HCC2025/3/180 by the Manager Finance Transaction Services

The Group Chief Financial Officer elaborated on the report. She advised that recent contributions to the Ratepayer Assistance Scheme (the scheme) included \$500,000 each from Wellington and Hamilton City Councils, and \$300,000 from New Plymouth City Council.

In response to questions from members, the Group Chief Financial Officer explained that the contribution was based on the amounts from other councils. She noted that Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) was optimistic about reaching the funding target and that a national communications plan was underway to boost applications for the scheme.

The Chair commended the LGNZ initiative as highly beneficial. He supported the proposed contribution and viewed it as a potential shift toward a new model for funding development fees, which would facilitate increased housing development.

Cr Edwards expressed support for the scheme, highlighting its advantages for both climate change mitigation and older people, and considered it a valuable initiative.

Cr Briggs expressed support for the scheme but raised concerns about public awareness among those who would benefit most. He anticipated that the scheme would become a standard financial tool within the next decade.

Cr Shaw endorsed the previous comments and expressed support for initiatives aimed at helping those in greatest need.

Cr Tupou believed the scheme provided valuable support for whānau and first-home owners, especially given the withdrawal of other funding options.

RESOLVED: (Mayor Barry/Cr Edwards)

**Minute No. C 25309(2)**

*"That Council:*

- (1) notes the establishment of the Ratepayer Assistance Scheme (RAS) as a proposed shared council initiative to support low-cost financing for ratepayers;*
- (2) notes that the RAS is being developed by a steering group of metro councils, Local Government Funding Agency, Local Government New Zealand and Rewiring Aotearoa, and requires \$2.5M in final development funding;*
- (3) agrees in principle to support participation in the RAS development phase, subject to sufficient commitments from other partners;*
- (4) agrees to allocate up to \$200,000 in 2025/26 to support the next stage of development;*
- (5) notes that any development funding provided would be treated as establishment equity should Council proceed to invest, and may attract preferential share terms; and*
- (6) asks officers to report back with final information on investment terms, shareholding and risks prior to committing to RAS establishment capital."*

**11. CITY LINK BRIDGE PROCUREMENT**

Report No. HCC2025/3/192 by the Programme Coordinator

The Head of City Delivery elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Head of City Delivery emphasised the importance of prioritising carbon reduction and cost effectiveness in contracts. He mentioned that using alternative materials to concrete could help lower emissions. He stated that details regarding aquifer risk were not yet available and would be determined by the design of the pedestrian bridge, which the design team would manage.

**RESOLVED:** (Mayor Barry/Cr Briggs)

**Minute No. C 25310(2)**

*"That Council:*

- (1) notes the City Link Bridge progress update; and*
- (2) approves delegation to the Chief Executive, the Mayor and the Chair of the Infrastructure and Regulatory Committee, to release the project tender documents to the market for procurement of the design and construction supplier around November 2025."*

12. **LOCAL ELECTIONS 2025: NON-BINDING REFERENDUM QUESTION TO EXPLORE AMALGAMATION IN THE WELLINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA**

Report No. HCC2025/3/200 by the Mayor

The Chair elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Chief Executive indicated that there was uncertainty regarding whether Upper Hutt City Council would include the proposed amalgamation question on their voting papers, as they were not conducting a Māori Ward referendum. She added that Wellington City Council had already decided not to include any questions related to amalgamation on their voting papers. She suggested keeping the question straightforward to improve response rates. She noted that any question related to amalgamation would include basic information to gather initial insights and support future discussions.

The Chair acknowledged that discussions about amalgamation had been taking place for at least 15 years. However, achieving consensus among all local authorities in Wellington still seemed improbable. He explained that the purpose of the proposed question was to assess community interest in exploring amalgamation options, rather than to imply that amalgamation was imminent.

Members discussed that introducing a new issue while reforms were ongoing could confuse voters. They focused on how to phrase a question regarding the initiation of an amalgamation process. While they acknowledged that amalgamation appeared inevitable, they felt that discussions would likely progress regardless of public support. They also recognised past criticism of Council for not engaging the community early in the process and saw this as an opportunity to inform the public about the forthcoming discussions.

Cr Mitchell expressed concern about Lower Hutt residents supporting amalgamation discussions while neighbouring councils lacked the mandate to join in.

The meeting adjourned at 3.29pm and resumed at 3.45pm.

Cr Mitchell foreshadowed an amendment to recommendation (3), proposing that Council ask whether it should investigate amalgamation options with other councils.

The meeting adjourned at 3.48pm and resumed at 3.51pm.

Cr Tupou emphasised that the context of the question should be clear; a Ministerial directive did not prompt this inquiry, but rather it was part of an ongoing and longstanding discussion.

Cr. Dyer expressed concern that the question should be well-supported with sufficient information and should not be included in the upcoming local elections; instead, it should be considered separately in the next triennium.

Cr Mitchell expressed concern that the issue was driven by another council and imposed on Council without prior groundwork.

Cr Morgan supported the concerns expressed by Cr Mitchell.

The Chair believed that the upcoming election offered a valuable opportunity to gather community feedback on amalgamation.

**RESOLVED:** (Mayor Barry/Cr Briggs)

**Minute No. C 25311(2)**

*“That Council:*

- (1) receives and notes the information;*
- (2) provides direction on whether to direct the Electoral Officer, under section 9 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, to hold a non-binding referendum at the 2025 local elections regarding amalgamation;*
- (3) approves the addition of a non-binding referendum question regarding multiple amalgamation options in the Wellington metropolitan area:*

*“Should Hutt City Council explore amalgamation options with Wellington, Upper Hutt and Porirua City Councils, and the Greater Wellington Regional Council, which combine relevant services and functions, while keeping appropriate services and decision-making local?”*

*and delegates the Mayor, Committee Chairs, and Chief Executive to determine any supporting information that may go alongside the question, noting this must align with the Local Electoral Act 2001;*

- (4) agrees that this matter affects all the Hutt City Council local government area;*
- (5) agrees to direct the Electoral Officer that the referendum should be conducted for all electors; and*
- (6) agrees that the outcome of this referendum shall not be binding on the Hutt City Council.”*

13. **REMITTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025**

Report No. HCC2025/3/182 by the Policy Advisor

The Policy Advisor elaborated on the report. He advised that the Remuneration Authority had agreed to support security system payments as an allowance for elected members, which led to the withdrawal of remit #1.

Cr Mitchell spoke in support of the intent of remit #5 but expressed concern about the workload involved and the potential for it to lead to no significant changes, similar to the previous review of local government in 2023/24.

**RESOLVED:** (Mayor Barry/Cr Mitchell)

**Minute No. C 25312**

*"That Council:*

- (1) *notes that five remits will be voted on at the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting on 16 July 2025:*
  - (a) *support remit #2: improving joint management agreements;*
  - (b) *support remit #3: alcohol licensing fees;*
  - (c) *support remit #4: aligning public and school bus services; and*
  - (d) *support remit #5: review of local government arrangements to achieve a better balance;*
- (2) *notes the full text of the remits attached as Appendix 1 to the report;*
- (3) *notes the officer's assessment of each remit attached as Appendix 2 to the report; and*
- (4) *notes Council's delegates (presiding delegate, Mayor Barry and alternate presiding delegates Deputy Mayor Lewis and Cr Briggs) will vote on the remits on behalf of Hutt City Council."*

14. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

15. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** (Mayor Barry/Cr Briggs)

**Minute No. C 25313**

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

16. *IAF Stormwater and Wastewater upgrades - property acquisition update*

*The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:*



(A)	(B)	(C)
<i>General subject of the matter to be considered.</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter.</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution.</i>
<i>IAF Stormwater and Wastewater upgrades - property acquisition update.</i>	<p data-bbox="687 409 970 577"><i>The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons. (s7(2)(a)).</i></p> <p data-bbox="687 584 970 862"><i>The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities (s7(2)(h)).</i></p>	<i>That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exist.</i>

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

There being no further business, the Chair declared the public part of the meeting closed at 4.08pm. The public excluded part of the meeting closed at 4.22pm.

C Barry  
**MAYOR**

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record**  
**Dated this 31st day of July 2025**