#### **HUTT CITY COUNCIL**

# KOMITI HANGANGA | INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on

# Thursday 3 July 2025 commencing at 2:00 pm

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<u>Infrastructure and Regulatory Committee</u>

**PRESENT:** Cr S Edwards (Chair) Mayor C Barry

Cr K Brown (via audio-visual Cr B Dyer

link)

Deputy Mayor T Lewis Cr A Mitchell

Cr T Stallinger (Deputy Cr G Tupou (via audio-visual

Chair) link)

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Barratt

**IN ATTENDANCE:** A Geddes, Director Environment and Sustainability

P Hewitt, Head of Transport

B Gale, Urban Design Lead (part meeting)

J Roberts, Head of Environmental Protection (part meeting)

T Johnstone, Head of Planning (part meeting) R Barton, Head of Building (part meeting)

E Anand, Head of City Delivery (also via audio-visual link)

(part meeting)

B Hodgins, Strategic Advisor (part meeting)
J Varghese Traffic Engineer (part meeting)
H Bell, Advisor, Water Services (part meeting)

J Randall, (via audio-visual link) J Young, Democracy Advisor

#### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

# 1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Whakataka te hau ki te uru

Cease the winds from the west

Whakataka te hau ki te tonga

Cease the winds from the south

Cease the winds from the south

Let the breeze blow over the land

Let the breeze blow over the ocean

E hī ake ana te atakura

Let the red-tipped dawn come with a

He tio, he huka, he hau hū sharpened air.

Tīhei mauri ora A touch of frost, a promise of a

glorious day.

# 2. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Stallinger)

Minute No. IARCC 25301

"That the apology received from Cr Barratt be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

# 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

#### 4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

# 5. RECOMMENDATIONS TO TE KAUNIHERA O TE AWA KAIRANGI COUNCIL - 31 July 2025

#### a) City Centre Framework

The Urban Design Lead elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Urban Design Lead agreed to revise conflicting statements in Appendix 1, attached to the report, regarding Riverside Park, where it referred to both removing vegetation and planting native species in the river corridor. She also agreed to include English translations for some of the Māori terms to improve clarity. Additionally, she committed to rephrasing the term 'High Street Quarter' to reflect the wider area being referenced accurately.

Cr Stallinger and Deputy Mayor Lewis expressed appreciation for the information in Appendix 4 to the report, which provided a clear summary of initiatives and their funding status. They noted that it would be helpful for members to receive similar clarity on the funding status of other planned projects and initiatives.

#### RECOMMENDED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Dyer)

Minute No. IARCC 25302

"That the Committee recommends that Council:

- (1) receives and notes the report;
- (2) approves the adoption of the City Centre Framework, attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- (3) approves the revocation of the 2019 Central City Transformation Plan and its replacement with the City Centre Framework."

# b) Request to Delegate Authority for Issuance of Warrants

# RECOMMENDED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Stallinger)

Minute No. IARCC 25303

"That the Committee recommends that Council:

- (1) receives and notes the information contained in the report;
- (2) notes the operational and legal risks associated with the current process outlined in the officer's report; and
- (3) authorises the delegation of power to the Chief Executive to issue warrants to enforcement officers."

# 6. PROPOSED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STREET NAME: TAITĀ DRIVE, AVALON

Report No. IARCC2025/3/198 by the Traffic Engineer

The Head of Transport elaborated on the report.

Cr Mitchell suggested that the officers encourage the developer to explain the meaning of the street names to new residents.

In response to a question from a member, the Head of Transport confirmed that he had not received any feedback on the road names from the developer.

# RESOLVED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Mitchell)

Minute No. IARCC 25304

"That the Committee:

- (1) approves the street name for the new public road (Road Alpha), as shown in Appendix 2 attached to the report, as "Kāheru", with the recommended road type "Te Ara o";
- (2) approves the street name for the new public road (Road Bravo), as shown in Appendix 2 of the report as "Kōpiha", with the recommended road type "Te Ara o";
- (3) approves the street name for the new private road (Road Charlie) as shown in Appendix 2 attached to the report as "Timo", with the recommended road type "Te Ara o";
- (4) approves the street name for the new private road (Road Delta) as shown in Appendix 2 attached to the report as "Ketu", with the recommended road type "Te Ara; and
- (5) approves an appropriate road type (as permitted by the New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 4819:2011) as attached in Appendix 1 to the report."

# 7. PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - CAMBRIDGE TERRACE FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF THE BAPS SWAMINARAYAN MANDIR AND COMMUNITY CENTRE (2025)

Report No. IARCC2025/3/194 by the Traffic Engineer

The Head of Transport elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Head of Transport clarified that the side streets affected by the road closure would still be accessible to residents. He explained that these streets would not be open to through traffic heading toward Cambridge Terrace. He confirmed that the only communication sent to residents thus far was from the procession organiser, but a second letter would be distributed closer to the event.

Members asked that the second letter clarify the impact on local residents and correct the event timeframe as per Council's resolution, state that vehicles could not park on Cambridge Terrace until the procession had passed, and explain that side streets would reopen sequentially.

Members discussed allowing Cr Mitchell to review the letter to Eastern Ward residents before it was distributed.

RESOLVED: (Cr Edwards/Deputy Mayor Lewis)

Minute No. IARCC 25305

"That the Committee:

- (1) receives and notes the contents of the report;
- (2) approves the temporary road closures of the following Council-controlled roads on Saturday, 9 August 2025, from 12.30pm to 6.00pm, to facilitate the grand opening parade of the BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir and Community Centre, as shown in Appendix 1 attached to the report:
  - a) Cambridge Terrace between Trafalgar Square and Gregory Street;
  - b) Cambridge Terrace Link full length;
  - c) Brasell Street between Cambridge Terrace and Raymond Terrace;
  - d) Fairfield Avenue between Cambridge Terrace and Junction Street;
  - e) Porutu Street between Cambridge Terrace and Durham Crescent;
  - f) Hampton Court South between Cambridge Terrace and Durham Crescent;
  - g) Hampton Court North between Cambridge Terrace and Durham Crescent;
  - h) Naenae Road between Cambridge Terrace and Naenae Road/Waiwhetu Road intersection;
  - i) Fisk Street between Cambridge Terrace and Clendon Street; and
  - j) Clendon Street between Cambridge Terrace and Naenae Road;
- (3) agrees that the Eastern Ward Councillor, Cr Mitchell, will have the opportunity to review the letter to local residents before its distribution; and

(4) rescinds all existing parking restrictions within the road closure area during the event and approves the implementation of 'No Stopping' parking restrictions on the road (as shown in Appendix 1 attached to the report) for the duration of the closure."

# 8. THREE WATERS UPDATE

Report No. IARCC2025/3/199 by the Advisor Water Services

The Advisor, Water Services elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Strategic Advisor reported that he had received no complaints about odours from the sludge being transferred from Seaview to the Silverstream Landfill. He confirmed that some public communication had already occurred regarding recent reductions in bulk water consumption, with plans for more intensive messaging as summer approaches. Additionally, he noted that the pipe located north of the Western Hills' Main Wastewater Renewal project was expected to remain serviceable for another 15 to 20 years before it requires renewal.

RESOLVED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Stallinger)

Minute No. IARCC 25306

"That the Committee receives the report and notes the information."

# 9. <u>REGULATORY MATTERS</u>

Report No. IARCC2025/3/195 by the Head of Planning

Speaking under public comment, **Richard Warwick**, **speaking on behalf of several residents of Riddlers Crescent**, **Petone**, pointed out recent breaches of Kmart's resource consent conditions since the store opened in 2017 and acknowledged Kmart's recent engagement with residents. However, he urged the company to provide written commitments for accountability. He expressed disappointment that residents were not informed about Kmart's application for a store extension, despite their involvement in the original consent process in 2015. He asked officers to involve residents in any future consent applications from Kmart to ensure their voices were heard.

In response to questions from members, Richard Warwick explained that Kmart's original resource consent was granted without public notification but came with conditions. He indicated that any store extension could worsen the issues leading to Kmart's recent abatement notice. He reassured that residents would have no problem with Kmart if it complied with its consent conditions.

The Head of Planning elaborated on the report and addressed the comments made by the public speaker. He indicated that Kmart now required more truck movements than those approved in its original 2015 resource consent and was expected to apply for a variation to its consent conditions by the end of July 2025. He mentioned that Kmart had been actively working with its neighbours to address noise concerns prior to submitting its application. He emphasised that Kmart committed to developing a more robust noise reduction management plan as part of its consent variation application. He confirmed that Council had the authority to enforce this management plan.

In response to questions from members, the Head of Planning confirmed that Kmart had

been complying with its resource consent conditions since the abatement notice was issued. He stated that the variation application sought approval for up to six truck movements per day, while trucks from nearby businesses contributed to street noise without needing consent. He said Kmart had appealed the abatement notice but preferred to resolve the issue through a resource consent variation. He explained that the Environment Court had set a deadline for Kmart to submit its application by the end of July 2025. He said the store extension was non-notified, so there was no requirement to consult neighbouring properties. He also acknowledged that Kmart's servicing arrangement and late hours were concerns for local residents.

In response to a question from a member, the Head of Environmental Protection agreed to report back on whether officers had completed all compliance check visits to 'high risk' and new premises during June 2025.

In response to a question from a member, the Head of Building clarified that the total number of earthquake-prone buildings had been inaccurately reported to the Committee because of a data extraction error from the MBIE register. He confirmed that the officers were currently reviewing internal processes to prevent such issues from occurring in the future.

RESOLVED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Dyer)

Minute No. IARCC 25307

"That the Committee receives and notes the information."

# 10. INFORMATION ITEMS

# a) Economy & Development - Director's Report

Report No. IARCC2025/3/4 by the Director of Economy and Development

In response to a question from a member, the Head of Transport confirmed that the new temporary traffic management practices would adopt a case-by-case approach, utilising less prescriptive methods and allowing for greater flexibility.

In response to questions from members regarding the Locky Dock in Petone, the Head of Transport explained that officers were evaluating suitable locations for the Locky Dock. He said that due to advertising restrictions on the Petone Foreshore, maintenance would be funded through the MBIE Great Rides project funding rather than advertising. He confirmed that the Strategic Cycleway Review would assess the effectiveness of existing reports and that a Council briefing would take place before public consultation. He agreed to create a comprehensive map of shared paths, cycleways, micromobility networks, and bike parking for the Council's website, helping residents navigate the available infrastructure.

RESOLVED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Stallinger)

Minute No. IARCC 25308

"That the Committee receives and notes the information."

# b) <u>Infrastructure and Regulatory Forward Programme 2025</u>

Memorandum dated 16 June 2025 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Mitchell)

Minute No. IARCC 25309

"That the Committee receives and notes the Forward Programme for 2025 attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum."

# 11. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

# 12. CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Unuhia!
Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui
Kia wātea, kia māmā
Te ngākau, te tinana,
te wairua i te ara takatū
Koia rā e Rongo
whakairihia ake ki runga
Kia wātea, kia wātea!
Ae rā, kua wātea!
Hau, pai mārire.

Release us from the supreme sacredness of our tasks
To be clear and free in heart, body and soul in our continuing journey
Oh Rongo, raise these words up high so that we be cleansed and be free,
Yes indeed, we are free!
Good and peaceful

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.58 pm.

Cr Edwards **CHAIR** 

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