

**HUTT CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTIONS of an ordinary meeting of  
The Hutt City Council held in the Council Chambers,  
2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on  
**Friday 27 February 2026 commencing at 12.00pm**

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To watch the livestream of the meeting, please click on the link here : [27 February 2026 Strategy Long Term Plan and Annual Plan Subcommittee followed by Additional Council](#) (part 1) and [27 February 2026 Strategy Long Term Plan and Annual Plan Subcommittee followed by Additional Council](#) (part 2)

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

RESOLUTIONS ONLY

1. **PROPOSED JOINT WORKING GROUP ON REGIONAL AMALGAMATION OPTIONS AND THE WELLINGTON REGIONAL TRIENNIAL AGREEMENT 2025-2028**

Report No. HCC2026/1/6 by the Chief Executive

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

**Minute No. C 26101**

*"That Council:*

*(1) receives and notes the information;*

**Regional Amalgamation**

*(2) agrees in principle that, considering the government announcement to introduce legislative options for reorganising local government, a specific regional approach to amalgamation is the priority response to simplifying local government;*

*(3) notes that the Mayor will take part in discussions on Council's behalf via the Mayoral Forum with other local councils, as well as with the Minister for Local Government;*

*(4) agrees that Hutt City Council will join a regional joint working group to develop next steps on information-gathering and public engagement to generate discussion and debate on amalgamation and effective service delivery;*

*(5) agrees to a set of principles by which the work will be guided:*

*a) improved effectiveness and efficiency in achieving population and economic growth and environmental protection*

*b) effective local government representation*

*c) ensure mana whenua representation is consistent with Treaty settlements and obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi*

*d) promote and enhance region's reputation as a place of opportunity, creativity, and innovation; and*

*e) ensuring affordability for ratepayers and long-term financial sustainability;*

*(6) agrees to recommend to Council that it agree to work with councils within the region on options for progressing this discussion based on these principles outlined in these recommendations; and*

*(7) agrees that the regional joint working group will regularly report back to the local councils in the working group following the information-gathering and service mapping phases, and on a public engagement plan for any options for amalgamation and service delivery to ensure there is ongoing alignment and support across those councils; and*

**Wellington Regional Triennial Agreement 2025–2028**

*(8) approves the draft Wellington Regional Triennial Agreement 2025-2028 attached at Appendix 1 to the report;*

- (9) *delegates authority to the Mayor and the Chief Executive to make any minor amendments required because of changes requested by other local and regional authorities during the adoption process; and*
- (10) *authorises the Mayor to sign the Wellington Regional Triennial Agreement 2025-2028 on behalf of Council."*

## **2. IMPLEMENTING CHANGES TO COMMUNITY FUNDING DECISION-MAKING**

Report No. HCC2026/1/7 by the Head of Connected Communities

**RESOLVED:** (Mayor Laban/Cr Barratt)

**Minute No. C 26102**

*"That Council:*

- (1) *receives and notes the information;*
- (2) *approves the Community Funding Panel (the Panel) Terms of Reference attached as Appendix 2 to the report;*
- (3) *appoints Crs Parkin and Ravi to the Panel;*
- (4) *notes that Mana Whenua partners have been consulted on these proposals and are considering their representation on the Panel;*
- (5) *agrees to the appointment of representatives of the Wainuiomata and Eastbourne Community Boards as members of the Panel with each Board determining its representative for each meeting; and*
- (6) *notes the funding calendar and communications approach ahead of the first funding round under this new structure, planned for April-May 2026."*

For the reasons that these proposals contribute to Council's efficiency goals, and are generally supported by participating community groups/representatives.

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3. **UPDATE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM RELATED SUBMISSIONS**

Report No. HCC2026/1/8 by the Policy Advisor

**RESOLVED:** (Mayor Laban/Cr Dyer)

**Minute No. C 26103**

*"That Council:*

- (1) notes the Government is currently consulting a range of legislation changes as part of its local government reform programme; and*
- (2) notes the submissions provided or endorsed by Council attached at Appendix 1."*

For the reason to give elected members visibility of Council responses to Central Government consultation on local issues.

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL FROM THE STRATEGY, LONG TERM AND ANNUAL PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2026**

**RESOLVED:** (Mayor Laban/Cr Shaw)

**Minute No. C 26104**

*"That Council adopts the recommendations made on the following reports, and any amendments agreed at the Strategy, Long Term and Annual Plan Subcommittee meeting held on 27 February 2026:*

- a) Target Operating Model: including the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan;*
- b) Draft Annual Plan 2026-2027 final decisions;*
- c) Development Contributions Policy update;*
- d) Revenue and Financing Policy update; and*
- e) Proposed fees for commercial dog walkers."*