

**MINUTES OF CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL
FINANCE, INFRASTRUCTURE & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 28-32 RUATANIWHA STREET, WAIPAWA
ON THURSDAY, 24 APRIL 2025 AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT: Chair Brent Muggeridge
Cr Pip Burne
Cr Gerard Minehan
Cr Kate Taylor
Mayor Alex Walker
Pou Whirinaki Amiria Nepe-Apatu
Pou Whirinaki Piri Galbraith

IN ATTENDANCE: Doug Tate (Chief Executive)
Nicola Bousfield (Group Manager People and Business Enablement)
Brent Chamberlain (Chief Financial Officer)
Mark Kinvig (Group Manager Community Infrastructure and Development)
Dylan Muggeridge (Group Manager Strategic Planning & Development)

Jane Budge (Strategic Governance Manager)
Sophie Elliott (Resource Consents Manager)
Rebecca England (Programme Manager)
Chris Gordon (Principal Programme Manager)
Murray Lougher (Building Consent Manager)
Audrey Malone (Senior Communications Advisor)
Ben Swinburne (3 Waters Manager)
Annelie Roets (Governance Lead)

1 KARAKIA

The Chair, Councillor Brent Muggeridge opened the meeting. A Karakia was offered earlier this morning.

2 APOLOGIES: 25.6

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor
Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

That the apologies for Councillors Tim Aitken, Kelly Annand, Exham Wichman, Jerry Greer and Pou Whirinaki be noted and received.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest received.

4 STANDING ORDERS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.7

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker
Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

That the following standing orders are suspended for the duration of the meeting:

- **21.2** Time limits on speakers.

- **21.5** Members may speak only once.
- **21.6** Limits on number of speakers.

And that Option C under section 21 General procedures for speaking and moving motions be used for the meeting.

Standing orders are recommended to be suspended to enable members to engage in discussion in a free and frank manner.

CARRIED

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.8

Moved: Cr Pip Burne

Seconded: Cr Gerard Minehan

That the minutes of the Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee Meeting held on 26 February 2025 as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct.

CARRIED

Note: The Public Excluded Minutes from 26 February will be confirmed at the next meeting to be held on 19 June 2025.

6 REPORT SECTION

6.1 RESOLUTION MONITORING REPORT

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report presents the Resolution Monitoring Report.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.9

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker

Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

That the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee notes the Resolution Monitoring Report.

CARRIED

The report was taken as read.

6.2 LOCAL WATER DONE WELL - PROPOSED WATER SERVICES DELIVERY MODELS FOR CONSULTATION

PURPOSE

To approve the water service delivery model options that will be included in public consultation required under the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 (PA Act).

The decisions made will enable Council to develop the consultation material required by the PA Act, which is proposed for adoption at a meeting of Council on 8 May 2025, with the public consultation to be carried out in May 2025.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.10

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker

Seconded: Chair Brent Muggeridge

That the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee:

- 1. Notes the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 requires councils to produce and submit a Water Services Delivery Plan to Central Government by 3 September 2025**
- 2. Notes that Council is required by Government to:**
 - 2.1. Consider and consult with community on at least two options for future delivery of water services.**
 - 2.2. Demonstrate, as part of its water services delivery plan, that it will meet requirements that the delivery of water services will be financially sustainable by 30 June 2028.**
 - 2.3. Moving forward, ring-fence revenue for three waters so that it is separate from other Council activities.**
- 3. Approves that Council consult on three water services delivery models:**
 - 3.1. ~~Option 1 – Internal Business Unit (also referred to as In-House and Council Delivered Services), the current water services delivery model with needed changes to meet legislation; and~~**
 - 3.2. ~~Option 2 – a Single-council Water Organisation (WO), referred to as the Central Hawke's Bay Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (CHB-WSCCO); and~~**
 - 3.3. Option 3 – a Regional, Hawke's Bay Multi-owned Water Organisation (HBWSCCO), that would include Central Hawke's Bay District Council (CHBDC), Hastings District Council (HDC), Napier City Council (NCC) and Wairoa District Council (WDC).**
- 4. Agrees to identify that Option 3 – a Regional, Hawke's Bay Water Organisation as the preferred option for public consultation.**
- 5. Endorses that officers will prepare a Consultation Document to present to Council on 8 May 2025 for approval.**
- 6. Notes that officers will summarise the outcomes of consultation considering community feedback, submissions, and hearings and provide their final advice via a report to Council to confirm the delivery model to be identified in the Water Services Delivery Plan to be presented to the Government by 3 September 2025.**

CARRIED

Doug Tate, Chief Executive, presented a report on proposed water service delivery models for community consultation. Key discussion points included:

- The community and council's awareness of Three Waters infrastructure challenges.
- The government's "Local Water Done Well" initiative aims to improve affordability and service delivery.
- Emphasis on economic, financial, and regulatory aspects, including service standards and accountability.

Consultation Options:

- **Preferred:** Regional or joint CCO involving Central Hawke's Bay, Hastings, Napier, and Wairoa District Councils.
- The regional CCO is favoured based on financial and non-financial benefits.
- Community consultation to be undertaken, with a delivery plan to be submitted to DIA by 3 September.
- Financial modelling, affordability challenges, and investment needs were discussed.
- Further analysis required on harmonisation and regional price pathways.
- Legislative requirements and recommendations were reviewed.

6.3 ADOPTION OF DRAFT EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME – CARBON CREDIT POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview and update on how the Council participates in the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), and how we protect ourselves from fluctuating carbon credit prices. It also outlines the next steps proposed to continue to lift Council's maturity in the management of the scheme.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.11

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker

Seconded: Cr Pip Burne

That the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee:

- 1. Notes the Emissions Trading Scheme update.**
- 2. Adopts the Emissions Trading Scheme – Carbon Credit policy attached as the control to minimise price risk introduced by the Emissions Trading Scheme.**

CARRIED

Brent Chamberlain provided background noting the policy aims to set rules and regulations for buying carbon credits to offset methane from landfills. Further discussions noted:

- Questions on the current level of carbon credits held – Currently holding about 12,500 tons of credits.
- The importance of setting fees and charges with certainty were discussed.
- Addresses volatility in carbon pricing over time.

6.4 ENDORSE SUBMISSION ON TAUMATA AROWAI WASTEWATER STANDARDS

PURPOSE

To endorse and make the Central Hawke's Bay District Council submission on the proposed National Wastewater Environmental Performance Standards being proposed by Taumata Arowai.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.12

Moved: Cr Pip Burne

Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

That the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee endorses and makes the submission on the Taumata Arowai Wastewater standards.

CARRIED

Ben Swinburne and Mark Kinvig outlined that the proposed standards are designed to streamline the consenting process and reduce associated costs. Discussions noted:

- Councillors raised questions regarding the influence of regional councils on the consenting process.
- Mr. Swinburne provided an overview of the framework that guides regional councils in applying the standards.
- Concerns were expressed about the implications of trade waste on treatment requirements.
- The need for further work to understand how the standards will impact the Council's capital programme was acknowledged.
- The significance of securing 35-year consents for effective long-term infrastructure planning was emphasised.
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6.5 ADOPTION OF CONSENTING FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2025-2026

PURPOSE

To adopt Council's consenting fees and charges for 2025-2026 for Councils having given consideration of the impact of these changes on developers.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan

Seconded: Mayor Alex Walker

That the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee:

- 1. Adopts the Consenting Fees and Charges for the financial year dated 2025–2026 as set out in the attachments.**
- 2. Gives notice pursuant to Section 103 of the Local Government Act 2002 of its intention to prescribe the fees payable for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 in respect of certificates, authorities, approvals, consents, and services given or inspections made by the Council under the Local Government Act 2002, the Building Act 2004, the Building (Infringement Offences, Fees, and Forms) Regulations 2007, the Resource Management Act 1991, and the Central Hawke's Bay District Council Bylaws as set out in the Fees and Charges Schedule 2025-2026.**

CARRIED

Brent Chamberlain introduced the proposed fees and charges for building and resource consenting activities.

- Reviewed building and resource consenting fees.

- Maintains balance between user contributions and public investment
- Questions were raised on the comparison of fees with other councils – CHBDC comparable with other councils.
- Considers development costs and strategic growth enablement.
- The proposed fees and charges were supported as necessary for financial sustainability.

6.6 KEY PROGRAMME STATUS REPORT - THE BIG WASTEWATER STORY - Q3

PURPOSE

To provide the January – March 2025 Quarter 3 #BigWastewaterStory status report.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor

Seconded: Mayor Alex Walker

That the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee notes the January – March 2025 Quarter 3 #BigWastewaterStory status report.

CARRIED

Ben Swinburne, Rebecca England and Mark Kinvig provided an update on the paper with discussions noting:

- Paused major capital projects pending wastewater standards review.
- Questions were raised about the prioritisation of network relining and the impact of trade waste on treatment requirements.
- Network relining project progressing (1.4km).
- Positive compliance improvements at Waipawa Treatment Plant.
- Ongoing optimisation of existing treatment systems.

6.7 KEY PROGRAMME STATUS REPORT - THE BIG STORMWATER STORY - Q3

PURPOSE

To provide the January – March 2025 Quarter 3 #BigStormwaterStory status report.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.13

Moved: Mayor Alex Walker

Seconded: Chair Brent Muggerridge

That the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee notes the January – March 2025 Quarter 3 #BigStormwaterStory status report.

CARRIED

Ben Swinburne, Rebecca England and Mark Kinvig discussed the progress on the overarching stormwater strategy and engagement with mana whenua.

Operational Programme:

- Vegetation clearance and excavation are underway, with significant progress noted.
- Cyclone Gabrielle impacts have been integrated into the programme.

Piri Galbraith joint the meeting online at 1.29pm.

Capital Works Programme

- Some projects are temporarily paused due to resource constraints.
- Focus remains on infrastructure resilience and flood risk reduction.

Project Updates:

- Otāne maintenance completed; minor infrastructure upgrades ongoing.
- Hydrogen project monitoring continues.

Drainage Infrastructure Management

- Ongoing assessment of public and private systems.
- Engagement with stakeholders via the stormwater bylaw.
- Collaborative work with landowners underway

Strategic Focus:

- Balancing public and private improvements.
- Adaptive planning and comprehensive flood risk management.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: 25.14**

Moved: Cr Gerard Minehan

Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

That the next Finance, Infrastructure & Performance meeting be held on 19 June 2025.

CARRIED

8 TIME OF CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 1.37pm.

The Minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the next Finance, Infrastructure & Performance Committee meeting to be held on 19 June 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON