

**MINUTES OF CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 28-32 RUATANIWHA STREET, WAIPAWA
ON THURSDAY, 28 AUGUST 2025 AT 3.45PM**

UNCONFIRMED

PRESENT: Mayor Alex Walker
Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand
Cr Tim Aitken
Cr Pip Burne
Cr Jerry Greer
Cr Gerard Minehan
Cr Brent Muggeridge
Cr Kate Taylor
Cr Exham Wichman
Pou Whirinaki Amiria Nepe-Apatu (*Online*)

IN ATTENDANCE: Doug Tate (Chief Executive)
Nicola Bousfield (Group Manager: Corporate, Community & Regulatory)
Brent Chamberlain (Chief Financial Officer)
Dylan Muggeridge (Group Manager: Strategy, Policy & Planning)
Mark Kinvig (Group Manager: Infrastructure & Asset Management)
Jane Budge (Strategic Governance Manager)
Sarah Crysell (Communications and Engagement Manager)
Chris Gordon (Principal Programme Manager)
Audrey Malone (Senior Communications Advisor)
Annelie Roets (Governance Lead)
Ben Swinburne (Water Services Manager)

1 WELCOME/KARAKIA/NOTICES

Her Worship, The Mayor Alex Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES: 25.49

Moved: Cr Exham Wichman
Seconded: Cr Kate Taylor

That the apology from Piri Galbraith (Pou Whirinaki) be formally noted and accepted, and that the apology for lateness from Amiria Nepe-Apatu also be noted and accepted, and noted attending online.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Conflicts of Interests declared.

4 STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: 25.50

Moved: Cr Pip Burne

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

Pou Whirinaki, Amiria Nepe-Apatu joined the meeting online from 3.50pm.

5 REPORT SECTION

5.1 ADOPTION OF JOINT WATER SERVICES DELIVERY PLAN (WSDP)

PURPOSE

To adopt the joint Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP), developed in accordance with the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 ahead of certification and submission to the Secretary for Local Government.

RESOLVED: 25.51

Moved: Cr Pip Burne

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand

That Council:

1. **Adopts the joint Water Services Delivery Plan, attached as Attachment 1.**
2. **Authorises the Chief Executive to make minor changes (if required) to the Water Services Delivery Plan to allow for certification and joint submission.**
3. **That Council directs the Chief Executive to certify the joint Water Services Delivery Plan, allowing for any minor changes to be made, before jointly submitting the Water Services Delivery Plan with the Chief Executives of Hastings District Council and Napier City Council to the Secretary for Local Government on or before 3 September 2025.**
4. **Notes that following the adoption of the Water Services Delivery Plan by all participating councils, the Chief Executive will continue to progress the joint work programme and implementation as outlined in the Heads of Agreement.**

CARRIED

Division Called:

In Favour: Mayor Alex Walker, Deputy Mayor Kelly Annand, Crs Pip Burne, Jerry Greer, Brent Muggeridge, Kate Taylor and Exham Wichman.

Against: Crs Tim Aitken and Gerard Minehan.

CARRIED 7/2

Doug Tate, Mark Kinvig, and Brent Chamberlain presented the Draft Water Services Plan, as required under the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024.

Discussion included:

- The plan covers financial sustainability, delivery models, network performance, revenue, and projected financials.
- A Regional Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) as the preferred delivery model.
- Governance structure includes a transitional group, establishment board, and shareholders forum to ensure oversight and representation.
- Councillors reflected on the journey, highlighting infrastructure challenges and funding needs.
- Officers from across the region for thanked for their contribution to this work.
- Noted changes to the milestones highlighting that streams are side-by-side.
- Councillors Minehan and Aitken opposed the plan due to concerns over financial modelling, costs, and transparency.
- The WSDP will be submitted to the Secretary for Local Government on **3 September 2025**.

5.2 RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE – 2025/2026 THREE WATERS PROGRAMME

PURPOSE

To receive the recommendation of the Finance, Infrastructure and Performance Committee relating to the updated 2025/2026 three waters capital and renewal programme.

RESOLVED: 25.52

Moved: Cr Kate Taylor

Seconded: Cr Brent Muggeridge

That Council approves the revised capital and renewal programme for delivery in the 2025/2026 financial year as set out in Attachment 1.

CARRIED

Ben Swinburne and Mark Kinvig presented a revised capital programme, reducing the budget from \$200 million to \$123 million due to affordability constraints. It was noted that the revised capital programme is for the current financial year, with the understanding that further changes may be needed in the future.

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next Ordinary Council meeting to be held on Thursday, 2 October 2025.

7 TIME OF CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 4.34pm.

The Minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at next Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 2 October 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON