



# **MINUTES**

**Ordinary Council meeting  
Monday, 3 March 2025**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, REGIONAL HOUSE, 1  
ELIZABETH STREET, TAURANGA  
ON MONDAY, 3 MARCH 2025 AT 9:30 AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler, Cr Rod Taylor

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Paul Davidson (Chief Financial Officer), Barbara Dempsey (General Manager: Community Services), Nic Johansson (General Manager: Infrastructure), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance), Alastair McNeil (General Manager: Corporate Services), Sarah Omundsen (General Manager: Regulatory & Compliance), Gareth Wallis (General Manager: City Development & Partnerships), Alistair Talbolt (Principal Planner), Andy Mead (Manager: City Planning & Growth), Richard Harkness (People Leader: Urban Planning), Brad Bellamy (Project Leader: Urban Planning), Ross Hudson (Manager: Strategic Planning & Partnerships Community, Spaces & Places), Jaimee Kinzett (Senior Strategic Advisor, Strategic Property), Jenna Quay (Events Facilitation Manager), Phil Kai Fong (Team Leader: Commercial Property Services), Andrew Hough (General Counsel), Jeremy Boase (Manager: Strategy & Corporate Planning), Kathryn Sharplin (Manager: Finance), Tracey Hughes (Financial Insights & Reporting Manager), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor)

**EXTERNAL:** University of Waikato - Alister Jones, Joe Macfarlane, Professor Chris Battershill

Timestamps are included beside each of the items and relate to the recording of the meeting held on 3 March 2025

Part 1 - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEvUZ3VI3\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEvUZ3VI3_s)

Part 2 - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZ9XD6\\_Bu4Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZ9XD6_Bu4Q)

## 1 OPENING KARAKIA AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cr Schuler opened the meeting with a karakia.

Cr Morris announced that Pāpāmoa had been voted the 'choicest' suburb in New Zealand on Trade Me Property.

## 2 APOLOGIES

Nil

## 3 PUBLIC FORUM

Timestamp: Part 1 – 4:42

### 3.1 Kevin Mayall and Gerald Grieg from the Pāpāmoa Tennis Club

Refer to the presentation attached to the minutes.

- Mr Mayall and Mr Greig presented a proposal for Pāpāmoa Multipurpose Community Sports Hub, a covered area with six tennis courts, 12 pickleball courts and six netball/basketball courts, an administration building with squash courts, meeting rooms and other facilities which would be available for community use.
- The only greenspace area in the community was well over subscribed and a multipurpose facility was the only way to move forward.
- Seek recognition from the Council on the proposal and partner with them to bring it to fruition with staff assistance to carry out a land availability assessment prior to annual plan submissions and collaboration. Assistance was also with funding towards feasibility planning and business case development.
- There was no indication of cost at this stage, and until land was secured for the facility, no approaches had been made towards financial assistance.
- The Tennis Club had means to support fundraising and TECT had indicated their support for the proposal to be progressed.
- Administration of the facility would be by the Tennis Club in a similar setup to a Cosmopolitan Club with a Board and a management tier for each sport underneath that.

#### In response to questions

- TCC staff had the capacity to assist with the proposal within business as usual.

#### Attachments

- 1 Presentation Item 3.1 - Papamoia Multipurpose Community Sports Hub Proposal March 3, 2025

### 3.2 Brian Cavit and Sandra Johnston on behalf of the Wairakei Community Centre Trust

#### Timestamp: Part 1 – 22.21

Refer to the submission attached to the minutes.

- Rev Cavit advised that there was a long-term agreement with Council, where they become a partner in the development of a community centre in Pāpāmoa East.
- There was a part of Pāpāmoa that was in desperate need of social services with access to social service agencies and since 2023 the need for use of those services had tripled.
- As a Trauma Specialist, Ms Johnston stated she dealt with people on a daily basis, with the Police calling Pāpāmoa East the red flag area for Tauranga, and while it may be seen as the best suburb to live, that was not what she saw every day.
- The information provided was based on real statistics from GP's, Counsellors, Psychologists and social service agencies.
- Services were currently run from the Medical Centre, but with the lease up for renewal in June 2025, this would no longer be available, and there was nowhere that they could afford to relocate to in Pāpāmoa. Ms Johnston stated that all of the Ministers in Pāpāmoa were saying they needed help.

#### Action:

- The Community Development Team worked with Non-Government Organisations to facilitate support for areas. An update would be provided on specific work in the Pāpāmoa East area.

#### Attachments

- 1 Tabled document - Wairakei Community Centre Trust presentation and history - Rev Brian Cavit - Public forum - Council - 2025-0303

#### **4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

#### **5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN**

Nil

#### **6 CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Mayor noted that Item 11.6 – Background Information – Marine Park Reclassification would be taken at 11am.

#### **7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Timestamp: Part 1 – 23.23**

##### **7.1 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 February 2025**

##### **RESOLUTION CO/25/3/1**

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 February 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record, subject to the following changes:

- (a) Item 11 – Business – add a time stamp
- (b) Remove the letter 'm' after Puhirake Ihaka ONZM
- (c) Use the word 'chair' in place of the word 'chairperson'
- (d) Item 11.6, add a reason for the resolution to let the matter lie on the table "Reason for decision – the Council was waiting for further information"

**CARRIED**

#### **8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

#### **9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS**

Nil

#### **10 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

Nil

## 11 BUSINESS

### Timestamp: Part 1 - 27.04

#### 11.1 Decisions on Independent Hearings Panel Recommendations on Variation 1 (Tauriko West Urban Growth Area) to Plan Change 33 (Enabling Housing Supply)

**Staff** Alistair Talbolt, Principal Planner  
Andy Mead, Manager: City Planning & Growth  
Richard Harkness, People Leader: Urban Planning  
Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance

### Timestamp: Part 1 - 27.04

Refer to the presentation attached to the minutes.

- The process undertaken to date was outlined in the powerpoint presentation, noting that it lead to the recommendations of the Independent Hearings Panel which were different in some cases to staff recommendations.
- The Council accepted all of the recommendations from the Independent Hearings Panel as this reflected sound judgement, supported housing supply and balanced environmental values.

## RESOLUTION CO/25/3/2

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Decisions on Independent Hearings Panel Recommendations on Variation 1 (Tauriko West Urban Growth Area) to Plan Change 33 (Enabling Housing Supply)".
- (b) Accepts all recommendations in section 9.2 of the report of the Independent Hearings Panel (IHP) on Variation 1 – Tauriko West Urban Growth Area provided in Attachment 1 in accordance with clause 101, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and adopts the reasons in the report.
- (c) Publicly notify the decisions of the Council as soon as practicable in accordance with clause 102, Schedule 1 of the RMA including any recommendations of the IHP that it accepts or that it rejects together with the reasons for doing so and any alternative recommendation that it has provided for a rejected recommendation.
- (d) Notes that on public notification under clause 102, Schedule 1 of the RMA, all the recommendations of the IHP that are accepted by Council are incorporated into the Tauranga City Plan and are deemed approved under clause 17(1), Schedule 1 and become operative in accordance with clause 20, Schedule 1 of the RMA.
- (e) That the General Manager: Strategy, Growth and Governance be delegated the authority to approve any minor editorial changes and consequential changes (if any) to the Variation under clauses 16 and 95(2)(o), Schedule 1 of the RMA.

**CARRIED**

## Attachments

- 1 Presentation Item 11.1 Tauriko West Variation 1

## 11.2 Private Plan Change 39 (Upper Ohauti Land Rezoning) - Request to approve and make operative

**Staff** Brad Bellamy, Project Leader: Urban Planning  
Andy Mead, Manager: City Planning & Growth

**Timestamp: 59.53**

- An additional resolution (d) was included to reflect discussion around alternate transport routes between Ohauti and neighbouring suburbs.

### Actions

- Staff to provide a summary of the work done to date on alternative transport routes between Ohauti and the neighbouring suburbs.

### RESOLUTION CO/25/3/3

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Request to make operative Private Plan Change 39 (Upper Ohauti Land Rezoning) - Request to approve and make operative".
- (b) Pursuant to Clause 17(1) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, approves Private Plan Change 39 – Upper Ohauti Land Rezoning – and authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive to affix the seal of Council to the plan change documents in accordance with Clause 17(3) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (see Attachment 1).
- (c) Pursuant to Clause 20(2) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, notifies that Plan Change 39 as approved shall become operative on 17 March 2025.
- (d) Requests staff report back on alternate transport routes between Ohauti and neighboring suburbs within existing budgets.

**CARRIED**

## 11.6 Background Information - Marine Park Reclassification

**Staff** Ross Hudson, Manager: Strategic Planning & Partnerships Community, Spaces & Places  
Jaimee Kinzett, Senior Strategic Advisor, Strategic Property  
Paul Davidson, Chief Financial Officer  
Sarah Omundsen, General Manager: Regulatory & Compliance

**External** Alister Jones, Deputy Vice-Chancellor University of Waikato  
Joe Macfarlane, Director Tauranga Campus Development and Operations, University of Waikato  
Professor Chris Battershill, Chair of Coastal Science, University of Waikato

**Timestamp: Part 1 - 1.18.54**

Refer to the Supplementary agenda for this item.

- Through a powerpoint presentation the Deputy Vice-Chancellor advised that the University of Waikato had engaged with architects and designers to determine what was possible to create a unique marine research and education facility and noted that the concept plans as shown in the presentation may change. They would also engage the public in the research that was being undertaken and bring the underworld environment across the harbour and into the city.
- The lease signed in 2024 came with clear expectations made by Council for the Marine Science Programme which were currently being worked through and would be reported back to Council in June 2025.
- The Marine Research and Education Centre would allow focus on all of the global challenges and their impact on the aquaculture environment and students from around New Zealand and the world would be attracted to the area because of the programme which would become the centre for marine science as it was located in an axis point for the tropics, oceans and Antarctica.
- The University worked actively with iwi and would continue the partnerships across the wider region through the Iwi Chairs forum and would look to adopt emerging principles that the facility would be for the benefit of the land and the sea as a generational long-term commitment and the intergration of matunga Māori into the programme
- An additional resolution was included requesting staff to discuss the provision of replacement land in Kopurererua Valley as per a Council resolution made in 2018.

### **Actions**

- Councillors to receive background correspondence and legal advice on lease information and decisions.
- Ensure executive summaries included high level of what needed to be considered, any risks and financial information.

### **RESOLUTION CO/25/3/4**

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Background Information - Marine Park Reclassification".
- (b) Requests staff discuss the provision of replacement land in Kopurererua Valley with Bay of Plenty Regional Council, following assurances from Bay of Plenty Regional Councillors and a Tauranga City Council resolution dated 16 October 2018.

**CARRIED**

### **Attachments**

1 Presentation Item 11.6 - Marine Research and Education Facility\_2025.02.25\_TCC

At 11.57am the meeting adjourned.

At 12.35pm the meeting reconvened.

### **11.3 Temporary Road Closures for Events April - June 2025**

**Staff** Jenna Quay, Events Facilitation Manager  
Nic Johansson, General Manager: Infrastructure

**Timestamp: Part 1 – 3:05**



- The triathlon on 1 April 2025 had been cancelled.

**Action:**

- Traffic management costs for the recent Childrens Day be sent to Councillors to give them an idea of the costs involved.

**RESOLUTION CO/25/3/5**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Temporary Road Closures for Events April - June 2025".
- (b) Pursuant to Clause 11(e) of the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, grants approval to close the roads listed in Attachment A of this report to ordinary vehicular traffic on the dates and during the hours stated for the purposes of facilitating safe and successful operations during the identified events in Attachment A.

**CARRIED**

**11.4 160 Devonport Road - Land Purchase and Development**

**Staff** Phil Kai Fong, Team Leader: Commercial Property Services  
Andrew Hough, General Counsel  
Paul Davidson, Chief Financial Officer  
Alastair McNeil, General Manager: Corporate Services

**Timestamp Part 1 - 3.13.40 and Part 2 – 0.30**

**12 Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**RESOLUTION CO/25/3/6**

Moved: Cr Rick Curach  
 Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter 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 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

| General subject of each matter to be considered                | Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter   | Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution   |
|--|---|---|
| 11.4 <b>160 Devonport Road - Land Purchase and Development</b> | Schedule 7(2)(f)(ii) Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of members or officers or employees of the Council, and persons to whom Section 2(5) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 applies in the course of their duty, from improper pressure or harassment. | s48(1)(a) - 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 would exist under section 6 or section 7 |

**CARRIED**

**11.4 160 Devonport Road - Land Purchase and Development Continued**

**Timestamp: Part 2 – 0.30**

**RESOLUTION CO/25/3/7**

Moved: Cr Steve Morris  
 Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "160 Devonport Road - Land Purchase and Development".

**CARRIED**

**11.5 Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 - value-for-money options**

**Staff** Jeremy Boase, Manager: Strategy & Corporate Planning

**Timestamp: Part 2 – 20m**

- The item was left to lay on the table for discussion after Item 11.7.

## 11.7 Draft Annual Plan 2025/26

**Staff** Kathryn Sharplin, Manager: Finance  
Tracey Hughes, Financial Insights & Reporting Manager  
Jeremy Boase, Manager: Strategy & Corporate Planning  
Paul Davidson, Chief Financial Officer

### Timestamp: Part 2 - 28.10

Refer to presentation on the Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 attached to the minutes.  
Refer also to the Bay Venues Request – “Proposal from Bay Venues Ltd on options for QEYC and Haumaru Funding additional funding request” with updated tables for options 1 and 2 also attached to the minutes.

- Recommendations (a) and (h) to m) were considered together.
- In relation to resolution (j) a workshop would be held on 13 March 2025 outlining the digital programme moving forward.
- Recommendations (b) to (g) were considered in parts.

### RESOLUTION CO/25/3/8

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the Council:

- Receives the report "Draft Annual Plan 2025/26".
- Agrees to the placeholder expenditure reductions of \$9.8m to be worked into actual budgets to the extent possible before the adoption of the Annual Plan in June.
- Note the categories under which the cost reductions will be made are as follows:
  - Streamlined Operations to improve efficiency
  - Optimised Supply Chain
  - Revised Budget Prioritisation including operational and level of service initiatives.
  - Improved decision-making and governance
- Notes that digital initiatives to promote streamlined operations and improved efficiency will be promoted including migration of all remaining operations from the Ozone digital platform to SAP, with a summary of proposed priorities and their business cases provided prior to adoption of the final annual plan.
- Notes the overall reduction in rates increases arising from adjustments agreed by Council in this report and the associated Report to this meeting “Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 – value for Money Options” will be confirmed once all adjustments are modelled through the corporate planning system.
- Notes the debt level of \$1.65b is \$10m higher than the level included in the 2024/34 Long-term Plan (LTP) for the 2026 year.
- Notes the draft annual plan financial information with all agreed changes will be presented for adoption by Council on 11 March 2025.

**CARRIED**

At 2.29pm the meeting adjourned.

At 2.45pm the meeting reconvened.

## Water by Meter Charges

- The unmetered users were not big revenue items and had only had an inflation increase. Adding a 7% increase on those would not result in much of an increase in the revenue.

### Action

- Provide information on the reasons why unmetered users were not on a metered supply.
- Include comparative figures throughout with other councils that were metered for water and wastewater in the deliberations report.

## RESOLUTION CO/25/3/9

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the Council

- (b) Agrees to increase water by meter charges by 9.3% to \$3.87 per m3 including GST, while increasing the fixed charge by 7% from current year charges.

**CARRIED**

## Airport Parking Fees

## RESOLUTION CO/25/3/10

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

- (c) Agrees to amend airport parking fees as follows:
  - (i) For short-term charges to increase charges to \$25 per day.
  - (ii) For long-term charges retain the daily rate at \$20 for the first day and \$15 per day up to day 8, then \$5 per day after day 8 with no maximum charge.

**CARRIED**

## Boat Ramp Fees and Charges

- Boat ramp parking fees were implemented last financial year and then rescinded by this Council. The fees paid were refunded. A decision on including boat ramp parking fees would be made as part of a comprehensive review of fees and charges to take effect from 1 July 2026. Recommendation (d) in the report to reinstate boat ramp fees was replaced with a new (d) to consult as part of the Annual Plan 2025/26 process regarding a comprehensive review of all user fees and charges to take effect in the Annual Plan 2026/27

### Actions

- Include in the annual plan consultation a signal that a comprehensive review of the fees and charges would be undertaken, with a view towards increasing user pays fees and charges, to take effect from 1 July 2026.
- Consideration of an increased charge for users who did not live within the city.

## Increase in grant to Bay Venues Limited (BVL)

- Additional information attached to the minutes.
- Due to the delay of the aquatic centre both QEII and 483 Devonport Road would be operating at the same time with funding needed to cover the shortfall to run both of these facilities.

- Queries raised were unable to be answered and as further information was required prior to any decision being made the item was to be left as noted in the annual plan and addressed as part of the deliberations. Recommendation (e) in the report to approve an additional operational grant to BVL was left to lie on the table.

### **RESOLUTION CO/25/3/11**

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

- (f) Notes that further consideration will be given to charges for animal services as part of the consideration of these fees in April 2025.
- (g) Agrees to adopt the user fees and charges schedule as presented to the 24 February 2025 Council meeting adjusted for changes presented at that meeting and this meeting as agreed in (b) to (c).
- (d) Consults as part of the Annual Plan 2025/26 process regarding a comprehensive review of all user fees and charges to take effect in the Annual Plan 2026/27.

**CARRIED**

### **Attachments**

- 1 Presentation Item 11.7 - Annual Plan - 3 March 2025
- 2 Tabled item attachment to report 11.7 - Bay Venues Request and Options

## **11.5 Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 - value-for-money options Continued**

### **Timestamp Part 2 - 2.52**

#### **Correction:**

A correction to the report on page 64, paragraph 18 mentions a confidential tenth issue in an attachment that is not included in the agenda because it was withdrawn before publication. The second sentence in paragraph 18 needs to be removed and ignored.

#### **Issue 1 - New Years Eve and Fireworks Events - Action**

- Consideration of alternatives to fireworks could be examined as well as sponsorship options to cover some of the cost.

#### **Issue 2 – SmartTrip Consultancy budget**

#### **Issue 3 - City Centre Development Fund**

- The fund should be treated as opex rather than capex. It was currently funded from the 50% from the commercial and 50% from the general rate. The recommendations for the funding of the City Centre Development Fund was subject to an amendment and changed during the substantive motion.

A MOTION WAS PROPOSED:

MOVED: Cr Rod Taylor

SECONDED: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 - value-for-money options".
- (b) Approves the following approach in the draft Annual Plan 2025/26 to the matters listed below:
  - (i) Issue 1 – New Year’s Eve events – Option 1A: status quo – five events delivered and 10 fireworks launches at a budget of \$513,275 and requests staff review options for sponsorship and alternatives to fireworks e.g. lightshows.
  - (ii) Issue 2 – SmartTrip consultancy budget – Option 2D – Remove the \$500,000 budget from 2025/26 and reconsider through the next long-term plan
  - (iii) Issue 3 – City Centre Development Fund – Reduce the \$500,000 budget in 2025/26 by 25%

AN AMENDMENT WAS PROPOSED:

MOVED: Cr Glen Crowther

SECONDED: Cr Steve Morris

That the Council:

- (b) Approves the following approach in the draft Annual Plan 2025/26 to the matters listed below:
  - (iii) The City Centre Development Fund be rates funded from 1 July 2025 onwards, with a consequent reduction in capital expenditure from Financial Year 2025 onwards.

**For:** Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Crs Hautapu Baker, Glen Crowther, Rick Curach, Steve Morris, Kevin Schuler and Rod Taylor

**Against:** Cr Marten Rozeboom

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION WAS PUT WITH CHANGES MADE TO (b) (iii).

**RESOLUTION CO/25/3/12**

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the Council:

- (a) Receives the report "Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 - value-for-money options".
- (b) Approves the following approach in the draft Annual Plan 2025/26 to the matters listed below:
  - (i) Issue 1 – New Year's Eve events – Option 1A: status quo – five events delivered and 10 fireworks launches at a budget of \$513,275 and requests staff review options for sponsorship and alternatives to fireworks e.g. lightshows.
  - (ii) Issue 2 – SmartTrip consultancy budget – Option 2D – Remove the \$500,000 budget from 2025/26 and reconsider through the next long-term plan
  - (iii) Issue 3 – City Centre Development Fund – Reduce the \$500,000 budget in 2025/26 by 25% and that the City Centre Development Fund be rates funded (50% commercial/50% general) from 1 July 2025 onwards, with a consequent reduction in capital expenditure from FY 2026 onwards.

**For:** Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Crs Hautapu Baker, Marten Rozeboom, Kevin Schuler, Rod Taylor

**Against:** Crs Glen Crowther, Rick Curach, Steve Morris

**CARRIED**

**Issue 4 - Kerbside Rubbish and recycling rates****RESOLUTION CO/25/3/13**

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the Council

- (b) Approves the following approach in the draft Annual Plan 2025/26 to the matters listed below:
  - (iv) Issue 4 – Kerbside rubbish and recycling rates – Option 4A – Retain the kerbside rates for 2025/26 at the same level as 2024/25

**For:** Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Crs Hautapu Baker, Rick Curach, Steve Morris, Marten Rozeboom, Kevin Schuler, Rod Taylor

**Against:** Cr Glen Crowther

**CARRIED**

**Issue 5 - Removal of public place recycling stations – Recommendation (b) (v)**

- The items were visually inspected with 85% being diverted to landfill due to contamination. This had a greater cost than the items being treated as rubbish in the first instance.
- Requested information on the total volume of glass to be provided as there may be some of the high use stations that may be able to be retained.
- The item was left to lie on the table until further information was provided.

**Issue 8 - Nature and biodiversity expenditure**

- The fund was to support community-based nature and biodiversity programmes like dune care and council's planting of trees programme, to reach a 30% canopy cover throughout the city.

**RESOLUTION CO/25/3/14**

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the Council:

(b) Approves the following approach in the draft Annual Plan 2025/26 to the matters listed below:

- (viii) Issue 8 – Nature and biodiversity expenditure: delivery of community focused programmes – Option 8A – Retain the full budget at \$810,000

**CARRIED**

**Issue 6– Charity Waivers and Issue 7 – Proactive management of illegal dumping**

- Issue 6 - The amount of \$50,000 was the actual cost of the disposal from the charity outlets.
- Issue 7 - It was noted that illegal dumping could be picked up by the works teams, it was the larger items that were picked up by a contractor.

**Issue 9 - Urban development planning budget for Pōteriwhi**

- This was to carry on work to determine whether the land be used for active reserves or housing with further investment required in subsequent years.

**RESOLUTION CO/25/3/15**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Council:

(b) Approves the following approach in the draft Annual Plan 2025/26 to the matters listed below:

- (vi) Issue 6 – Charity waivers for waste disposal – Option 6A – Status Quo – retain the \$50,000 budget in 2025/26
- (vii) Issue 7 – Proactive management of illegal dumping – Option 7A – Status Quo – retain the \$50,000 budget in 2025/26
- (ix) Issue 9 – Urban development planning budget for Pōteriwhi – Option 9B – Remove the \$300,000 budget from 2025/26.

**CARRIED**

**Issues to be specifically addressed in consultation**

- Recommendation (c) requesting which issues were to be specifically addressed in the consultation document was left to lie on the table until the meeting on 11 March 2025.



**Programme of works to identify potential further savings**

**RESOLUTION CO/25/3/16**

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Council:

- (d) Requests staff to establish a programme of work to identify potential further savings in 2026/27 and future years, and to report back to council on that programme.

**CARRIED**

**12 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

**13 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**

Nil

**14 CLOSING KARAKIA**

Cr Kevin Schuler closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 24 March 2025.**

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Mayor Mahé Drysdale  
**CHAIRPERSON**