MINUTES

Ordinary Council meeting
Thursday, 6 August 2026

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MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE WBOPDC CHAMBERS, 1484 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA
ON THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST 2026 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, Cr Hēmi Rolleston
IN ATTENDANCE:	Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Gareth Green (Manager of the Mayoral Office), Sarah Holmes (Team Leader: Governance & CCO Support Services), Quinn Tawaka (Governance Advisor)
EXTERNAL:	Western Bay of Plenty District Council Elected Members and Staff

Timestamps are included at the start of each item and signal where the agenda item can be found in the recording of the Council meeting held on 6 August 2026 Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3 on Council's YouTube channel.

The meeting opened at 9:38am following a karakia from Chris Nepia of Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

3 ACCEPTANCE OF A LATE ITEM

RESOLUTION CO/26/0/1

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular
Seconded: Cr Rod Taylor

That the following item is accepted for consideration at the meeting:

- Local government reform - participation in Simplifying Local Government Head Start Pathway'

CARRIED

Timestamp: 5 minutes and 24 seconds (Part 1)

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Mayor called for a moment's silence to acknowledge the passing of Nigel Bickle (Chief Executive of Hastings District Council) and David Trewavas (former Mayor of Taupō) and their contribution to local government.

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

Nil

10 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Nil

SPEAKING RIGHTS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION CO/26/0/2

Moved: Cr Rick Curach
Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Council:

(a) Grants speaking rights to the attending Western Bay of Plenty District Council elected members for Item 11.1, including the ability to ask questions and seek clarification during consideration of that item.

CARRIED

11 BUSINESS

Timestamp: 7 minutes (Part 1)

LATE ITEM

11.1 Local government reform - participation in Simplifying Local Government Head Start Pathway

Staff Gareth Green, Manager of the Mayoral Office, Tauranga City Council

Emily Watton, Programme Manager - Local Government Reform, Western Bay of Plenty District Council

The recommendations were taken in parts.

RESOLUTION CO/26/0/3

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "Local government reform - participation in Simplifying Local Government Head Start Pathway".

(b) Receives the minutes of the joint TCC/WBOPDC workshops held between 24 June – 30 July (provided as Attachment 3 to this report).

(c) Receives the feedback noted below (and as set out in Attachment 2 to this report) including the community survey report and other feedback received since the council's community engagement period closed, and gives consideration to community views as part of its decision-making.

(i) Tauranga City Council's Simplifying local government community survey report 14 July 2026

(ii) Letter from Ngati Ranginui

(iii) Letter from Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority

(iv) Letter from Ngati Pukenga

(v) Letter from Priority One

(vi) Letter from Urban Task Force

(d) (ii) That Council notes the Mayor's intention to sign a letter jointly prepared by the Mayors of the Bay of Plenty region, promoting a suite of three sub-regional proposals for the Bay of Plenty region being the East (Kawerau, Whakatane and Opotiki), Central (Rotorua) and the West (Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty)

(iii) That Council notes the apparent majority support for a BOP Regional Unitary Council, but acknowledges the decision to work collaboratively and support the other BOP subregions with their preferred Subregional Unitaries option.

(e) Supports a consistent wider regional view for three sub-regional unitary councils including Eastern Bay, Rotorua-Central and Western Bay (including TCC) configurations, and supports Head Start proposals and long-term aspiration of other councils on this basis.

(f) Agrees to work with the other councils, and the current Bay of Plenty Regional Council, in implementation planning and delivery should the Head Start proposals be approved.

(g) Agrees to work with other councils to consider wider regional and cross boundary

function delivery and shared services where appropriate in future unitary delivery models.

(h) Acknowledges Government's detailed design phase as the next step if the outline proposal is accepted and notes that this will require collaborative working with potential partner councils and the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport (MCERT).

(i) Authorises the Chief Executive to make any minor editorial changes to the Head Start outline proposal document or its supporting information prior to lodgement, subject to agreement by the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Chief Executive.

(j) Authorises the Chief Executive to liaise with MCERT staff to answer questions of clarification about the outline proposal as part of the assessment phase, in collaboration with the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Chief Executive as appropriate.

(k) Directs the Chief Executive to work alongside the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Chief Executive to draft Terms of Reference for a Joint Committee (as contemplated by the Head Start outline proposal), and to bring a report to the next practicable Council meeting with the intention of establishing the Joint Committee.

CARRIED

(d) Pathway A – subregional unitary authority through Head Start

(i) That Council directs the Chief Executive to work with the Chief Executives of the territorial authorities of the Bay of Plenty region to lodge a Simplifying Local Government Head Start Pathway outline proposal no later than 9 August 2026 , proposing three subregional unitary authorities for the Bay of Plenty, being the Eastern Bay (the existing combined territorial authority areas of Kawerau District Council, Whakatane District Council and Opotiki District Council) the Central Bay (covering the existing territorial authority area of the Rotorua District Council) and the Western Bay (covering the existing combined territorial authority areas of Tauranga City and the Western Bay of Plenty District) with the western bay part of the proposal provided as Attachment 1 to this report.

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Cr Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler, Cr Rod Taylor and Cr Hēmi Rolleston

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr Glen Crowther

CARRIED 9/0

At 11.38am the meeting adjourned.

At 2:38pm the meeting resumed in open.

The Mayor advised item 11.2 would be taken before returning to item 11.1.

Timestamp: 10 seconds (Part 2)

11.2 Transport Resolutions report No.62

Staff Shawn Geard

RESOLUTION CO/26/0/4

Moved: Cr Marten Rozeboom
Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Council:

(a) Receives the report "Transport Resolutions report No.62".

(b) Resolves to implement the proposed traffic and parking controls for safety, access, operational or amenity purposes, as detailed in Appendix A, including Attachments 7.1, 7.2, 7.7, 7.9, 7.21 and 7.26.

(c) Approves these changes taking effect on or after 12 August 2026, once the required signs and road markings are installed.

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler, Cr Rod Taylor and Cr Hēmi Rolleston.

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

Timestamp: 3 minutes and 53 seconds (Part 2)

A discussion was held on item 11.1 prior to item 13.1, and following some discussion the Mayor advised 13.1 would be taken before returning to item 11.1

4 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

The late item was taken as the first item of business.

5 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Resolution to exclude the public at 2:51pm.

RESOLUTION CO/26/0/5

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor
Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, noting that Western Bay of Plenty District Council staff and elected members may remain for this item.

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
13.1 - LWDW - Water Organisation - Chair and Board of Director Appointments and Remuneration	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	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

At 3:04pm the meeting resumed in open.

11 BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Timestamp: 0 minutes (Part 3)

11.1 Local government reform - participation in Simplifying Local Government Head Start Pathway

Staff Gareth Green, Manager of the Mayoral Office, Tauranga City Council

Emily Watton, Programme Manager - Local Government Reform, Western Bay of Plenty District Council

MOTION

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

(l) That while noting the position of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Tauranga City Council reconfirms its intention to lodge a complying Head Start application to create a sub-regional unitary authority for the Western Bay subregion including the WBOPDC area, as part of a larger Bay of Plenty three sub-region application.

(m) That such application will remove any mention of transitional governance arrangements, instead leaving this to be determined at the next stage of the process.

(n) That the Chief Executive be authorised to make any amendments to Attachment 1 to give effect to these resolutions, and to work with the other Councils of the Bay of Plenty to lodge the application no later than 9 August 2026.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker
Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

(o) That Council strongly opposes the Rotorua Lakes Council resolution signalling a potential boundary adjustment in relation to Maketū and the wider Kaituna catchment,

and affirms that the parts of the Kaituna Catchment currently within the Western Bay of Plenty District shall remain under the jurisdiction and management of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council (or its subregional successor).

For: Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler and Cr Rod Taylor

Against: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular and Cr Steve Morris

Abstained: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

CARRIED 6/3

The substantive motion was taken in parts:

RESOLUTION CO/26/0/6

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

(n) That the Chief Executive be authorised to make any amendments to Attachment 1 to give effect to these resolutions, and to work with the other Councils of the Bay of Plenty to lodge the application no later than 9 August 2026.

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CARRIED

(l) That while noting the position of the Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Tauranga City Council reconfirms its intention to lodge a complying Head Start application to create a sub-regional unitary authority for the Western Bay subregion including the WBOPDC area, as part of a larger Bay of Plenty three sub-region application.

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Rod Taylor and Cr Hēmi Rolleston

Against: Cr Glen Crowther and Cr Kevin Schuler

CARRIED 8/2

(m) That such application will remove any mention of transitional governance arrangements, instead leaving this to be determined at the next stage of the process.

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Rod Taylor and Cr Hēmi Rolleston

Against: Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach and Cr Kevin Schuler

CARRIED 7/3

6 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Morris closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 3:26pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 1 September 2026.