



MINUTES

**City Delivery Committee meeting
Tuesday, 22 July 2025**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
CITY DELIVERY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEVEL 1 - 90 DEVONPORT ROAD,
TAURANGA
ON TUESDAY, 22 JULY 2025 AT 9.30AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cr Kevin Schuler (Chair), Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Rod Taylor, Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Ms Jacqui Rolleston-Steed, Cr Hēmi Rolleston

IN ATTENDANCE: Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Paul Davidson (Chief Financial Officer), Barbara Dempsey (General Manager: Community Services), Nic Johansson (General Manager: Infrastructure), Sarah Omundsen (General Manager: Regulatory & Compliance), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance), Alastair McNeill (General Manager: Corporate Services), Gareth Wallis (General Manager: City Development & Partnerships), Kurt Graham (Project Manager), Chris Barton (Programme Director: Major Projects), Alex Miller (Manager: Environmental Planning), Steve Pearce (Manager: Building Services), Caroline Lim (CCO Specialist), Sam Fellows (Manager: City Partnerships), Tracey Hughes (Financial Insights & Reporting Manager), Sheree Covell (Treasury & Financial Compliance Manager), Rachel Burt, (Corporate Planner), James Woodward, (Manager: Performance, Monitoring & Assurance), Nick Chester (Principal Strategic Advisor), Bradley Duncan (Commercial Manager: Civil and Construction), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services)

Timestamps are included beside each of the items and relate to the recording of the meeting held on 22 July 2025 at [Council You Tube website](#).

CO-CHAIR TO CHAIR THE MEETING

The City Delivery Chair, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, vacated the chair in order for the Committee's Co-Chair, Cr Kevin Schuler, to chair the meeting.

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Hautapu Baker opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 Public Forum - Mr Matt McHardy - Harbour Drive

Key Points

Mr McHardy provided Councillors with a handout of photo evidence (attached) and provided the following comments:

- He represented the residents of Harbour Drive who were very concerned about the issues that had plagued the street for many years which included skids, burn outs, drug use, accidents, rubbish fires, tagging, pot holes that become muddy and cars recently being impounded by local police.
- Residents frequently picked up drug paraphernalia and rubbish and endured incidents of threatening behaviour when they had approached people to ask them to move on.
- The footpath was a shared space, but cars were frequently parked on it, which meant the public had to walk around them. Drivers had lost control when trying to attempt skids on the grass, and gone over the footpath and been lodged on the rocks.
- The primary issue that residents wanted to bring to Council's attention was centred around safety, as the waterfront was frequently used by families, the elderly, cruise ship passengers, bikers, dog walkers and runners and was a major thoroughfare for commuters.
- The residents requested that Council considered the following 'stage one' solutions that were thought to be relatively cost effective: a one way system of traffic which would enable police to look in the right direct straight away when incidents were reported, reduce the speed limit from 50 to 40ks, temporary speed bumps at regular intervals and placing large rock boulders along Harbour Drive which most importantly would force people to park behind one another.

In response to questions

- There was no silver bullet to fix these issues, however the suggestions put forward by residents were options to start somewhere and to take action. Taking no action was not an outcome for the residents. Safety was of utmost importance.
- It was felt the boulders would stop burnouts, the grass being ripped up and the risk of vehicles running over the footpath and getting lodged on the rocks. This was a major safety issue.
- A CCTV camera had been installed about two years ago. It was at one end of the street and drivers slowed down when approaching it after speeding along the road. Police were called frequently and told there was CCTV camera footage that they could potentially get access to. However, to date, this did not appear to have been effective.
- The first priority needed to be centred around safety for legitimate users of the footpath. To widen the footpath without a safety barrier was not an option and could perhaps heighten the risk to pedestrians.
- Given Council's funding restrictions, a multi stage approach was needed. The first main win would be to create a barrier that stopped vehicles from going onto the grass, supported by New Zealand Police visiting the road more frequently than they have been.

Action

- That staff work with residents of Harbour Drive to consider options to solve the issues they currently face and report back to this Committee.

Attachments

- 1 Mr Matt McHardy - Handout for Harbour Drive

3.2 Public Forum - Mr John Miller - Whai Basketball

Key Points

Mr Miller spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (attached) and provided the following comments:

- Mr Miller represented Wai Basketball, a not for profit organisation who endeavoured to build a vibrant and socially connected city so that young people had more opportunity in their lives.
- Wai Basketball held home games, shaped as affordable, family friendly events that brought people together. The men's and women's games were live on Sky Sport, which showcased Tauranga on a national stage every week for eight months of the year.
- The academy had helped local athletes progress into New Zealand teams such as the New Zealand Three on Three Team, the Junior Tall Blacks, the Tall Ferns and the Tall Blacks.
- Wai Basketball had connected with over seven thousand young people across school visits, holiday camps, and grass roots basketball programmes.
- Wai Basketball was keen to partner with Council and others to help grow their work and invited Council to see what was already underway within this organisation.

In response to questions

- Basketball was very popular with people under 30 years of age, but particularly with 18 to 24 year olds.
- Wai Basketball co-founders visited Christchurch where community basketball events were held and many young people attended. It formed a sense of pride in their city and provided inspiration and a pathway where local children could develop and progress to other teams.
- Tauranga needed to be providing big events like this, particularly for young people, but also from people from all walks of the community.
- The Christchurch basketball community partnered with the Christchurch City Council.
- One of the main differences between Basketball New Zealand and Wai Basketball was that Wai Basketball had a broad vision to create a vibrant and social city that brought the community together and create opportunities for Tamariki, whereas Basketball New Zealand was tasked with the development of basketball within a region.
- Wai Basketball provided a pathway for local players. There were children with education and life opportunities both nationally and internationally in the form of scholarships. They had achieved this by being seen in events such as rapid league, which had full television coverage.

Attachments

- 1 Wai Basketball Presentation

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the City Delivery Committee meeting held on 4 June 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CDC/25/4/1

Moved: Cr Steve Morris

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Minutes of the City Delivery Committee meeting held on 4 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 BUSINESS

TIMESTAMP: 39.05

9.1 Status Update on actions from prior City Delivery Committee meetings

Staff Alastair McNeil, General Manager, Corporate Services

Actions

- That staff include the Stellar pathway to closed items in the status section.
- That staff clarify what is meant by 'usual channels' when explaining how the action had been carried out.
- That staff provide more information on how an action that states 'will be provided in future reporting' is to be reviewed to ensure being implemented.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CDC/25/4/2

Moved: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the City Delivery Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Status Update on actions from prior City Delivery Committee meetings".

CARRIED

TIMESTAMP: 44:24

9.2 Hairini Slip Lane Trial - Survey Results and Recommendations

Staff Kurt Graham, Project Manager
Nic Johansson, General Manager Infrastructure

A MOTION WAS PROPOSED

- Mayor Drysdale put forward a motion to amend b (iv), to reduce the cost of the trial to \$40,000, due to there being no serious safety concerns known at this stage so therefore no need to spend money on this aspect of the trial at this time.

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale
Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the City Delivery Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Hairini Slip Lane Trial - Survey Results and Recommendations".
- (b) Supports the implementation of a trial reopening of the slip lane:
 - (i) For a three-month period, provisionally planned for October to December 2025
 - (ii) At all times except the morning peak (remains bus only from 6.30am to 9.30am weekdays)
 - (iii) With the inclusion of Traffic Calming on Hairini Street
 - (iv) At a cost of up to \$40,000 in FY26

For: 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 Hēmi Rolleston and Tangata Whenua Member Jacqui Rolleston-Steed

Against: Cr Rod Taylor

CARRIED 10/1

AN AMENDMENT WAS PROPOSED

- Cr Hautapu Baker put forward an amendment that staff develop a resident only option, with associated costs, to be brought back to the City Delivery Committee for consideration when the trial data was reported back. This spoke to and acknowledged the mana whenua who had been significantly impacted by the entire Hairini Lane process, and who had brought it to the table some time ago, as well as the other residents who were generally in favour of keeping Hairini Lane closed and for residents only.

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker
Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the following resolution (c) be added:

- c) For staff to develop a resident only option with associated costs, and be brought back to the City Delivery Committee for consideration when the trial data is reported back.

For: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Schuler, Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther,

Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Kevin Cr Rod Taylor, Cr Hēmi Rolleston and Tangata Whenua Member Jacqui Rolleston-Steed

Against: Cr Marten Rozeboom

CARRIED 10/1

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION WAS THEN PUT TO THE MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CDC/25/4/3

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

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 - (i) For a three-month period, provisionally planned for October to December 2025
 - (ii) At all times except the morning peak (remains bus only from 6.30am to 9.30am weekdays)
 - (iii) With the inclusion of Traffic Calming on Hairini Street
 - (iv) At a cost of up to \$40,000 in FY26
- c) Requests that staff develop a resident only option with associated costs, to be brought back to the City Delivery Committee for consideration when the trial data is reported back.

CARRIED

For: 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 Hēmi Rolleston and Tangata Whenua Member Jacqui Rolleston-Steed

Against: Cr Rod Taylor

CARRIED 10/1

At 11.10am the meeting adjourned.

At 11.25am the meeting reconvened.

TIMESTAMP: 1:41:58

9.3 Major Projects Update - Transport

Staff Chris Barton, Programme Director: Major Projects
Nic Johansson, General Manager Infrastructure

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CDC/25/4/4

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the City Delivery Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Major Projects Update - Transport".

CARRIED

TIMESTAMP: 1:52:20

9.4 Resource and Building Consent: Update on Performance and Continuous Improvement Programmes

Staff Alex Miller, Manager: Environmental Planning
Steve Pearce, Manager: Building Services

Action

- That staff add the number and status of consents with MBIE determination and appeals, statistics on consents on Māori land and updates on any fast track proposals being considered under the FTAA to their reporting going forward.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CDC/25/4/5

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the City Delivery Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Resource and Building Consent: Update on Performance and Continuous Improvement Programmes".

CARRIED

TIMESTAMP: 1:16:00

9.5 Local Government Funding Agency - Final Statement of Intent 2025/28

Staff Caroline Lim, CCO Specialist
Gareth Wallis, General Manager: City Development & Partnerships

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CDC/25/4/6

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the City Delivery Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Local Government Funding Agency - Final Statement of Intent 2025/28".
- (b) Receives the LGFA's final SOI 2025/28 (**Attachment 1**).
- (c) Receives the LGFA's Letter to its Shareholders on its final SOI 2025/28 (**Attachment 2**).

CARRIED

TIMESTAMP: 2:22:01

9.6 Action and Investment Plan Operational Expenditure for 2025/26

Staff Carmen Norris, Project Manager: Growth & Urban Planning
Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CDC/25/4/7

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the City Delivery Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Action and Investment Plan Operational Expenditure for 2025/26".

CARRIED

TIMESTAMP: 2:35:25

9.7 Fourth Quarter and Full Year Financial Performance Monitoring

Staff Tracey Hughes, Financial Insights & Reporting Manager
Paul Davidson, Chief Financial Officer

Action

- That staff provide Councillors with the resolution in relation to carrying forward the Papakāinga grant budget unspent in a financial year and ringfenced in a reserve.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CDC/25/4/8

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the City Delivery Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Fourth Quarter and Full Year Financial Performance Monitoring".
- (b) Notes there is an indicative favourable operating result to annual plan budget of \$8.8m for the year before year-end adjustments, and \$18.6m against approved budget (including additional budget of \$5m for Digital software as a service), with the amount of rates surplus still to be clarified.
- (c) Notes that not all of this surplus equates to rates surplus because a portion of the underspend relates to loan-funded opex, user fee funded activities, and ring-fenced revenue.
- (d) Notes that there will be year-end adjustments relating to the unfunded write-back of categorised capital expenditure to operational expenditure estimated at \$8-\$9m.
- (e) In order to maintain Council's principle of a balanced budget,
 - (i) Confirms that written back expenditure from capital to operational categories, that should have been funded by rates in an earlier year, should be funded by available rates surplus in this financial year to avoid stranded debt.
 - (ii) Confirms that if there is further available rates surplus it should be applied to any unfunded depreciation other than 51% of transportation depreciation.
- (f) Approves the carry forward of budget and where appropriate rates funding to complete work in 2025/26 as outlined in **attachment 3**.
- (g) Notes that the final result will be confirmed after year-end review and adjustments have been made by council and the year-end audit process has been completed in October 2025.

CARRIED

At 12.33pm the meeting adjourned.

At 1.07pm the meeting reconvened.

TIMESTAMP: 3:24:15

9.8 Presentation of Draft Annual Report 2024/25

Staff Tracey Hughes, Financial Insights & Reporting Manager
Josh Logan, Team Leader: Policy & Corporate Planning
Paul Davidson, Chief Financial Officer

Action

- Councillors to provide feedback to staff on the draft Annual Report 2024/25

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Delivery Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Presentation of Draft Annual Report 2024/25".
- (b) Notes that the full year financial performance will be reported to this committee in a separate report at this meeting.
- (c) Notes that the attachments provided are subject to changes as a result of review and audit and further inclusions of taxation and consolidated accounts.
- (d) Notes that a full, designed version of the annual report will also be presented to the 2 September 2025 City Delivery Committee meeting for further review.

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9.9 Value for Money in Capital Delivery

Staff James Woodward, Manager: Performance, Monitoring & Assurance
Nick Chester, Principal Strategic Advisor
Bradley Duncan, Commercial Manager: Civil and Construction
Alastair McNeil, General Manager: Corporate Services

Action

- That a workshop be held at the earliest possible time to consider the value for money approach for capital delivery prior to endorsing the approach at a subsequent meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CDC/25/4/9

Moved: Cr Kevin Schuler

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the City Delivery Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Value for Money in Capital Delivery"

CARRIED

TIMESTAMP: 4:45:43

9.10 25/26 Capital Programme

Staff James Woodward, Manager: Performance, Monitoring & Assurance
Alastair McNeil, General Manager: Corporate Services

Actions

- That similar current design of the Waterfront Central Plaza is delivered at a significant lower

cost of \$2 million or less.

- That the Pyes Pa Memorial Park Crematorium be installed at a significantly lower cost per square metre. Target at under \$4000M2.
- That a breakdown of costs of the Tauranga Waterfront Railway Crossings project be provided before any decisions are made, with options for value for money.
- That Councillors review a breakdown of current tenders and the Tauranga Wharewaka Pavilion value for money options to deliver as a similar design.
- That Infrastructure provide a paper to Council outlining the cost of upgrading the Stormwater system at Maleme Street to meet consent conditions for green waste services only, at weekends.
- That staff request from Councillors any additional projects of a minor or ancillary nature for consideration in this years' Annual Plan.
- That staff present a prioritisation approach for the next Annual Plan.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CDC/25/4/10

Moved: Cr Steve Morris

Seconded: Cr Glen Crowther

That the City Delivery Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "25/26 Capital Programme".
- (b) Approve to include the Papamoa Shared Pathway – Parton Road Reserve with a budget of \$1m, offset with a recalculation and reduction in the Public Art Framework budget for 2025/26.

CARRIED

AN AMENDMENT WAS PROPOSED

- Cr Crowther put forward the amendment that staff bring a report back to a future Council meeting on the issue of the public art expenditure. He advised 90% of submitters to the Annual Plan wanted less money spent on city centre development. Due to this he wanted to retain the public art fund at .25% instead of .5%. It was felt more information was needed in order to make an informed decision.

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

- c) That staff bring a report back to a future Council meeting on the issue of the public art expenditure.

For: Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Tangata Whenua Member Jacqui Rolleston-Steed and Cr Hēmi Rolleston

Against: Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler, Cr Rod Taylor

LOST 5/6

10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

11 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Hautapu Baker closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 3.42pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the City Delivery Committee meeting held on 2 September 2025.

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Cr Kevin Schuler
CHAIR

Unconfirmed