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**City Future Committee meeting
Tuesday, 12 August 2025**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
CITY FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEVEL 1 - 90 DEVONPORT ROAD,
TAURANGA
ON TUESDAY, 12 AUGUST 2025 AT 9.30AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cr Marten Rozeboom (Chair), Cr Rod Taylor, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Kevin Schuler, Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Mr Arthur Flintoff, 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), Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance), Alastair McNeill (General Manager: Corporate Services), Sarah Omundsen (General Manager: Regulatory & Compliance), Gareth Wallis (General Manager: City Development & Partnerships), Andy Mead (Manager: City Planning & Growth), Carl Lucca (Team Leader: Structure Planning), Brad Bellamy (Principal Planner (Structure Planning)), Wally Potts (Director: City Waters), Peter Bahrs (Manager: Water Services), Claudia Hellberg (Team Leader: City Waters Planning), Clare Sullivan (Team Leader: Governance Services) and Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor).

EXTERNAL: Liz Davies (Socialink), Teisha Jackson & Rānui Samuels (Sleep N Go Pod)

Timestamps are included beside each of the items and relate to the recording of the meeting held on 12 August 2025 on [Council's YouTube channel](#).

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Hēmi Rolleston opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/5/1

Moved: Cr Rick Curach

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the apology for absence received from Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular and lateness from Mayor Drysdale be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

TIMESTAMP: 2:03

3.1 Liz Davies - SocialLink - Speaking about planning for people and social infrastructure in new developments

Key Points

- Ms Davies noted that the community wellbeing must be placed at the heart of planning for the city's future.
- Thriving communities don't just happen, they were the result of intentional planning and it was possible to plan with the people before the pipe.
- Ms Davies noted she was asked by Councillors in response to community request to undertake a community and social services assessment in Pāpāmoa East due to the lack of services and community spaces available to support people who can't travel to Tauranga.
- Ms Davies noted that she also made a submission to the Annual Plan based on social infrastructure.
- Ms Davies noted that Council did need to rely on Central Government to assist in social infrastructure and that lacked at times.
- Ms Davies noted that she was available and open to kōrero with Councillors.

In response to questions

- In response to a question, it was noted that a report on Pāpāmoa East assessment on social infrastructure would be developed by Socialink and be available November 2025.
- In response to a response to a question, Ms Davies noted that it would be useful to hold a workshop with the Elected Members once the report was completed for a further discussion on the issue.

TIMESTAMP: 10:05

3.2 Teisha Jackson and Rānui Samuels - Speaking about 'Sleep n Go Pod'

Key Points

- Speaking to Council today because Tauranga faced a problem of finding somewhere safe to sleep. Homelessness in Tauranga was rising noting many people work and can't afford to pay rent.
- Manaakitanga was at the heart of Sleep N Go. The solution was practical, scalable and designed to meet multiple needs from travellers, to workers and those in needs.
- The Sleep N Go initiative offered three models all fitted with power source, ventilation and lighting. These included:
 - Pods in small fixed locations located in CBD areas ideally near transport hubs
 - Buses converted coach with private sleeping bags and available and on demand.
 - Sleep N Go Motel housing 30-40 pods in a warehouse.

- The Sleep N Go initiative was of high standards, had controlled entry, CCTV, fire safety and at base bookings where appropriate.
- Mr Samuels noted they would like to partner with Council and with Council's support, Sleep N Go pods would be able to deploy in months not years.

Action for staff

- Staff to report on other avenues of funding and grants outside of Annual Plan.

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

TIMESTAMP: 20:50

7.1 Minutes of the City Future Committee meeting held on 16 June 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/5/2

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Minutes of the City Future Committee meeting held on 16 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 BUSINESS

TIMESTAMP: 21:37

9.1 Status Update on actions from prior City Future Committee meetings

Staff Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/5/3

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the City Future Committee:

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

CARRIED

TIMESTAMP: 22:12

9.2 Quarterly Update - Growth, Land Use Planning and Transport Strategy Projects - August 2025

Staff Andy Mead, Manager: City Planning & Growth
Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance
Nic Johansson, General Manager: Infrastructure

Actions

- Staff to report back to Councillors on the Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty Transport Committee and Council the connection between Transport Strategy Projects and the New Zealand Transport Association Arterial routes projects.
- Staff to provide Councillors with a report that includes the minimum, medium and maximum average costs for the new dwellings typologies.

Mayor Drysdale entered the meeting at 10:08am.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/5/4

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Quarterly Update - Growth, Land Use Planning and Transport Strategy Projects - August 2025".
- (b) Notes that the Government's 'plan stop' announcements are highly likely to affect the planning pathway for the following projects with low probability for a plan change under the RMA:
 - (i) Keenan Road urban growth area
 - (ii) Review of industrial and commercial zoned areas
 - (iii) Proposed Upper Belk Road urban growth area.
- (c) Notes that the Government's 'plan stop' announcements may also affect the planning pathway for the Te Tumu urban growth area project in the same way as (b) above, and that staff will report back in the near future when further information is available.

CARRIED

TIMESTAMP: 56:48

9.3 Te Tumu Wastewater Servicing Options

Staff Claudia Hellberg, Team Leader: City Waters Planning
Andy Mead, Manager: City Planning & Growth
Brad Bellamy, Principal Planner (Structure Planning)
Nic Johansson, General Manager: Infrastructure

Actions

- Staff to report back to Councillors on the resilience of the wastewater system if delivered.
- Staff to report back to Councillors on the impact costs if delivered in an alternative way.
- Staff to provide Councillors with the cost breakdown for Te Tumu wastewater services and include the Development Contribution's depended on if needed to complete the project and what does not need to be included in the delivery.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/5/5

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Steve Morris

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Te Tumu Wastewater Servicing Options".
- (b) Notes the Eastern Corridor Wastewater options reassessment project programmed for the 2025/26 financial year and that this project will involve the Te Tumu landowners and the parallel wastewater investigations they are undertaking.
- (c) Notes that staff will continue to liaise with developers who wish to deliver alternative wastewater infrastructure at their own cost, subject to all relevant planning, technical, and statutory requirements, and that staff will report back on the options developers have considered.
- (d) Notes that there is infrastructure challenges associated with Te Tumu other than wastewater servicing (particularly access and stormwater management) and these need to be resolved as a package to enable development to proceed.

CARRIED

At 11.05am the meeting adjourned.

At 11.15am the meeting reconvened.

TIMESTAMP: 1:46:30

9.4 Waters Planning Update

Staff Claudia Hellberg, Team Leader: City Waters Planning
Peter Bahrs, Manager: Water Services
Nic Johansson, General Manager: Infrastructure

Actions

- Staff to provide Councillors with indicative costs for Cameron Road stormwater delivery.
- Staff to provide Councillors with the Cherrywood Shopping Centre stormwater costs and funding source (development contributions and rates funded)
- Staff to provide Councillors with Mana whenua working group names mentioned in paragraph 13 of the report.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/5/6

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Waters Planning Update".

CARRIED

TIMESTAMP: 2:11:40

9.5 Submission on Phase 2 of the Resource Management Reforms - Going for Housing Growth

Staff Carl Lucca, Team Leader: Structure Planning
Ashlee Peters, Senior Planner (Policy)
Andy Mead, Manager: City Planning & Growth
Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance

The Chair noted that the members had previously held open meetings and workshops on this item which were available on Council's YouTube Channel and invited any members of the public who wished to have a further discussion on this to reach out to any of the Elected Members.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/5/7

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther
Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Submission on Phase 2 of the Resource Management Reforms - Going for Housing Growth".
- (b) Endorses the submission on Phase 2 of the Resource Management Reforms – Going for Housing Growth (Attachment 1).
- (c) Approves delegation to the General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance to make minor and editorial changes to the submission.

CARRIED

TIMESTAMP: 2:11:45

9.6 Lead Level of Service Policy Review

Staff Vicky Grant-Ussher, Policy Analyst
Christine Jones, General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CFC/25/5/8

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor
Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the City Future Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Lead Level of Service Policy Review".
- (b) Agrees to update the name of the policy to "Standards for Developing Levels of Service Policy"
- (c) Agrees to adopt the updated Standards for Developing Levels of Service Policy with immediate effect (attachment 1).

CARRIED

10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

11 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Hēmi Rolleston closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 12pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the City Future Committee meeting held on 14 October 2025.

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Cr Marten Rozeboom
CHAIR