



Record of
City Future Committee Workshop
Vegetation and Tree Management
Policy Review
Thursday, 7 May 2026

Workshop record

Workshop held at the Tauranga City Council, Ground Floor Meeting Rooms 1 & 1b, 306 Cameron Road, Tauranga on Thursday, 7 May 2026 at 9:00 am Vegetation & Tree Management

Presenters:	Jane Barnett, Policy Analyst Alison Law, Head of City Operations
Members:	Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Rod Taylor, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Kevin Schuler, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Cr Hēmi Rolleston and Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Arthur Flintoff.
TCC Staff Attendees:	Reneke van Soest (General Manager: Operations & Infrastructure), Jane Barnett (Policy Analyst), Alison Law (Head of City Operations), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor)
Apologies:	Cr Steve Morris

Cr Rolleston opened the workshop with a karakia.

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1.1 Vegetation and Tree Management Policy Review

Staff Jane Barnett, Policy Analyst
Alison Law, Head of City Operations

Topics Covered

- What the current policy does and gaps in that policy.
- How it fits with the open space policy.
- Why review the policy.
- The urban heat island effect and why it matters.
- Canopy cover across the city.
- The role of trees and vegetation.
- Parliamentary commissioner for the environment.
- Community Feedback.
- Potential local impacts.
- From impacts to principles.
- Proposed draft principles.

Feedback

- Use the Committee discussion and feedback to shape the direction of the policy review, specifically to test whether the proposed principles are appropriate to underpin a revised policy and develop the proposed principles for vegetation and tree management so they:
 - Reflect current strategic direction (Tauranga, Taurikura, Climate AIP, Nature & Biodiversity AIP)
 - Address identified gaps in the 2014 policy, including climate resilience and urban heat mitigation.
- Prepare a subsequent issues-and-options paper for the City Future Committee, informed by the outcomes of this workshop.

Next steps

- Council staff to prepare a draft policy reflecting the Committees direction.
- The City Future Committee to consider the draft policy for consultation on 30 June 2026.

Tangata Whenua Representative Mr Arthur Flintoff closed the workshop with a karakia.

The workshop closed at 10.04am