

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & Audit Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 27 April 2022, commencing at 9.00am

Members Present: Councillor Susan Baty (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Stephen Armstrong.

Non Members: Councillors Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Billy Meehan and Orphée Mickalad.

Apologies: Councillor Vaughan Dennison.

Mr Steve Armstrong was not present when the meeting resumed at 3.04pm. He was not present for clauses 33 and 34.

Councillor Leonie Hapeta left the meeting at 11.57am and was present when the meeting resumed at 3.04pm. She was present for all clauses.

28-22 Apologies

Moved Susan Baty, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 28-22 above was carried.

29-22 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Susan Baty, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Finance & Audit Committee meeting of 23 March 2022 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 29-22 above was carried.

Abstained:

Councillor Billy Meehan.

30-22 Waka Kotahi Recreation Pathways Fund Associated with Te Ahu a Turanga Highway

Report, presented by Aaron Phillips, Activities Manager – Parks.

A preliminary desktop study by consultant engineers, received since the

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report was finalised, suggested that the allowance for investigations, consenting and design should be higher than was allowed in the Officer's preliminary cost estimate. An additional \$35,000 will need to be allowed as a result of this information and the application will be in the amount of \$551,000.

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That the Chief Executive is authorised to prepare a bid to the Waka Kotahi Te Ahu a Turanga Recreational Paths Fund on behalf of the Council.
2. That the amount of the Council bid to the Waka Kotahi Te Ahu a Turanga Recreational Paths Fund is \$551,000, as described in Option 2 of this report and comprised of:
 - \$491,000 to enhance the existing pathways on the Ashhurst side of the river; and
 - \$60,000 to investigate the options and costs of addressing pedestrian, cycling and equestrian safety on the Saddle Road Bridge and equestrian facilities on the Pembroke Street rail overbridge.
3. That the Council note the funding application reflects the initial estimate of the cost to construct the chosen option, and further investigation is required before an engineer's estimate can be prepared.
4. That the Chief Executive report back to the Finance & Audit Committee on the outcome of the funding application, including any financial implications for consideration as part of the draft 2023/24 Annual Budget process.

Clause 30-22 above was carried.

31-22 Quarterly Performance and Financial Report - Quarter Ending 31 March 2022

Report, presented by Cameron McKay, Acting Chief Financial Officer and Andrew Boyle, Head of Community Planning.

Moved Susan Baty, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Quarterly Performance and Financial Report – Quarter Ending 31 March 2022' presented to the Finance & Audit Committee on 27 April 2022.
2. That Council note and approve that the capital expenditure and associated revenue values in the 2021/22 Long Term Plan Budget relating to the Three Water Reform funding will be changed as per

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the details in Appendix 4 of this report.

3. That 1888 – Low Carbon Fund budget be reduced by \$345,000, and 1847 – City Growth – City Reserves – Victoria Esplanade – Capital New budget be increased by \$115,000, and 1451 – Property – LED Lighting Upgrades be budget increased by \$230,000.
4. That the Chief Executive be given delegation to allocate 100% of funds from 1888 – Low Carbon Fund to other activities, as well as moving the fund between capital new and capital renewal for the financial year 2021/22.

Clause 31-22 above was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10.52am

The meeting resumed at 11.15am

32-22 Treasury Report - 9 months ending 31 March 2022

Memorandum, presented by Steve Paterson, Strategy Manager - Finance.

Moved Susan Baty, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee note the performance of Council's treasury activity for the 9 months ending 31 March 2022.

Clause 32-22 above was carried.

33-22 Options for Reallocation of Events Related Budgets

Memorandum, presented by Anton Carter, Group Manager Community Services.

During discussion Elected Members were of the opinion that applications to cover future events as well as retrospective assistance should be included in the fund criteria to stimulate events.

Councillor Leonie Hapeta left the meeting at 11.57am.

The meeting adjourned at 12.02pm.

The meeting resumed at 3.04pm.

Councillor Leonie Hapeta was present when the meeting resumed.

Mr Steve Armstrong was not present when the meeting resumed.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Lorna Johnson.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council approve Option 1 – reduction of events and events related budgets by \$100,000 to top up programme 1675 – Covid Relief Fund with the addition of a proactive community events support criterion to the funding priorities for the Covid Relief Fund.

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Clause 33-22 above was carried 14 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Susan Baty, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

Abstained:

Councillor Lew Findlay QSM.

Moved Susan Baty, seconded Karen Naylor.

Note:

On a motion: "That Council does not top up the Covid Relief Fund (Option 2)" the motion was lost 1 vote to 13, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillor Karen Naylor.

Against:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Susan Baty, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

Abstained:

Councillor Lew Findlay QSM.

34-22 Committee Work Schedule

Moved Susan Baty, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Finance & Audit Committee receive its Work Schedule dated April 2022.

Clause 34-22 above was carried.

The meeting finished at 3.36pm

Confirmed 25 May 2022

Chairperson