



PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

COUNCIL

9AM, WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST 2022

COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR,
CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
32 THE SQUARE, PALMERSTON NORTH

MEMBERS

Grant Smith (Mayor)	
Aleisha Rutherford (Deputy Mayor)	
Brent Barrett	Patrick Handcock ONZM
Susan Baty	Leonie Hapeta
Rachel Bowen	Lorna Johnson
Zulfiqar Butt	Billy Meehan
Vaughan Dennison	Orphée Mickalad
Renee Dingwall	Karen Naylor
Low Findlay QSM	Bruno Petrenas

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COUNCIL MEETING

3 August 2022

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Apologies

2. Notification of Additional Items

Pursuant to Sections 46A(7) and 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, to receive the Chairperson's explanation that specified item(s), which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded, will be discussed.

Any additions in accordance with Section 46A(7) must be approved by resolution with an explanation as to why they cannot be delayed until a future meeting.

Any additions in accordance with Section 46A(7A) may be received or referred to a subsequent meeting for further discussion. No resolution, decision or recommendation can be made in respect of a minor item.

3. Declarations of Interest (if any)

Members are reminded of their duty to give a general notice of any interest of items to be considered on this agenda and the need to declare these interests.

4. Presentation - Manawatu Rugby

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5. **Confirmation of Minutes** Page 9
 "That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 29 June 2022 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record."

REPORTS

6. **Request for support for Manawatū Rugby** Page 31
 Report, presented by Jessica Ballinger, Marketing Manager.
7. **Ferguson Street/Pitt Street Intersection Upgrade - Safety Enhancements** Page 41
 Report, presented by Hamish Featonby, Group Manager Transport & Development.
8. **Submission to the Water Services Entities Bill** Page 49
 Memorandum, presented by Sarah Sinclair, Chief Infrastructure Officer.
9. **Council Work Schedule** Page 55
10. **Exclusion of Public**

To be moved:

"That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting listed in the table below.

The general subject 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(1) 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(1) for passing this resolution
11.	Minutes of the ordinary meeting - Part II Confidential - 29 June 2022	For the reasons setout in the ordinary minutes of 29 June 2022, held in public present.	

12.	Tender Award - Ferguson Street/Pitt Street Intersection Upgrade	Third Party Commercial	s7(2)(b)(ii)
13.	Ozone Replacement Contract Extension and Additional Project Budget Request	Commercial Activities	s7(2)(h)
14.	Rotation of Trustees/Directors on Council Controlled (Trading) Organisations	Privacy	s7(2)(a)
15.	Minutes of the ordinary meeting – Part IIB Confidential – 29 June 2022	For the reasons setout in the ordinary minutes of 29 June 2022, held in public present.	
16.	Chief Executive Appointment – Part IIB	Privacy, Commercial Activities and Negotiations	s7(2)(a), s7(2)(h) and s7(2)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

Also that the persons listed below be permitted to remain after the public has been excluded for the reasons stated.

[Add Third Parties], because of their knowledge and ability to assist the meeting in speaking to their report/s [or other matters as specified] and answering questions, noting that such person/s will be present at the meeting only for the items that relate to their respective report/s [or matters as specified].

PRESENTATION

TO: Council

MEETING DATE: 3 August 2022

TITLE: Presentation - Manawatu Rugby

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. That the Council receive the presentation for information.

SUMMARY

Tim Myers, Chair of Manawatu Rugby will make a presentation to the Committee to support their request for funding.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 29 June 2022, commencing at 9.02am

Members Present: The Mayor (Grant Smith) (in the Chair) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

Councillor Rachel Bowen left the meeting at 9.45am at the conclusion of clause 71.1. She was present when the meeting resumed at 10.58am. She was not present for clauses 71.2 and 71.3.

Councillor Susan Baty left the meeting at 11.54am at the conclusion of clause 80. She was not present for clause 81.

68-22 Presentation - Queen's Birthday Honours List 2022

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

1. That Council note that congratulations will be conveyed on behalf of the Council to the local recipients of the Queen's Birthday Honours 2022.

Clause 68-22 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

69-22 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

1. That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 1 June 2022 Part I Public

be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 69-22 above was carried 15 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Abstained:

Councillor Renee Dingwall.

REPORTS

70-22

Committee of Council Part I Public - 26 May 2022

Consideration was given to Committee of Council recommendations.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

1. Rating

3. That the Uniform Annual General Charge is reduced from \$300 to \$200.
4. That Council write to the Valuer-General expressing frustration and concern over the process used in the recent valuation of Palmerston North City.

Clause 70.1-22 above was carried 15 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Against:

Councillor Karen Naylor.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

2. Actions proposed in direct response to submissions

1. That an additional sum of \$34,000 is reinstated to support the City Ambassador Programme (Programme Number 1539) for the 2022/23 year.

Clause 70.2-22 above was carried 14 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock

ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

Against:

Councillors Rachel Bowen and Karen Naylor.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

3. 2022/23 Annual Budget - Moving Forward

1. That Council receive:
 - a. the Engagement Summary (Attachment 1).
 - b. the Summary of Submissions (Attachment 2).
 - c. Officer Comments to the Summary of Submissions (Attachment 3).

4. Rating

1. That Council note Attachment 4: Schedule A – Rating incidence & proposed changes to the rating system.
2. That Council increase the rating differential for commercial/industrial property from 180% to 200%.

5. One-Off Operating Programmes

1. That Council include a programme to complete the Accessibility Assessment of Council infrastructure - \$200k, and that this is funded from the 2021/22 surplus (Re. Submission 285 – Accessibility Assessment).
2. That the Chief Executive establish a new programme to provide water safety improvements at the Manawatū River as recommended by Water Safety New Zealand with a budget of \$15,000 in the FY 2022-23 and this be funded from the 2021/22 surplus.
3. That Council agree Attachment 5: Schedule B – Schedule of one-off operating programmes
 - Including programme 2025 – Urban Bus Terminal Business Case increasing up to a maximum of \$200k, and
 - Adding Accessibility Assessment and Water Safety programmes, and

Note that 2021/22 surplus be applied.

6. Operational Budget Changes

1. That the proposed additional budget for employee remuneration be reduced by \$2,000k to enable \$4,792k additional for the 2022/23

year. That the application of the additional \$4,792k remuneration is determined by the Chief Executive.

2. That Council reduce operational expenditure according to Schedule C – Category 4 in the following budget lines:
 - 2133 – Health and Safety Improvement Programme
 - MSL – Business Assurance Consultancy
 - MSL – Minor Budget Corrections
 - MSL – Waste Levy Income
3. That Council reduce operational expenditure according to Schedule C – Category 3 in the following budget line:
 - 1431 - Walkways and shared paths – art and heritage trails
4. That Council reduce operational expenditure according to Schedule C – Category 3 in the following budget line:
 - 1914 – Electronic District Plan
5. That Council reduce operational expenditure according to Schedule C – Category 3 in the following budget line:
 - 1878 – Active Transport Innovation
6. That Council reduce operational expenditure according to Schedule C – Category 3 in the following budget line:
 - 2130 – Heritage Advisory Panel
7. That Council reduce operational expenditure according to Schedule C – Category 3 in the following budget line:
 - 1936 – Section 17a Review
8. That Council reduce operational expenditure according to Schedule C – Category 3 in the following budget line:
 - 1935 – Cats – Public Education and Colonies Management
9. That Council reduce operational expenditure according to Schedule C – Category 3 in the following budget line:
 - 1264 – Development Contributions Fees – Support for Community Groups

7. Operational Budget Changes continued

1. That Council reduce operational expenditure according to Schedule C – Category 2 in the following budget line:
 - MSL – Palmy Proud
2. That Council reduce operational expenditure according to Schedule C – Category 2 in the following budget line:
 - 1167 – Placemaking co-created project

3. That Council reduce operational expenditure according to Schedule C – Category 2 in the following budget line:
 - 1724 – Citywide diversion of waste from landfill investigation studies
4. That Council reduce operational expenditure according to Schedule C – Category 2 in the following budget line:
 - 1246 – Three Waters Public Education – Water – reduce by \$41,400
5. That Programme 1273 – Palmy Unleashed is reduced to \$40k for one year only.

8. Capital Budget Changes (Capital New Programmes)

1. That the following capital programme is deferred to 2023/24:
 - Programme 2122 – Streets for People \$2,924k
2. That the following capital programme is deferred to 2023/24:
 - Programme 1435 – Manawatū River Park – Waterfront Precinct Lighting - \$890k
3. That the following capital programme is deferred to 2023/24:
 - Programme 1707 – City-wide – land purchase associated with streams and channels - \$207k
4. That the following capital programme is deferred to 2023/24:
 - Programme 1844 – City Growth – City Reserves – Manawatū River Park - \$703k
5. That a budget of up to \$100k (capital) and \$50k (OP EX) for 2 years (\$300k total) is added to address street racer issues.
6. That the funding for tree planting in programme 1099 Parks and Reserves Shade Development be brought forward from years 4-10, to a maximum of \$40,000 annually.

9. Capital Budget Changes (Renewal Programmes)

1. To increase the annual footpath renewal/maintenance budget by \$150k.
2. That Council reduce the following programme:
 - 40 – Noise Measuring Equipment for Noise Complaints – Rolling Replacement to \$20k.

10. Capital Budget Changes

1. That Council agree Schedule E – Carry Forward Changes and Schedule F – Capital Expenditure Changes, subject to clauses 27.1 to

27.6 and 28.1 to 28.2 inclusive.

11. Actions proposed in direct response to submissions

2. That the Chief Executive report to Council with a staged plan to address the road safety concerns in Vogel Street as raised by petitioners in Submission 174, including information on community engagement, budget and timing.
3. That the Chief Executive report to Council on options and resource needs for place-based village planning at Awapuni and other neighbourhood centres.
4. That the Chief Executive report to Council with a plan to improve safety at College Street and Botanical Road, including right hand turn lanes and provision for active transport.
5. That a budget of \$15k be established to support design work for a Botanical Road/College Street safety improvement plan.

12. Changes to Assumptions

1. That Council agree to change the interest rate assumption to 3.4%.

Clauses 70.3-22 to 70.12-22 above were carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

71-22

Adoption of the Annual Budget (Plan) 2022/23: Committee of Council Part I Public - 15 June 2022

Consideration was given to Committee of Council recommendations.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

1. New Animal Shelter Building - Increase to Budget

1. That Council increase the overall budget of Programme 1552 (Animal Shelter – New Building) by \$2,800,738 + GST. This increases the programme budget from \$4,525,440 + GST to \$7,326,178 + GST.

As such the following budgets will be required in the 2022/23 and 2023/24 Financial Years:

- a. 2022/23 – \$4,500,000 + GST
- b. 2023/24 – \$2,240,710 + GST

Noting that the 2022/23 budget includes a \$1,770,000 + GST carry-forward from the 2021/22 Financial Year.

Clause 71.1-22 above was carried 12 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Against:

Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan and Karen Naylor.

Councillor Rachel Bowen left the meeting at 9.45am.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

2. Finalising the Annual Budget (Plan) for 2022/23

1. That \$220,000 be applied to complete the Civic and Cultural Precinct Masterplan, including public engagement and that this programme be a one-off operational expenditure in 2022/23 to be funded from the 2021/22 operating surplus.
2. That Council adopt the Annual Budget (Plan) 2022/23 (incorporating any amendments).

Clause 71.2-22 above was carried 13 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

Against:

Councillors Billy Meehan and Karen Naylor.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

3. Finalising the Annual Budget (Plan) for 2022/23

3. That the final AB23 document includes visual content demonstrating the community-wide rates impact of adjustments made to the UAGC and differentials during the AB23 process.
4. That Council delegate authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive to approve the final Annual Budget (Plan) 2022/23 for publication.
5. That Council confirm the adoption of the Annual Budget (Plan) 2022/23 is a significant decision within the parameters of the Local Government Act 2002 and that Council is satisfied that all submissions have been considered and that there has been compliance with

the decision-making and consultation requirements of the Act.

6. That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive to authorise payments to council-controlled organisations and other external organisations in accordance with their respective service level agreements.

Clause 71.3-22 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

The meeting adjourned at 10.35am.

The meeting resumed at 10.58am.

Councillor Rachel Bowen was present when the meeting resumed.

72-22

Setting Rates for 2022/23

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

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

1. That the resolution to set the rates for the 2022/23 year (attached as Appendix One) be adopted.
2. That it be noted that the setting of rates is a significant decision within the parameters of the Local Government Act 2002 and that it is satisfied there has been compliance with the decision-making and consultation requirements of the Act.

Clause 72-22 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

73-22

Resolutions to Authorise Borrowing

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

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

1. That Council authorise the Chief Executive to borrow, in accordance with delegated authority, up to \$55 million ("the Borrowing") of additional term debt by way of bank loan or loans or credit facilities

or other facilities or the issue of stock for the Borrowing secured by the Debenture Trust Deed.

2. That Council note that the purpose of the Borrowing is the carrying out or continuing of programmes identified in the Annual Budget 2022/23 year.
3. That Council note that any sums raised and subsequently on-lent to Palmerston North Airport Limited pursuant to the loan agreement between the Council and the Company will be in addition to the sums to be raised for the Council's own funding purposes.
4. That Council note that the security for the Borrowing may be the charge over rates under the Debenture Trust Deed if the Chief Executive considers appropriate.
5. That Council note that the benefits of the Borrowing are that it will enable the Council to carry out the programmes identified in the Annual Budget while spreading the costs for those programmes over time to recognise future benefits. The risk is that interest rates may vary in the future resulting in higher debt servicing costs to the Council.
6. That Council approve that having regard to the Council's financial strategy, it is prudent and reasonable to enter into the proposed borrowing for the reasons set out in this report.
7. That Council note that the raising of the Borrowing will comply with the Council's Liability Management Policy.
8. That Council note that the decision to borrow up to \$55 million is a significant decision within the parameters of the Local Government Act 2002 and is satisfied that there has been compliance with the decision-making and consultation requirements of the Act.

Clause 73-22 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

74-22

Te Manawa Museums Trust - Final Statement of Intent 2022-2025

Memorandum, presented by Sarah Claridge, Democracy & Governance Advisor, Janet Ellery, People & Partnership Leader and Caroline Tate, Deputy Chair of Te Manawa Museums Trust Board.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

1. That Council agree the final Statement of Intent 2022-2025 (attachment 1) submitted by Te Manawa Museums Trust.

Clause 74-22 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

75-22

The Regent Theatre Trust - Final Statement of Intent 2022-2025

Memorandum, presented by Sarah Claridge, Democracy & Governance Advisor.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

1. That Council agree the final Statement of Intent 2022-2025 (Attachment 1) submitted by The Regent Theatre Trust.

Clause 75-22 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

76-22

The Globe Theatre Trust - Final Statement of Intent 2022-2025

Memorandum, presented by Sarah Claridge, Democracy & Governance Advisor.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

1. That Council agree the final Statement of Intent 2022-2025 (Attachment 1) submitted by The Globe Theatre Trust.

Clause 76-22 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

77-22

Council Work Schedule

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

1. That the Council receive its Work Schedule dated 29 June 2022.

Clause 77-22 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

78-22

Planning & Strategy Committee Part I Public - 8 June 2022

Consideration was given to Planning & Strategy Committee recommendations.

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

RESOLVED

1. Palmerston North City District Plan: Proposed Plan Change G - Aokautere Urban Growth

1. That the Council approve the Palmerston North City District Plan: Proposed Plan Change G – Aokautere Urban Growth (attached under separate cover) for public notification under clause 5, schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
2. That the Council authorise the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Planning and Strategy Committee to make minor amendments to the Palmerston North City District Plan: Proposed Plan Change G – Aokautere Urban Growth prior to public notification.
3. That the Chief Executive prepare a public consultation document on the partial re-purposing of Adderstone Reserve for housing under the Reserves Act 1977, and that this consultation be undertaken in parallel with the public notification of Palmerston North City District Plan: Proposed Plan Change G – Aokautere Urban Growth.
4. That a decision on the proposed partial re-purposing of Adderstone Reserve be made in advance of the hearing for Proposed Plan Change G – Aokautere Urban Growth.

Clause 78-22 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

79-22

Community Development Committee Part I Public - 8 June 2022

Consideration was given to Community Development Committee recommendations.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Rachel Bowen.

RESOLVED

1. Presentation - Health Coalition Aotearoa

1. That Palmerston North City Council :
 - a) Supports the proposed private members' bill: Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Harm Minimisation) Amendment Bill, which aims to:
 - i. Remove the special appeal process through Local Alcohol Policies
 - ii. Wind down alcohol advertising and sponsorship of sports
 - b) Requests the proposed private members' bill: Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Harm Minimisation) Amendment Bill, is supported by the Government and/or non-Executive MPs.
 - c) Requests the New Zealand Government review the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Clause 79-22 above was carried 9 votes to 2, with 5 abstentions, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Bruno Petrenas.

Against:

Councillors Leonie Hapeta and Billy Meehan.

Abstained:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison and Aleisha Rutherford.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Rachel Bowen.

RESOLVED

2. Recommendation to engage Sector Lead organisations

1. That Council engages the following Sector Lead organisations through Partnership Agreements for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025:
 - a. Creative Sounds Society Inc.
 - b. Environment Network Manawatū
 - c. Housing Advice Centre
 - d. Palmerston North Community Services Council
 - e. Manawatū Multicultural Council
 - f. Square Edge Community Arts
 - g. Te Tihi o Ruahine Whānau Ora Alliance (on behalf of Ora Kōnnect)

3. Residents' Card

1. That Council not pursue a Residents' Card at this time.

Clauses 79-22 and 79.3-22 above were carried 15 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

Abstained:

The Mayor (Grant Smith).

80-22

Finance & Audit Committee Part I Public - 22 June 2022

Consideration was given to Finance & Audit Committee recommendations.

Moved Susan Baty, seconded Karen Naylor.

RESOLVED

1. Palmerston North Airport Limited - Final Statement of Intent for 2022/23

1. That the Statement of Intent for Palmerston North Airport Limited for 2022/23, presented to the Finance & Audit Committee on 22 June 2022, be agreed.
2. That it be noted one of the directors of Palmerston North Airport Limited has recently resigned; the Board has advised they believe the remaining five Board members collectively have the appropriate skill sets to deliver the Statement of Intent and that a replacement is not required at this time.

2. June 2021 - Audit NZ Management Report & Action Plan

1. That the memorandum titled 'June 2021 – Audit NZ Management Report & Action Plan' and attachments be received for information.
2. That Council adopt:
 - a) Option 1 – To continue pursuit of Department of Internal Affairs guidance and provide an update to Council within five months.

3. Bunnythorpe Community Centre - Proposal to grant a lease on reserve land to Bunnythorpe Community Centre Association Incorporated

1. That Council grant a lease for Bunnythorpe Recreation Community Centre, which occupies part of Bunnythorpe Recreation Ground,

Raymond Street, Bunnythorpe, Palmerston North, being part of Lot 82 DP217, to Bunnythorpe Recreation Centre Association Incorporated in accordance with Section 54 of the Reserves Act 1977.

4. Awapuni Community Centre - Proposal to grant a lease on reserve land to Awapuni Park Community and Recreation Centre Incorporated

1. That Council grant a lease of the Awapuni Community Centre and the land it occupies at Awapuni Park, 22 Newbury Street, Palmerston North, being part of Lot 97 DP20548, to Awapuni Park Community and Recreation Centre Incorporated, in accordance with Section 54 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Clause 80-22 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Councillor Susan Baty left the meeting at 11.54am.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

81-22 Recommendation to Exclude Public

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

"That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting listed in the table below.

The general subject 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(1) 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(1) for passing this resolution
18.	Minutes of the ordinary meeting - Part II Confidential - 1 June 2022	For the reasons set out in the ordinary minutes of 1 June 2022, held in public	

		present.	
19.	Presentation of the Part II Confidential Committee of Council Recommendations from its 15 June 2022 Meeting	Negotiations	s7(2)(i)
20.	Chief Executive Recruitment – Part II B	Privacy, Commercial Activities and Negotiations	s7(2)(a), s7(2)(h) and s7(2)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

Clause 81-22 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

The public part of the meeting finished at 11.56am

Confirmed 3 August 2022

Mayor

Palmerston North City Council

Resolution to Set Rates for the 2022/2023 year

The Palmerston North City Council resolves to set rates for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2022 and ending on 30 June 2023 in accordance with the Rating Policies and Funding Impact Statement contained in its Annual Budget (Plan) 2022/23 as follows:

1 Details of rates to be set

Notes

- *All rates and charges shown are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax.*
- *References to the 'Act' relate to the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.*

1.1 Uniform Annual General Charge

A Uniform Annual General Charge of \$200 on each rating unit pursuant to section 15 of the Act.

1.2 Water Supply Rates

A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 16 of the Act, of:

- \$348 per separately used or inhabited part of a residential rating unit which is connected to a Council operated waterworks system. This charge is not made where water supply is invoiced on the basis of water consumed.
- \$348 per rating unit for all other rating units which are connected to a Council operated waterworks system. This charge is not made where water supply is invoiced on the basis of water consumed.
- \$174 per rating unit which is not connected to a Council operated waterworks system but which is serviceable (i.e. within 100 metres of such waterworks system) and the Council would allow a connection.

Instead of the above targeted rates for metered water supply, targeted rates set under sections 16 and 19 of the Act, of \$1.53065 per cubic metre of water supplied to any rating unit that is invoiced on the basis of water supplied plus a fixed amount

of \$210 per metered connection for connections of 25mm or less and \$450 for connections greater than 25mm.

1.3 Wastewater Disposal Rates

A targeted rate for wastewater disposal, set under section 16 of the Act, of:

- \$284 per separately used or inhabited part of a residential rating unit which is connected to a public wastewater drain.
- \$284 per rating unit for all other rating units which are connected to a public wastewater drain.
- \$284 per pan (i.e. water closet or urinal) for all pans in excess of three for non-residential rating units connected to a public wastewater drain.
- \$142 per separately used or inhabited part of a residential rating unit which is not connected to a public wastewater drain but which is serviceable (i.e. within 30 metres of such a drain) and the Council would allow the connection.
- \$142 per rating unit for all other rating units which are not connected to a public wastewater drain but which is serviceable (i.e. within 30 metres of such a drain) and the Council would allow the connection.

1.4 Rubbish and Recycling Rates

1.4.1 Kerbside Recycling

A targeted rate for kerbside recycling set under section 16 of the Act of:

- \$129 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit for residential properties receiving the Council's kerbside collection service.
- \$129 per rating unit for non-residential and rural/semi-serviced properties receiving the Council's kerbside collection service.

Where ratepayers elect, and the Council agrees, additional levels of service may be provided. These additional services could be by way of provision of more recycling bins or more frequent service. Each additional level of service will be charged a rate of \$129. This may include charges to non-rateable rating units where the service is provided.

1.4.2 Rubbish and Public Recycling

A targeted rate for rubbish and public recycling set under section 16 of the Act of \$92 per separately used or inhabited part of each residential rating unit and \$92 per rating unit for all other rating units. Rating units which are vacant land will not be liable for these rates.

1.5 Warm Palmerston North

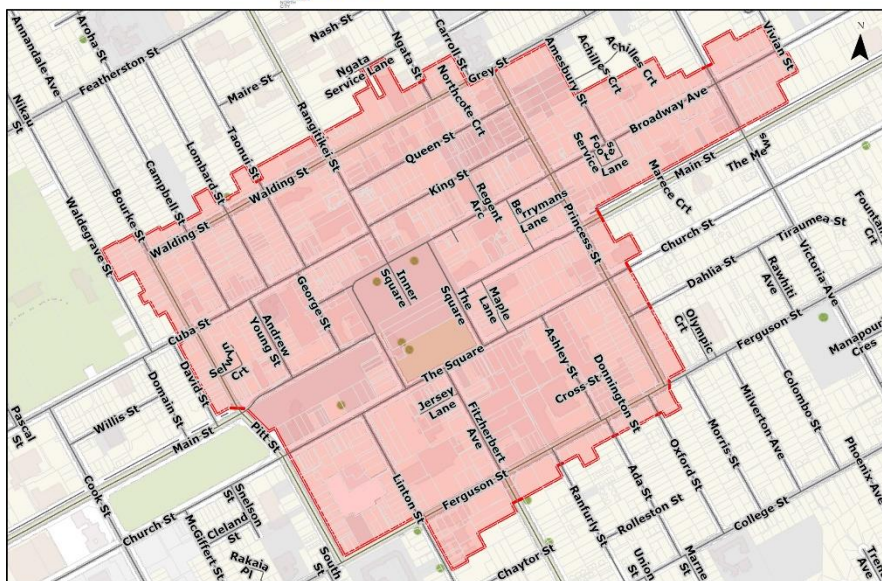
A targeted rate set under section 16 of the Act on all properties that have benefited from the installation of insulation through the Warm-Up Palmy Home Insulation Scheme. The rate is calculated as a percentage of the service amount (the cost of the installation) until the service amount and the costs of servicing the serviced amount are recovered. For 2022/23 the rate will be 16%.

1.6 Palmy BID

Targeted rates set under section 16 of the Act on all properties within the central city Palmy BID area as shown on the following map that are categorised as non-residential for the Council's general rate calculated as follows:

- A fixed amount of \$343 per rating unit; and
- A variable amount of 0.0128 cents in the dollar of capital value of the rating unit.

PALMY BID RATE AREA



1.7 General Rate

A general rate pursuant to section 13 of the Act set on all rateable land on the basis of land value and assessed differentially (based on land use) against each property group code at the rate of cents in the dollar set down in the following schedule:

Differential Group		Differential Factor (expressed as % of Group Code MS)	Rate (cents in \$ of LV)
Code	Brief Description		
R1	Single unit residential	Balance (approx.79)	0.4103
R2	Two unit residential	110	0.5710
R3	Three unit residential	120	0.6229
R4	Four unit residential	130	0.6748
R5	Five unit residential	140	0.7267
R6	Six unit residential	150	0.7787
R7	Seven unit residential	160	0.8306
R8	Eight or more unit residential	170	0.8825
MS	Miscellaneous	100	0.5191
CI	Non-residential (Commercial/Industrial)	300	1.5573
FL	Rural & Semi-serviced (5 hectares or more)	25	0.1298
FS	Rural & Semi-serviced (0.2 hectares or less)	75	0.3893
FM	Rural & Semi-serviced (between 0.2 & 5 hectares)	50	0.2596

2. Due Dates for Payment of Rates

Rates (other than metered water targeted rates) will be payable at the offices or agencies of the Council in four quarterly instalments on 1 August 2022, 1 November 2022, 1 February 2023 and 1 May 2023.

The due dates (i.e. final day for payment without incurring penalty) shall be:

Instalment One	26 August 2022
Instalment Two	25 November 2022
Instalment Three	24 February 2023
Instalment Four	26 May 2023

3. Due Dates for Payment of Metered Water Targeted Rates

Properties which have water provided through a metered supply will be invoiced either monthly or two monthly at the discretion of the Council.

The due date for metered water targeted rates shall be the 20th of the month following invoice date as follows:

Monthly invoicing					
Instalment	Date meter read & invoice issued	Due date	Instalment	Date meter read & invoice issued	Due date
1	June 2022	20 July 2022	7	December 2022	20 January 2023
2	July 2022	20 August 2022	8	January 2023	20 February 2023
3	August 2022	20 September 2022	9	February 2023	20 March 2023
4	September 2022	20 October 2022	10	March 2023	20 April 2023
5	October 2022	20 November 2022	11	April 2023	20 May 2023
6	November 2022	20 December 2022	12	May 2023	20 June 2023

Two monthly invoicing					
Linton, East & North Rounds			Ashhurst, South West, PNCC & Central Rounds		
Instalment	Date meter read & invoice issued	Due date	Instalment	Date meter read & invoice issued	Due date
1	June 2022	20 July 2022	1	July 2022	20 August 2022
2	August 2022	20 September 2022	2	September 2022	20 October 2022
3	October 2022	20 November 2022	3	November 2022	20 December 2022
4	December 2022	20 January 2023	4	January 2023	20 February 2023
5	February 2023	20 March 2023	5	March 2023	20 April 2023
6	April 2023	20 May 2023	6	May 2023	20 June 2023

4. Penalties on Unpaid Rates (excluding metered water)

A penalty charge of 10% will be added on the following dates to any portion of an instalment remaining unpaid after the due dates:

Instalment One	1 September 2022
Instalment Two	1 December 2022
Instalment Three	1 March 2023
Instalment Four	1 June 2023

Any penalty charge imposed on the outstanding first instalment will be automatically remitted provided payment of the full year's rates is made by 25 November 2022.

A penalty charge of 10% will be added to any outstanding rates (including penalties) assessed in previous years and remaining outstanding at 4 July 2022 (penalty applied on 5 July 2022) and again on 4 January 2023 (penalty applied on 5 January 2023).

Penalties will not be applied to the metered water targeted rate.

29 June 2022

Report

TO: Council

MEETING DATE: 3 August 2022

TITLE: Request for support for Manawatū Rugby

PRESENTED BY: Jessica Ballinger, Marketing Manager

APPROVED BY: Sheryl Bryant, Assistant Chief Executive

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

1. That Council confirm either
 - a. Option One: fund the request of \$40,000 per year for the next five years; or
 - b. Option Two: decline request
2. If the decision is to provide financial sponsorship to the new entity, that
 - a. the Chief Executive write to Manawatū Rugby Union confirming Council's decision; and
 - b. That unbudgeted spending of \$40,000 in 2022/23 is approved and budgets are adjusted to account for the additional cost; and
 - c. A new operating programme be included in the Annual Budget for the remaining four years of \$40,000 per year.

BACKGROUND

Application to sponsorship fund

The Council has a small publicly contestable sponsorship fund of \$50,000 per annum, with a limit of \$10,000 for each application. Manawatū Rugby Union submitted five applications to the sponsorship fund. All five applications were declined as they did not meet all the criteria of the fund specifically around delivering new or innovative initiatives.

Support and Funding Policy

In accordance with section 5.4.4(a) of the Support and Funding Policy, Manawatū Rugby Union have put together the appended proposal for Council consideration. Below are the requirements for a report to be escalated to Council for final decision on the proposal supported with officer comment.

- 1.1 **The proposal cannot reasonably be considered within a scheduled support and funding programme round or established criteria**

1.1.1 Manawatū Rugby Union's applications to the sponsorship fund were unsuccessful and there is no other fund appropriate for the entity to apply to.

1.2 Funding would significantly contribute to one or more of Council's strategic goals

1.2.1 This application supports Council's strategic goals around innovative and growing providing economic benefit to the city. Manawatū Rugby Union contributes to the creation of social wellbeing and connecting communities together. Both these contributions are identified in Manawatū Rugby Union's proposal.

1.3 Non-supply of support would amount to a significant and quantifiable disadvantage to the city and the Council.

1.3.1 There could be a reputational disadvantage however this is unable to be quantified.

COMPLIANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Does the Council have delegated authority to decide?	Yes
Are the decisions significant?	No
If they are significant do they affect land or a body of water?	No
Can this decision only be made through a 10 Year Plan?	No
Does this decision require consultation through the Special Consultative procedure?	No
Is there funding in the current Annual Plan for these actions?	No
Are the recommendations inconsistent with any of Council's policies or plans?	No
The recommendations contribute to Goal 1: An Innovative and Growing City	
The recommendations contribute to the achievement of action/actions in (Not Applicable)	
Contribution to strategic direction and to social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being	Contribution to economic and social wellbeing is outlined in Manawatū Rugby Union's proposal.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Manawatu Rugby Union Proposal  



PALMY™

Palmerston North City Council & Manawātū Rugby Union
A community partnership

Manawatū

Our Name:

The name Manawatū was given to the region by Māori ancestor Hau. It is two words, Manawa meaning heart and tū meaning standing still. He named it that after seeing the size and beauty of the Manawatū River.

Our Colours:

Since 1909, our representative players have donned the traditional green and white strip. All Manawatū representative teams, including age grade teams, wear the same colours. In 2014 white sleeves were added to the Turbos' jersey. In 2019 the white sleeves were added to the Cyclones jersey as well. The white sleeves are reserved for our two elite teams.



Our Turbos:

In 2006 the Turbos were established as the brand for our men's representative team to compete in the top tier of New Zealand provincial rugby. Initially coached by Dave Rennie, the squad quickly won hearts with their attacking mindset and nerver-say-die attitude against significantly more resourced unions. The Turbos' finest hour came in 2014 when they went on to win the Championship Division beating Hawke's Bay 32-24 in the final.



Our Crest:

This is the logo that represents the union as a whole from the community rugby competitions at under 6 grades, through to the elite representative teams of the Turbos and Cyclones and through to the older players competing in the presidents grades. The MRU crest is based on the Palmerston North City crest, which is similar to that of that of the family of Lord Palmerston. In 2020, all the MRU logos were updated to include the macron over the 'u' in Manawatū.



Our Cyclones:

The Cyclones brand was officially adopted in 2014 to compete in the Farah Palmer Cup. Manawatū has a proud history in women's rugby. In 1980, Palmerston North played host to the first women's provincial game in New Zealand between Manawatū and Hawke's Bay. Manawatū won that match 11-0. It took another 10 years before women's rugby truly gained momentum in the province, setting the foundations for the Cyclones. From there, there were regular teams selected.



Our History



Rugby first appeared in our region in 1878 when clubs were set up in Feilding and Palmerston North. As new clubs continued to form in the region in the 1880s, the Manawātū Rugby Union was formed in 1886 to administer the game.

Manawātū's first representative fixture was played against a Wanganui XV in July 1886 with the score ending 0-0. Apart from 1900 and 1901 when the union went into recess and the the World War I affected seasons of 1915 and 1916, a Manawātū team has played every year since.

Manawātū's undoubted golden period came in the mid-1970s and early 1980s. Under the coaching of Graham Hamer, they won the Ranfurly Shield in 1976 beating Auckland 12-10. They would defend the Shield 13 times before losing in controversial fashion 12-10 to North Auckland in 1978. The core of that squad went on to win the NPC Division 1 title in 1980.

In 1980, Palmerston North played host to the first women's provincial game in New Zealand between Manawātū and Hawke's Bay. Manawātū won that match 11-0. The match was the starting point of the union's women's representative programme which gathered momentum in the 1990s.

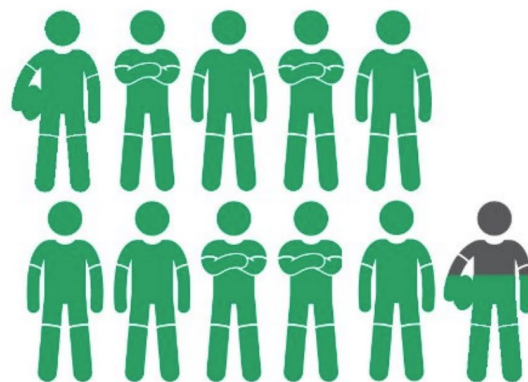
In 1996 entered a partnership with Hawke's Bay to play as the Central Vikings, but the joint venture would last just two years before the unions reverted to playing individually.

Manawātū has contributed 41 All Blacks including New Zealand's most capped halfback, Aaron Smith along with fellow recent All Blacks Aaron Cruden, Ngani Laumape and Jackson Hemopo. Perhaps the province's most famous All Black is fullback Christian Cullen. During the height of Manawātū's golden years, 17 players graduated to the black jersey, including the likes of legends Sam Strahan, Gary Knight, Doug Rollerson, Ken Granger, Mark Donaldson, Mark Shaw and Frank Oliver

There have been 11 Black Ferns from the region including legendary Black Ferns skipper Farah Palmer, try-scoring star Selica Winiata and long-time New Zealand Sevens captain Sarah Hirini.



COMMUNITY RUGBY BY THE NUMBERS



TOTAL PLAYERS

5308 ↑ 16%



SENIOR

1152 ↑ 1%



TEENS

1479 ↓ 1%



JUNIOR

2677 ↑ 39%



FEMALES

986 ↑ 47%

MALES

4322 ↑ 11%

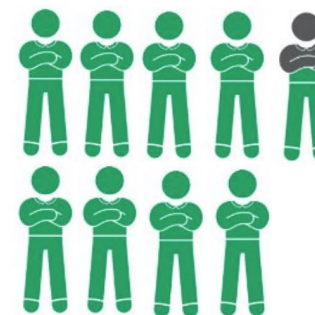


REFEREES

40



11%



COACHES

433

↑ 15%

Discussion

Manawātū Rugby Union are seeking support towards venue costs for their events held at CET Arena for five years from 2022 to 2026 seasons. For future years MRU intends to work alongside PNCC during the next Long Term Plan round to find an ongoing partnership funding arrangement. During the 2022 Farah Palmer Cup (FPC), and National Provincial Championship (NPC) competitions MRU will host 8 confirmed matches at CET Arena, not including potential quarter/semi finals and finals. Also included is a double header as the home ground for Wairarapa Bush v North Otago, in the Heartland Championship. The games being hosted this year are:

FPC Cyclones v Bay of Plenty	24th July 12.05pm
FPC Cyclones v Counties Manakau	30th July 2.05pm
NPC Turbos v Canterbury	5th August 7.05pm
NPC Turbos v Auckland	10th August 7.05pm
FPC Cyclones v Wellington	13th August 2.05pm
NPC Turbos v Hawkes Bay	21st August 4.35pm
Heartland Wairarapa Bush v North Otago	21st August 7.05pm
NPC Turbos v Tasman	2nd September 7.05pm
NPC Turbos v Otago	25th September 2.05pm

The cost to Manawātū Rugby Union to host these matches is shown in the table below, noting the fixed costs from CET Arena are:

- Venue Hire
- Big Screen
- Ticketing

Generator, utilities, and cleaning are estimates, and will be charged at an actual rate on usage. It should be noted, that we were advised in the past month that generator costs have increased 80% this season, and there has been a considerable increase in cleaning costs also. Noted the timing of these increases they are unbudgeted and additional costs to be incurred by MRU.

We work with an external security provider. Costs for St Johns for Cyclones games only are funded through a grant.

These costs do not include any hospitality related services for our corporate sponsors and dignitaries. This is an area we have no control over and is a significant cost to us, and is a necessary cost to ensure ongoing positive relationships and partnerships with our sponsors. MRU are open to a business model conversation when the contract is up for review at CET Arena.

Since discussions began with PNCC, CET Arena have discounted the Venue Hire and Big Screen cost, total discount \$1140 for the Cyclones games only. Whilst we appreciate this discount, it represents less than 2% of costs, and is something we can seek external grant funding for as it relates to the amateur game.

Hosting Costs 2022 (excluding hospitality)

	Venue Hire	Big Screen	Ticketing	Generator	Utilities	Cleaning	Security	St Johns	Total
Cyclones v BOP 24/7/22	280.00	100.00			275.00	330.00		1,062.50	2,047.50
Cyclones v CM 30/7/22	280.00	100.00			275.00	330.00		1,062.50	2,047.50
Cyclones v Wellington 13/8/22	280.00	100.00			275.00	330.00		1,062.50	2,047.50
Turbos v Canterbury 5/8/22	5,000.00	1,000.00	1,357.61	1,190.00	680.00	1,360.00	5,007.00	1,062.50	16,657.11
Turbos v Auckland 10/8/22	5,000.00	1,000.00	1,357.61	1,190.00	680.00	1,360.00	5,007.00	1,062.50	16,657.11
Turbos v HB 21/8/22	5,000.00	1,000.00	1,932.61	1,700.00	1,150.00	1,690.00	5,924.00	1,362.00	19,758.61
Turbos v Tasman 2/9/22	5,000.00	1,000.00	1,357.61	1,190.00	680.00	1,360.00	5,007.00	1,062.50	16,657.11
Turbos v Otago 25/9/22	5,000.00	1,000.00	1,357.61	0.00	680.00	1,360.00	5,007.00	1,062.50	15,467.11
Total	25,840.00	5,300.00	7,363.05	5,270.00	4,695.00	8,120.00	25,952.00	8,799.50	91,339.55

In addition to costs relating to FPC/NPC rugby, in the 12 months to 31st December 2021, MRU expensed approximately an additional \$38,000 for field and venue hire to PNCC for club, school competitions, and high performance training.

As outlined in the section above, Manawātū Rugby has a proud history in the region, and has been particularly associated with CET Arena. The games that are played at CET Arena showcase the venue to a large audience, those that come along to the game in person, and those that watch via on Sky.

Each of our visiting team generally stay a minimum of two nights, and this year Auckland will be staying locally for four nights. That stay alone will contribute approximately \$40,000 to the local economy not accounting for transport or incidental spending. Turbos generate around \$136,000 to the economy and the Cyclones \$36,000 totaling \$172,000 to the local economy in the winter season. Tourism to Palmerston North in the winter season is traditionally a low visitor period

At a community level the MRU team contribute considerably to the wellbeing and connectedness of a healthy city, with the provision of school and club competitions, pathways for young people to advance in the game, development of coaches and referees, and a commitment through our Pride Pledge to be fully inclusive and lead the way demonstrating diversity and inclusion within the game. Our mens and womens players are out and about in the community sharing knowledge and participating in community events.

Like many organisations Manawātū Rugby Union has been hit hard by the ongoing pandemic. Opportunity to gather revenue through ticketing and memberships has been greatly reduced over the last two years, and like all union's the upcoming year is proving to be difficult given the ongoing challenges with Covid, especially as we are now hit with the worst flu season in years, on top of a new wave of infections.

MRU were encouraged to apply for funding through the recently opened Event Sponsorship Grant, but have had all 5 applications declined. MRU also took the opportunity to submit when PNCC was reviewing the grant criterias, however our submission has not resulted in any clear opportunities for PNCC to demonstrate how they value MRU as an organisation supporting social connectedness and wellbeing. We are also active members in submitting to long term and annual plan and presenting to sport and recreation committees.

Proposal

Manawātū Rugby Union seeks support from Palmerston North City Council for a minimum of \$40,000 per year for the next five years, towards the venue and operational costs of delivering five National Provincial Championship games in 2022, and for the following four years. This sum covers the venue hire, big screen, and the unnotified increases on generator and cleaning costs for 2022. We believe this would provide equity with the Manawātū Jets, who sought similar costs in a proposal to Council.

Outcomes for PNCC in return for the support would be:

- Acknowledgement in match day programmes and signage
- Continued economic benefit through visiting teams
- Top level players and rugby administrators participating in community engagement opportunities, coaching, and programme delivery
- Active and connected Palmerston North residents with programming focused on target communities, alongside the “mateship” and belonging that rugby provides through every level of the game.

Your support would help us to provide opportunities to keep Palmerston North residents active and connected. Your support of our Turbos and Cyclones games will allow us to commit more resource into our community programmes which focus on providing opportunities to engage in sport for all ages and include targeted programmes for children, families in low decile communities, and females.

The Turbos and Cyclones provide pathways for our young aspiring athletes to make it to the highest level of the game. That is evidenced from our latest international, Black Fern Kaipo Olsen-Baker who was developed within the MRU programmes while she was at school at Manukura

We also request that as our budgets are confirmed and adopted by the Board for a 1 January – 31st December financial year, prices relating to the CET Arena, its hire, and associated costs, are provided to us by 30th November each year so we can appropriately budget these costs, and are not left vulnerable to price increases at the last minute.

Thank you for considering our proposal, and we look forward to an ongoing working relationship where each organisation's contribution to our community is fairly recognised.

Report

TO: Council

MEETING DATE: 3 August 2022

TITLE: Ferguson Street/Pitt Street Intersection Upgrade - Safety Enhancements

PRESENTED BY: Hamish Featonby, Group Manager Transport & Development

APPROVED BY: Sarah Sinclair, Chief Infrastructure Officer

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. That Council approve Option 1: Include the provision of the mid-block pedestrian signalised crossing into the scope of the Ferguson/Pitt Intersection Upgrade Project, noting that the engineer's estimate for this work is \$260,000.

SUMMARY OF OPTIONS ANALYSIS FOR

Problem or Opportunity	<p>In March 2022, Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) endorsed the modified Ferguson/Pitt Street Intersection Upgrade design b) agreed that the project proceed to tender c) requested further investigation of additional safety management options and timings, including the option for a signalised crossing at Linton Street. <p>This report seeks Council decision on whether to incorporate an additional crossing in the project.</p> <p>Budget sufficient to cover additional safety improvements has already been agreed.</p> <p>Tender process and outcome are discussed in a confidential report on the agenda of this same meeting.</p>
OPTION 1:	Include the provision of the mid-block pedestrian signalised crossing into the scope of the Ferguson/Pitt Intersection Upgrade Project.
Community Views	The local community provided feedback during consultation and this was reaffirmed at the March meeting of Council where Council requested officers undertake further investigation and

	design work to provide safe access across Ferguson Street.
Benefits	<p>Provision of a midblock crossing will improve pedestrian connectivity near Linton Street.</p> <p>The crossing will also provide a safe midblock crossing and provide pedestrian priority when activated.</p>
Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The engineer's estimate of the signalised crossing may be lower once priced by the preferred tenderer. This risk can be mitigated by having this work as a separate package and seeking pricing from the Palmerston North City Council maintenance contractor. The additional set of signals along Ferguson Street adversely impacts the flow of vehicle traffic around the inner ring road. This risk can be mitigated by monitoring the impact of the signals and making phasing changes where required.
Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council has allocated \$300,000 in the current Annual Budget for the installation of mid-block pedestrian signals. The engineer's estimate for this element is \$260,000.
OPTION 2:	Do not include the provision of the mid-block pedestrian signalised crossing into the scope of the Ferguson/Pitt Intersection Upgrade.
Community Views	Community views have not been canvassed on the option to not install the signalised crossing. It could be expected that there would be members in the community disappointed were safety improvements halted.
Benefits	Council will avoid incurring expenditure on the capital programme of works.
Risks	The multi-lane road will make pedestrians more exposed when crossing midblock. This is likely to lead to an increase in pedestrian/vehicle crashes.
Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An immediate capital budget saving would be achieved. If the project does not proceed there are minor design and engagement costs already incurred which could not be capitalised and would need to be charged to operational budgets.

RATIONALE FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

- 1.1 The Ferguson/Pitt Street intersection upgrade is a project in Council's 2021-31 10 Year Plan. It has been endorsed by Waka Kotahi for co-funding as part of Council's Low-Cost Low Risk (LCLR) programme through the 2021-24 National Land Transport Plan. The upgrade was programmed for delivery in the

2021/22 financial year. While funding has been provided for a three-year period, Waka Kotahi undertake a deliverability review annually. A carry-forward of this project's funding into 2022/23 financial year has been signalled to Waka Kotahi.

- 1.2 The intersection upgrade forms part of Palmerston North's Inner Ring Road (Pitt/Walding/Grey/Princess/Ferguson) which has been developed in phases over the last 50 years. Designed as a primary route for vehicles intending to cross from one side of the city to the other, the Inner Ring Road connects four of the city's key high vehicle volume roads:

- Pioneer Highway,
- Fitzherbert Street,
- Rangitikei Street (SH3) and
- Main Street (SH3).



Figure 1: Inner Ring Road and High-Volume Roads

- 1.3 Supported by the 2013 City Centre Framework, the Inner Ring Road provides for traffic circulation around the city centre which in turn enables prioritisation of active modes of travel in the city centre. The completion of the Inner Ring Road is inextricably linked to the development of major city centre projects, including Cuba Street upgrade, Streets for People, and the Bus Terminal developments. The completion of the Inner Ring Road is also an enabler of the Palmerston North Integrated Transport Initiative (PNITI), as it provides for the movement of freight and heavy vehicles that service the city.
- 1.4 The purpose of the project is in line with Council's strategic direction to improve road safety at the intersection of Fergusson/Pitt Street and increase the efficiency of circulation of traffic around the 'streets for people' city centre environment.

- 1.5 In response to public comment on the draft design and a notice of motion to the same 20 December 2021 Council meeting, which directed officers to seek written feedback and report to Council, further community feedback was sought. Engagement took place through letter drops in the surrounding area, individual meetings with key business and clubs, two drop-in sessions, social media posts and web site feedback form. The intent of the approach was to tease out and address issues through discussions and modify the final design as appropriate.
- 1.6 Officers recommended the following changes in response to the 2 March 2022 Council meeting. These were endorsed and included in the tender.
 - Removal of Bus Stops.
 - Removal of an east bound cycle lane on Ferguson Street west of the intersection.
 - Removal of Solid Median.
 - Removal of pedestrian refuge at Linton Street.
- 1.7 An open tender process has been completed and further information on the tender process and outcome are discussed in a separate report to this meeting.
- 1.8 In March 2022, Council also requested that further investigation be undertaken to identify additional safety management options and timings, including the option for a signalised crossing at Linton Street.
- 1.9 Approval is now sought to include a mid-block signalised crossing into the Ferguson/Pitt Intersection Upgrade Project.

2. SAFETY MANAGEMENT OPTIONS AND TIMINGS REGARDING AN ADDITIONAL CROSSING

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OPTIONS

- 2.1 To improve pedestrian connectivity on Ferguson Street between Pitt Street and Fitzherbert Avenue, several crossing treatments were considered. The recommended treatment is for a signalised pedestrian crossing as it would provide on-demand pedestrian priority over traffic.
- 2.2 Other options were considered; however, they are not appropriate for the road environment for the following reasons.
 - Zebra Crossings should not be used on roads with more than two lanes due to increased risk associated with stationary and overtaking vehicles. Additionally, these treatments should also be accompanied

with supporting treatments such as raised platforms to achieve any safety benefit.

- Median refuge islands would encourage crossing movements despite not offering any pedestrian priority. This is particularly an issue on high volume roads.

2.3 Figure 2 shows a concept of the proposed signalised pedestrian crossing on Ferguson Street near Linton Street.

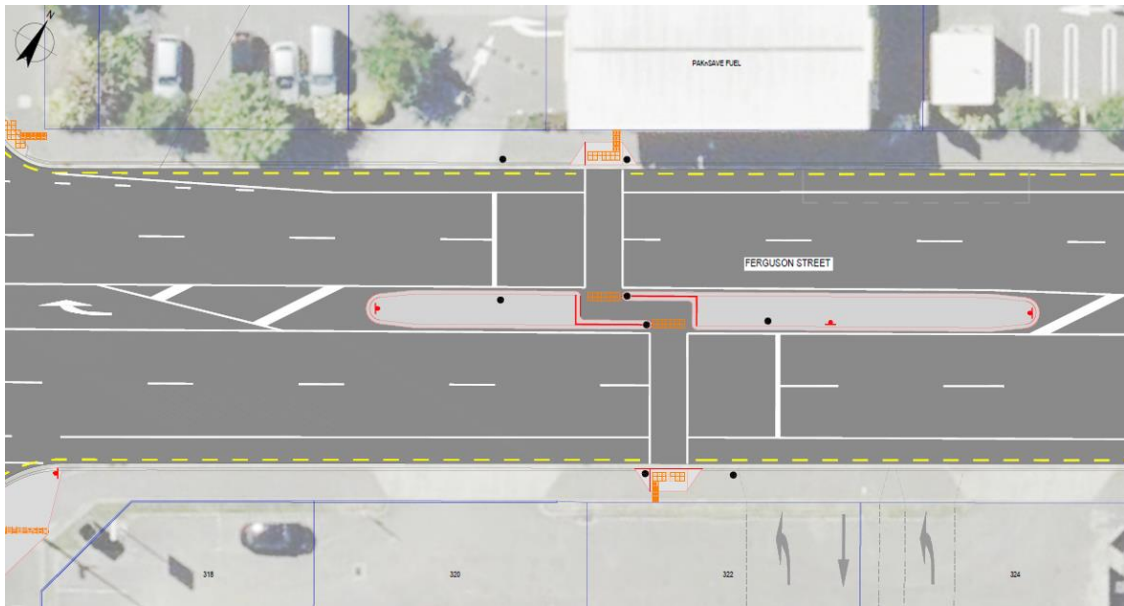


Figure 2: Concept of Plan of Proposed Signalised Pedestrian Crossing (note: some minor changes have been made)

- 2.4 The most suitable location for a signalised pedestrian crossing was determined to be outside the Pak N Save petrol station east of Linton Street. This is because it is as close as possible to Linton Street, allows for the right turning traffic into Linton Street via the right turn bay and would minimise the impact on existing vehicle crossings.
- 2.5 Due to the width of the carriageway, the design of the crossing includes central median islands and a chicane arrangement with pedestrian fencing to align with Waka Kotahi 's Pedestrian Planning Guide.
- 2.6 The current engineering estimate of the crossing is \$260,000.
- 2.7 Budget for the crossing was approved in the 2022/23 Annual Budget. As funding is set aside, the implementation of the crossing could be coordinated with the Ferguson Street works should the project tender be approved.

OTHER SAFETY MEASURES

Central Median Island

- 2.8 The widening of Ferguson Street will increase the road safety risk to existing drivers accessing properties in this section. To improve safety and mitigate this risk, a central median island can be considered. This would prevent crashes involving right turns from property driveways and eliminate head on crashes from occurring. However, this would prevent right turn access into properties, which high traffic generating properties will be more severely impacted with customers being required to detour around the network.
- 2.9 A high-level estimate of introducing a central median between Pitt and Linton is \$200,000. Similarly, the cost to introduce a central median between Linton and Fitzherbert is anticipated to be \$200,000.
- 2.10 It is noted that according to Waka Kotahi's Crash Analysis System, there has been no recorded crashes associated with vehicles turning right into or out of driveways or head on crashes between Pitt Street and Fitzherbert Avenue in the last 10 years (2012-2021).
- 2.11 Due to the concerns raised by adjacent businesses and a low number of recorded crashes involving right turns, median islands have not been included in the current works. Officers will continue to monitor the performance of the road, and in the future, should a trend of crashes occur, the painted median allows for future median islands if required.

Turn Restrictions at Linton Street

- 2.12 In the last 10 years, 10 crashes have occurred at the intersection of Linton Street, comprising of 2 minor crashes and 8 non-injury crashes. Of these crashes, 9 are associated with vehicles travelling straight over Linton Street across Ferguson Street or turning right from Linton Street onto Ferguson Street across 2 lanes of traffic.
- 2.13 The construction work proposed restricts access out of Linton Street to left turn only, which will be controlled through signage and entrance islands on Linton Street. Right turn access from Ferguson Street into Linton Street is maintained to enable access to some of the key traffic generators in the area.
- 2.14 It is noted that the drivers will physically be able to make the straight and right turn despite it being illegal. If this proves to be a problem over time, a central median could be constructed on Ferguson Street. However, this would prevent all right turn access into and out of Linton Street, affecting nearby traffic 'generators' such as Palmerston North Intermediate School, and so is not proposed at this stage. A high-level estimate to introduce a central median at Linton Street is anticipated to be \$100,000.

3. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Programme 2059 – Urban Transport Improvements – Enabling PNITI is a capital new programme approved by Council to achieve the strategic outcomes identified above. The programme provides investment in the CBD and inner ring road to improve safety, efficiency and deliver benefits sought in the CBD plan. The programme consists of:

- Ferguson Street (Linton Street to Pitt Street) Improvements 2021/22,
- City Entrance Treatments (streetscape improvements) 2024-27,
- Signalised intersection timing improvements 2022-24,
- Grey Street (Rangitikei to Princess) Improvements 2027-29,
- and other minor transport improvements

3.2 Ferguson Street (Linton to Pitt Street) Improvements project commenced in the 2021/22 FY. Extended consultation with the local community has meant that construction was not able to commence in 2021/22 FY. After agreeing the preferred tenderer, construction will be completed in the 2022/23 FY.

3.3 As part of the Annual Budget, the Council approved an increase of \$300,000 in Programme 2059 for the 2022/23 Financial Year. The 2021/22 budget was utilised for project design and engagement.

4. SUMMARY

4.1 As an added safety measure, officers recommend Option 1: Include the mid-block crossing in the scope of the Ferguson Street, Pitt Street Intersection Upgrade project.

5. NEXT ACTIONS

5.1 If Option 1 is approved, Officers will seek to include the works within the construction contract as a Variation to the contract.

6. OUTLINE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

6.1 Officers have developed a communication and engagement plan for the project which sets out specific measures to ensure all stakeholders are aware of the project and to minimise disruption to residents, businesses, schools and the wider transport network while maintaining access and ensuring efficient project delivery.

9. COMPLIANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Does the Council have delegated authority to decide? If Yes quote relevant clause(s) from Delegations Manual	Yes
Are the decisions significant?	No
If they are significant do they affect land or a body of water?	No
Can this decision only be made through a 10 Year Plan?	No
Does this decision require consultation through the Special Consultative procedure?	No
Is there funding in the current Annual Plan for these actions?	Yes
Are the recommendations inconsistent with any of Council's policies or plans?	No
The recommendations contribute to Goal 1: An Innovative and Growing City	
The recommendations contribute to the achievement of action/actions in Transport The action is:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop, maintain, operate and renew the transport network to deliver on the Council goals, the purpose of this plan, and the Government Policy Statement on Transport Prioritise transport programmes that deliver on the Council goals, the purpose of this plan and the Government Policy Statement on Transport 	
Contribution to strategic direction and to social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project completes another portion of the Inner Ring Road, which is supported by the 2013 City Centre Framework to enable efficient vehicle movements around the city centre. It is also an enabler for the Palmerston North Integrated Transport Initiative (PNITI) which provides for heavy vehicle and freight movements that service the city. The project supports the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2021 (GSP21) through supporting economic activity via local connections with efficient movement of people and products (Economic Prosperity outcome); and improving freight connections (Strategic Priority).

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council

MEETING DATE: 3 August 2022

TITLE: Submission to the Water Services Entities Bill

PRESENTED BY: Sarah Sinclair, Chief Infrastructure Officer

APPROVED BY: Chris Dyhrberg, Acting Chief Executive

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. That Council note the submission to the Water Service Entities Bill.
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The submission (attached) was submitted to the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee on 22 July 2022, under Delegation 192.6.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Water Services Entities Bill Submission [↓](#) 

22/07/2022

Committee Secretariat

Finance and Expenditure
Parliament Buildings
Wellington 6140



Members of the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee,

Re: Water Services Entities Bill

Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Water Services Entities Bill.

PNCC recognises the challenges that the sector faces, and the need for change. We endorse the aspiration of the Bill, that New Zealanders will have access to safe, reliable and affordable drinking water, and wastewater and stormwater services that meet their environmental and cultural expectations, and we acknowledge the complexity of that aspiration in our diverse population.

PNCC are a unique entity, because we currently deliver three waters functionality, servicing the whole of Palmerston North area, including teams which construct new and replacement water assets, teams which operate and maintain assets, and teams which manage our ongoing provision of services to the people of Palmerston North. In general, this has enabled us to manage our assets well, and to be responsive to failing infrastructure, to continue to provide expected levels of service without some of the problems that other Councils have faced. However, much of our asset base is reaching the expected end of its useful life in coming years, and we acknowledge that current funding rules for local government pose challenges for PNCC in terms of the need for future investment. In particular, the wastewater treatment plant consent expires in 2028, and a new treatment plant costing some estimated \$350-500M needs to be in place by then – this is unaffordable under the current financing regimes.

The establishment of the Water Regulator, Taumata Arowai, has been a positive step for the sector, and for the people of Aotearoa. Palmerston North has award-winning drinking water, and has invested in supply and distribution, including benefiting from recent DIA funding to improve the resilience of our services. We are aware that many water providers will require significant investment to meet new drinking water standards, and that the need for investment is likely to increase because of that.

Palmerston North is a growing city, and is an industrial and commercial hub, serving as a regional centre and a nationally significant logistics hub. Our food sector and our city prosperity leverages the strength of local primary industry. The interfaces between growth, business, community and three waters are complex in the current systems and will continue to be complex through water and other reforms. However, local councils are, and must continue to be, recognised as leaders in community wellbeing across the 4 wellbeings'. Local Councils must also continue to be the leaders of local

placemaking as part of this. Any new system should continue to recognise and uphold this, and the legislation must reflect this.

The Council acknowledges that the Water Services Entities Bill is the first legislative step in the Government's reform process to improve water services for communities. We endorse the feedback that both LGNZ and Taituarā have developed, which articulates the complexities and the concerns (and opportunities) around these very well. Our submission is focussed on some details of the proposed legislation, and raises elements of the governance arrangements and transition arrangements outlined in the Bill which, if addressed, would help to strengthen the Water Services Entities' governance design and implementation. These issues are outlined below:

Governance

- Whilst we acknowledge the management of crown entities via statements of intent, we believe that given the importance of 3 waters, the SOI in itself is inadequate for this undertaking, and entities should be held to account for their service delivery. For that reason we suggest AMPs and infrastructure Strategies are endorsed rather than simply consulted on by regional representation groups.
- The proposed governance structure, in its intent to give a voice to local groups, is very complex. It's not clear whether this will work well. In addition, there is no recognition of local involvement in delivery, be that mana whenua co design, or project consultation with the public, which is necessary for the goals of the change to be achieved. We believe there needs to be more consideration of how local communities will be involved with regional representation and decision making to ensure their interests are safeguarded.
- We suggest that government makes more financial provision for resourcing Maori co governance and participation.
- Contracts relating to provision of water services should not have a 35 year timeframe. The current timeframes for delivery of services reviews under the LGA should be adhered to (currently 6 years).
- The proposed use of GPS raises some questions about how that will interface with more local decision-making particularly around investment prioritisation.

Local Communities

- We do not endorse engaging with communities on asset management plans – instead they should be consulted on funding/LTP requirements that arise from asset management and growth requirements, and their views sought on priorities, and acceptability of proposed levels of service.
- The role of local authorities in supporting and enabling housing and urban development, and in leading the land use planning and strategies should be recognised. In addition, the role of the WSEs should be confirmed to ensure they are operating water services only, not leading the provision of any other infrastructure or amenity more usually provided by local authorities.

- It would be helpful to clarify how a Crown Monitor or a Crown Manager would interface with communities, if appointed, to ensure public involvement in decision-making continues.
- The Bill is silent on community engagement through transition – more consideration should be given to this, including how communities can participate in decision making where the intent of the Bill is to move decision-making to the new entity during the transition period.
- The objectives of the water services entity should recognise the local government role in housing and urban development more explicitly.

Financing, Funding and Pricing

- The complexity of operating particularly over the transition period is recognised. We note that 'best' commercial practice may have a variety of interpretations, and we seek more clarity on that.
- Council revenues, from trade waste fees to development contributions, will be affected by transition. More clarity is needed particularly around growth, both cost recovery and growth planning as this covers a longer period generally than the remaining transition timeframe – it is inappropriate for this to simply revert to WSE or NTU Chief Executive decision-making.
- PNCC is conscious that all Councils will have variable data on asset condition and life, on which to base investment planning, and that therefore the LTPs going to the entities could be based on quite divergent assumptions. More consideration is needed of how the organisational LTPs (and unfunded needs) are going to be captured and transitioned to new funding arrangements over the first few years. We suggest it is in government's interests to specifically fund an investigation and data gathering regime over the next two years to help mitigate inequities which would otherwise be baked into the first few years of the new entity investments.
- Similarly, the pricing, costing, depreciation planning and financing across Councils is likely to be variable. Through transition, there will need to be effective communication and engagement particularly around issues of affordability and equitable access to services raised with any future investment plans. The entities must, we believe, provide pricing transparency to assure users that they are not cross subsidising another region.

Asset Management and asset transfer

- We suggest that the timeframe for an infrastructure strategy is extended beyond 30 years, to ensure that water entities incorporate genuine long term planning, particularly in the face of climate change and anticipated long term effects on water supply and stormwater flooding.
- We believe that territorial authorities need to be given more formal involvement in decision-making around defining assets, liabilities and other matters that relate partly to services provided by the Councils other than three waters services.

- We acknowledge that further work has been done on resolving the complexity of stormwater management interfaces and impacts. However, we still do not believe there is an acceptable and defined way forward particularly in relation to land use planning, or charging for stormwater services. We suggest that government considers the timeframe of transition, and whether transition of stormwater assets and decision making could be staged.
- There will be substantial time and cost implications of establishing easements and the like, to ensure that water assets are transferred to the entities with access arrangements in place but without wholesale transfer of local council owned land to the new entities. We suggest that government specifically fund this work in advance of transition, to ensure that assets which are transferred are able to be managed without significantly reducing other asset amenity and value owned and managed by local authorities.
- In addition, we suggest that there needs to be consideration within the new entities of how best to address current arrangements whereby Councils provide asset management services to the three waters assets through other teams, eg building maintenance, landscape management. It would be helpful for TAs to have some certainty of how to manage team workload going forward.
- There is a high risk that the workload for Councils in transition will divert staff from their key roles in asset management and service delivery. In addition, the proposed transfer of decision-making for elements outside the LTP needs to be clarified more, as it appears to lack any local pragmatism for low cost or emergency works. We understand that this Bill is the first and that there will be more legislation drafted regarding transition, however we note the importance of adequately resourcing Councils, and of managing work and information requests scope and timing, to enable the effective transfer of knowledge and assets to the new entities.
- The wastewater treatment plant consent, noted above, is a significant project for the region and for the new Entity C. At present, the NTU is part of the project's advisory group. We would welcome the early opportunity to confirm transitional arrangements, particularly around funding.

Staffing and resourcing

- Councils have raised concerns about the ongoing role of our own executives in leading staff affected by transition, and how well that is recognised by government. Councils continue to face challenges in recruiting and retaining staff across 3 waters and more widely because of the high competition for local talent. Water reform might exacerbate that, particularly given the uncertainty around the end decision of who will be offered a role in the new entity. We would like to see confirmation of our Chief Executive's leadership role of Council-employed 3 waters staff until the date of transition.
- Given that Councils do not operate with staff surpluses, it would be extremely impactful on our ability to continue to deliver outcomes to our communities if the WSEs are able to draft people in from their day job without our CE endorsement. We suggest this proposed approach to secondments is reconsidered.

- We recognise and endorse the intention to allow staff to continue to work locally to their existing workplace, or within reasonable commuting distances. PNCC has some facilities for co-located teams and working groups, which we are happy to discuss more with the NTU or Entity C to support the transition process.
- We would also like to take the opportunity to note the advantages that Palmerston North City would offer as the headquarters for Entity C including our central location, our commitment and desire for the transition to work, and the availability of office space in our CAB building, which would itself bring advantages of stability for staff and proximity to the local and regional Councils.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission – we hope that our feedback is constructive and proves useful and informative. We have been fortunate to be able to contribute our staff expertise to many of the transition working groups, and value being able to participate in ongoing discussions around the detail of the planned transition.

Yours sincerely



Grant C Smith
Mayor



Chris Dyhrberg
Acting Chief Executive

COMMITTEE WORK SCHEDULE

TO: Council

MEETING DATE: 3 August 2022

TITLE: Council Work Schedule

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. That the Council receive its Work Schedule dated August 2022.

Estimated Report Date	Subject	Officer Responsible	Date of Instruction and Clause number
3 August 14 September 2022	Elected Members Code of Conduct	Assistant Chief Executive	Council 1 December 2021 Clause 141-21
May 2023	Opportunity to establish a natural burial cemetery in the Manawatu – Progress Report	Chief Infrastructure Officer	Council 1 June 2022 Clause 60-22
June 2023	Remits received from other Territorial Authorities	Assistant Chief Executive	Council 24 June 2020 Clause 67-20

ATTACHMENTS

NIL