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PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

MINUTES ATTACHMENTS
ECONOMIC GROWTH
COMMITTEE

9:00 AM, WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2024

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

ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE MEETING

28 February 2024

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Annual economic snapshot

28 February 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- Population growth, the diverse mix of public and private sector activity, and employment and earnings growth have supported the city economy
- Employment and earnings remain strong, but the cost of living is placing pressure on households and suppressing demand across the economy
- Weaker demand is expected to flow through to job numbers and ease earnings growth in 2024
- Inflation is falling which will ease the rate of price increases, and provide an incentive for the RBNZ to lower the OCR later in 2024
- Pockets of inflation remain stubborn, and labour market conditions are stronger than anticipated, providing some incentive for tight monetary and fiscal policy in 2024
- Challenges in 2024, as the cost of living remains elevated, and interest rates look set to stay higher for longer

CITY ECONOMY HAS BEEN IN A HIGH GROWTH PHASE



