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# **PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL**

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AGENDA

## **COUNCIL**

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9:00 AM- DELIBERATIONS LONG TERM PLAN  
2024-34, WEDNESDAY 29 MAY 2024

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

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# MEMBERS

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<b>Grant Smith (Mayor)</b>	
<b>Debi Marshall-Lobb (Deputy Mayor)</b>	
<b>Mark Arnott</b>	<b>Leonie Hapeta</b>
<b>Brent Barrett</b>	<b>Lorna Johnson</b>
<b>Rachel Bowen</b>	<b>Billy Meehan</b>
<b>Vaughan Dennison</b>	<b>Orphée Mickalad</b>
<b>Lew Findlay (QSM)</b>	<b>Karen Naylor</b>
<b>Roly Fitzgerald</b>	<b>William Wood</b>
<b>Patrick Handcock (ONZM)</b>	<b>Kaydee Zabelin</b>

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# COUNCIL MEETING

29 May 2024

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

**1. Karakia Timatanga**

**2. Apologies**

**3. 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.

**4. 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.

**5. Public Comment**

To receive comments from members of the public on matters specified on this Agenda or, if time permits, on other matters.

- 6. Confirmation of Minutes**

“That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 15 May 2024 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

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- 7. Notice of Motion - Alteration of Fees and Charges for the Impounding of Animals**

Notice of Motion, presented by Councillor William Wood.

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- 8. Deliberations on Submissions - Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan**

Memorandum, presented by Peter Ridge - Senior Policy Analyst, and Natasha Hickmott - Activities Manager - Resource Recovery and Sustainability.

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- 9. Deliberations on the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan and Associated Documents**

Memorandum, presented by David Murphy - Chief Planning Officer, Cameron Mackay - Chief Financial Officer and Chris Dyhrberg - Chief Infrastructure Officer.

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- 10. Karakia Whakamutunga**
- 11. Exclusion of Public**

“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

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.

## **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 15 May 2024, commencing at 9am.**

**Members Present:** Grant Smith (The Mayor) (in the Chair) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

**Apologies:** Councillors Lew Findlay, Leonie Hapeta (early departure)

### **Karakia Timatanga**

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb opened the meeting with karakia.

### **76-24 Apologies: Sessions 1 and 2 – 15 May 2024**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That Council receive the apologies.

Clause 76-24 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor William Wood declared an interest in Submission 252 Josephine Gutry, for the Cancer Society of Manawatū (252) and sat in the gallery for this submission.

### **77-24 Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Council meeting of 1 May 2024 Part I Public and Part II Confidential be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 77-24 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

**78-24 Extension of meeting time**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

**RESOLVED**

1. That Council resolve as per Standing Order 2.1.7 that the meeting be extended until 8.00pm on Friday 17 May 2024.

Clause 78-24 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

**79-24 Appointment of Chairs for following sessions**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

**RESOLVED**

1. That Council agree the Chairs for the remaining sessions as follows:

Date	Session	Timeslot	Chair
15 May	3	1.30pm-3pm	Cr Debi Marshall-Lobb
	4	3.30pm-5pm	
	5	5.30-7.30pm	Cr Pat Handcock
16 May	6	9am-10.30am	Cr Mark Arnott
	7	11am-12.30pm	
	8	1.30pm-3pm	Cr Karen Naylor
	9	3.30pm-5pm	
10	5.30-7.30pm	Cr William Wood	
17 May	11	9am-10.30am	Cr Kaydee Zabelin
	12	11am-12.30pm	
	13	1.30pm-3pm	Cr Roly Fitzgerald

	14	3.30pm-5pm	
	15	5.30-7.30pm	Mayor Grant Smith

Clause 79-24 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

**80-24 Hearing of Submissions - Long-Term Plan 2024-34 and the Waste Management and Minimisation Policy**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Council hear submissions from presenters who indicated their wish to be heard in support of their submission.
2. That the Council note the Procedure for Hearing of Submissions, as described in the procedure sheet (Attachment 1).

Clause 80-24 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Council considered submissions on the Long Term Plan 2024/34, Rates Review and Waste Management and Minimisation Policy together with supporting oral statements including additional tabled material.

The following persons appeared before the Council, made oral statements in support of their submissions and replied to questions from Elected Members.

**John Holmes (236)**

John Holmes spoke to his submission and made the following additional comment:

- Opposed Featherston Street changes especially the bus stop in the middle of the road.

**Keith Beverage (1184)**

Keith Beverage spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

### **Niuvaka Trust (503)**

Dana Kunaiti spoke to their submission and made a Powerpoint presentation (attached separately).

### **Susan Baty (809)**

Susan Baty spoke to her submission and made the following additional comments:

- Annual rates review - Council should look at costing multiple unit properties differently (add a differential).
- Gold Card parking fees exemption card - should increase from \$10 to \$25-50 per annum to protect it. It should be cost neutral. The extension of hours has meant parking spaces can be used all day by working seniors.
- Awapuni Community Hub – it was a good idea to purchase the land. Council should use the Te Aroha Noa model to reduce the scale to \$5M. A partnership could be with Rangitāne at Maxwell's Line.
- Cycleway to Ashhurst - would like to see finished.

### **REACH – Roslyn Education and Community Health Group (814)**

Susan Baty (Chair) spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

Councillor Leonie Hapeta left the meeting at 9:58am.

### **River Stop Awapuni (573)**

Beverley Page supported by David Chapple from Menz Shed spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments:

- Supportive of the new Awapuni hub as the current Awapuni Library is too small and the current Awapuni community centre is always fully booked.
- The proposed new Awapuni hub will only be used as the central library when it is closed for earthquake submission.
- New building would allow groups such as Menz Shed to be accommodated in the hub
- Prefer a more modest building as the proposed design is the right size but does not need a big foyer area.

### **Joe Hollander (688)**

Joe Hollander spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- Supports the improvement of heritage projects as costs only increased over time.
- Of the 19 priority items listed in his submission, Council should prioritise advancing the Civic and Cultural Precinct Master Plan



(3) creating a City Heritage Plan (8) and the Creation of a Heritage Advisory Panel (14).

**Brian Goldfinch (750)**

Brian Goldfinch spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

**David Chapple (855)**

David Chapple spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

**Manawatū Rugby Union (874)**

Doug Tietjens spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

**St Peter's College Year 13 Geography Class (436)**

The St Peter's College Year 13 Geography Class spoke to their submission and made a Powerpoint presentation (attached separately).

The meeting adjourned (Session 1 finished) at 11.00am.  
The meeting resumed (Session 2 started) at 11.20am.

Councillor Billy Meehan was not present when the meeting resumed at 11:20am.

**Cancer Society of Manawatū (252)**

Josephine Gutry spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

**Note:** Councillor Wood declared an interest in Submission 252 and sat in the gallery.

**Ross Linklater**

Ross Linklater spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- Feilding – Palmerston North cycleway: he would like to see a 5km extension to follow the Te Araroa pathway, this could possibly seek additional central government funding.
- An off-road cycle path is preferable to following a busy road.

Ross tabled a map of the route he thought the cycleway should follow (attached separately).

**Senior Reference Group (790)**

Jim Jefferies (Chair) spoke to their submission and made the following

additional comments:

- Rates increases – significantly affects people on fixed incomes.
- Wastewater Project - concerned around the \$1000 levy being unaffordable for individuals. Questioned whether other projects should be eliminated to reduce the impact of the Wastewater Project.

### **Jim Jefferies (911)**

Jim Jefferies spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

### **ACROSS Te Kotahitanga o Te Wairua (890)**

Susan Turner, and Gail Wood spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

### **Renee and Hugh Dingwall (921)**

Renee and Hugh Dingwall (921) spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments:

- Importance of social housing in the city.
- Age friendly city with options for everyone.
- Need to have accessible public bathrooms for large powered wheelchairs.

### **Naoki Sakai (828)**

Naoki Sakai spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- Worried about affordability of proposed rates increase - 40% increase in rates expected on lifestyle blocks.
- Rating system - Staged increased is appreciated.
- Council needs to encourage growth and reduce spending during this period.

### **Kim Penny (945)**

Kim Penny spoke to her submission and made a Powerpoint presentation (attached separately).

### **Paul Barris (985)**

Paul Barris spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments.

- Council needs to decide the amount it wants to spend on items each year rather than offering all these projects unfunded.
- City Growth – need to allow more land to be developed. eg Golf

course on Railway Road.

- Development contributions changes make sense but more analysis needs to be done.

### **Walter Davis (1228)**

Walter Davis spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

The meeting adjourned (Session 2 finished) at 1.01pm.

The meeting resumed (Session 3 started) at 2.00pm.

**Members Present:** Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb (in the Chair), Grant Smith (The Mayor) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

### **Apologies:**

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb took the Chair.

Councillor Lew Findlay joined the meeting for the new session.

### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin declared an interest in Submission 864 Simon Ferry and sat in the gallery for this submission.

### **Hearing of Submissions - Long-Term Plan 2024-34 and the Waste Management and Minimisation Policy**

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### **North Street Development Ltd (1126 and 1127)**

William Wallis and Hannah Wallis spoke to their submissions and made no additional comments.

### **Dale O'Reilly (428)**

Dale O'Reilly spoke to her submission and tabled a document

(attached separately).

**Brett Neill (773)**

Brett Neill and Donna Whale spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

**Wendy Brock (725)**

Wendy Brock spoke to her submission and made no additional comments.

**Simon Ferry (864)**

Simon Ferry spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments.

- He would like to see a greater push back on some of the directives from central government.
- He would like to see Council as visionary leaders rather than managers.

**Note:** Councillor Kaydee Zabelin declared an interest in Submission 864 and sat in the gallery.

**Matthew Willey (902)**

Matthew Willey spoke to his submission and made a Powerpoint presentation (attached separately).

**Central Economic Development Agency (949)**

Jerry Shearman (Chief Executive) spoke to their submission and made a Powerpoint presentation (attached separately).

**Unions Manawatū (957)**

John Shennan, and Ben Schmidt spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments.

- Suggested Council seek a sister city in Palestine preferably in Gaza.
- Commended Councillors who voted in favour of retaining Māori wards.

The meeting adjourned (Session 3 finished) at 3.33pm.

The meeting resumed (Session 4 started) at 4.00pm.

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald was not present when the meeting resumed at 4:00pm.

Councillor Billy Meehan returned to the meeting at 4:00pm.

Councillor Leonie Hapeta returned to the meeting at 4:00pm.

### **Environment Network Manawatū (WMMP 291)**

Helen King, spoke to their submission on the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and made no additional comments.

### **Helen King (WMMP 304)**

Helen King, spoke to her submission on the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and made no additional comments.

### **Mike Clement (565)**

Mike Clement spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments.

- There is no need to implement every directive from central Government.

### **Athena Women's Collective (1013)**

Jean Hera and Maryanne Mechen, spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

### **Graham Brocklebank (1117)**

Graham Brocklebank spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

The Mayor entered the meeting at 4.47pm.

### **Te Araroa Manawatū Trust (1017)**

Brian Way, (Chair) and Anthony Behrens (Trustee) spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald entered the meeting at 4.52pm.

### **Kim Ace (1034)**

Kim Ace spoke to her submission and made no additional comments.

### **Central Football (1040)**

Darren Mason, (Chief Executive) and Donald Piper (Chief Operations Manager) spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

Councillor Leonie Hapeta left the meeting at 5.13pm.

### **Manawatū Multicultural Council (1173)**

Rangita Sengupta (President) spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments:

- Hancock Community House is a learning hub and the space restricts numbers for larger social events. With a larger facility they

would be able to utilise it every day of the year.

**John Aitken (439)**

John Aitken spoke to his submission and made a presentation (separately attached).

**Te Pū Harakeke – Community Collective Manawatū (791)**

Tim Kendrew, (Manager) spoke to the submission and made no additional comments.

The meeting adjourned (Session 4 finished) at 5.38pm.  
The meeting resumed (Session 5 started) at 6.08pm.

**Members Present:** Councillor Patrick Handcock (in the Chair), Mayor Grant Smith and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

**Apologies:** Councillors Billy Meehan, Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett (late arrival), Roly Fitzgerald (early departure).

Councillor Patrick Handcock took the Chair.

**81-24 Apologies - Session 5, 15 May 2024.**

Moved Patrick Handcock, seconded Grant Smith.

**RESOLVED**

That Council receive the apologies from Councillor Billy Meehan, Brent Barrett (late arrival), Roly Fitzgerald (early departure), Leonie Hapeta.

Clause 81-24 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

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Councillor Orphee Mickalad entered at 6.12pm.

### **Manawatū District Council (1131)**

Mayor Helen Worboys, Hamish Waugh (General Manager – Infrastructure) and Lisa Thomas, (Senior Policy Advisor) spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

### **Manawatū District Council (WMMP 294)**

Mayor Helen Worboys, Hamish Waugh, (General Manager – Infrastructure), and Lisa Thomas, (Senior Policy Advisor) spoke to their submission on the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and made no additional comments.

Councillor Billy Meehan entered the meeting at 6.27pm

### **Manawatū Estuary Management Team (1123)**

Brett Russell (Chair) spoke to the submission and made the following additional comments:

- It is Council's responsibility to oversee the discharge to the river from the city.
- Ignore the information in his submission on the impact of climate change on Himatangi as he now realises this is the responsibility of the Manawatū District Council.

### **Manawatū Skating Club (574)**

Lisa Thomas (Coach) and Nina Mercer (Co-President) spoke to the submission and made the following additional comments:

- Bell Hall in its current state is fit-for-purpose for what they primarily use it for. However, their competing skaters use Arena 3 for the floor size because Bell Hall is not an international sized rink.
- Need to be a part of the planning process for any new facilities so the builders know what they need for their skaters such as no pillars down the middle for safety reasons, and storage requirements.

### **Bobbi Murray on behalf of Denial Mudgway (608)**

Bobbi Murray spoke to the submission and made no additional comments.

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald left the meeting at 6.53pm

Councillor Brent Barrett entered the meeting at 6.55pm

### **Palmerston North Heritage Trust (1037)**

Margaret Tennant spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments:

- They have members belonging to a range of heritage organisations such as Secondary and Tertiary Teachers, Te Manawa Society, Caccia Birch Advisory Committee, Archives and Records Association, Historic Places Manawatū, local genealogist and military history – although not speaking for them, they have a wide interest that goes beyond archives.

#### **Brett Hill and Tom Santing (1064)**

Brett Hill and Tom Santing spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments:

- Rates review – 11% circa does not seem unreasonable.
- The additional \$1000 over next 30 years is not affordable.
- Do not like any of the options.
- Support the nice to haves which are sometimes needs – the bigger need is for people to be able to afford to pay their rates so the city can continue to provide a service.

#### **Mandy Shaw (1081)**

Mandy Shaw spoke to her submission and made no additional comments.

#### **Manawatū Rugby Football League (497)**

Lawrence Erihe, (General Manager) and Kiri Rimene, (Administrator) spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments:

- Current infrastructure concerns for hosting opportunities such as the Tamariki Māori league competition and International Masters.
- Insufficient facilities capacity to hosting large sporting events.

#### **New Zealand Manawatū Rugby Museum (1115)**

Stephen Berg, (Director) spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

#### **Karakia Whakamutunga**

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb closed the day with karakia.

The meeting adjourned (Session 5 finished) at 7.45pm.

The meeting resumed (Session 6 started) at 9.00am, Thursday 16 May 2024



**Members Present:** Councillor Mark Arnott (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith), Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

**Apologies:** Councillors William Wood (late arrival), Orphee Mickalad, Rachel Bowen (early departure), The Mayor (early departure on Council business), Vaughan Dennison (early departure).

Councillor Mark Arnott took the Chair.

### **Karakia Timatanga**

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin opened the day with karakia.

### **82-24 Apologies - Session 6 and 7, 16 May 2024.**

Moved Mark Arnott, seconded Pat Handcock.

#### **RESOLVED**

That Council receive the apologies.

Clause 83-24 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

### **Hearing of Submissions - Long-Term Plan 2024-34 and the Waste Management and Minimisation Policy.**

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#### **Horizons Regional Council (1140)**

Chair Rachel Keedwell and Councillor Wiremu Te Awe Awe spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

#### **Soala Wilson (793)**

Soala spoke to her submission and made the following additional comments:

- Questions whether Council is really listening.
- Made comparison to life in Auckland where there was no consultation and the same issues such as Featherston Street.
- Projects need to be planned with all members of the community in mind.

#### **Malia, Kate and Adaline (704)**

Malia, Kate and Adaline spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments:

- They conducted their own survey of 429 participants. 82.3% of participants felt unsafe walking outside in the dark and in particular around the Manawatū river walkway.
- Lights should be strategically placed.
- Some areas around town such as Broadway Avenue and The Square are unsafe after dark and could do with more lighting.

#### **Bainesse and Districts Community Development Trust (913)**

Alice Williamson spoke to their submission and made a Powerpoint presentation (attached separately).

#### **Manawatū Kiwi Canoe Polo Club (961)**

Greg Sawyer, (Treasurer) and Paul Hocquard, (Committee Member) spoke to their submission and made no additional comments,

#### **Paul Perry (982)**

Paul Perry spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

Councillor Rachel Bowen left the meeting at 10.00am during consideration of submission 982.

#### **Sheridan O'Hara (1090)**

Sheridan O'Hara spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- Consider a Park 'n' Ride service. Possible locations on the outskirts of Napier Road and the like.
- Would consider attending more public planning sessions but can be difficult to attend with small children.

#### **Ann Atkinson (1108)**

Ann Atkinson spoke to her submission and made no additional comments.

### **Geoff Watson (1118)**

Geoff Watson spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

### **Zains Alsamaræ (994)**

Zains Alsamaræ spoke to her submission and made no additional comments.

The meeting adjourned (Session 6 finished) at 10.48am

The meeting resumed (Session 7 started) at 11.05am

Councillor William Wood entered the meeting at 11.05am

The Mayor and Councillor Billy Meehan were not present when the meeting resumed.

### **West Te Wanaka Road Group (1182)**

Neil Wright and Grant Binns spoke to the submission and made no additional comments.

Councillors Rachel Bowen, Leonie Hapeta and Billy Meehan entered the meeting at 11.10am during submission 1182.

### **Ruth Jackson (1122)**

Ruth spoke to her submission and made no additional comments.

### **Bowls Palmerston North (1120)**

John Dunlop, Gary Fryer, (President) and Mike Symons (Vice President) spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments. A video was shown at the meeting (available on Youtube).

- They have a lot of support for a covered green which will cost around \$2m and they would like some support from Council.
- National event capabilities with current undertaking from Bowls New Zealand to bring a televised event to the Manawatū if the facility is in place.

### **Les Fugle (950)**

Les spoke to his submission and made the following additional comment.

- Development contributions acts as a barrier to development.

Councillor Vaughan Dennison left at 11.44am after consideration of Submission 950.

### **Manawatū Regional Volleyball Association Incorporated (1164)**

Kelsey Higgins (General Manager) spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments:

- Supports investment towards the masterplan around Central Energy Trust Arena – Option 1.
- This is their primary community sport hub and it is an irreplaceable asset for volleyball and other sports.
- Sport has a positive impact on the community.
- Arena states it has over 3000 bookings annually. One volleyball booking alone would easily be over 300 participants per night.
- They need to be able to plan long-term for the city and around its use.
- Between volleyball, basketball and netball they use the main areas. With the proposed growth of these sports and the growth of the city, the current infrastructure – it is not sustainable.
- Advocates for its commercial viability.
- Would like to see more cost breakdown.

Councillor William Wood left the meeting at 11.56am

### **Helen King (1116)**

Helen King spoke to her submission and made no additional comments.

### **Ian Staples (1176)**

Ian Staples spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

### **Creative Sounds Society Incorporated – The Stomach (1179)**

Abi Symes, (Manager) and Amelia Shad spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

The Mayor entered the meeting at 12.14pm during consideration of Submission 1179.

### **Sport Manawatū (1185)**

Kelly Shanks, (Chief Executive) and Carl Johnston (General Manager Partnerships – Environments) spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

### **Kelvin Grove Community Association Incorporated (1227)**

John Charlton (Treasurer) spoke to their submission and made a Powerpoint presentation (attached separately).

### **Environment Network Manawatū (1128)**

Helen and Mads BatachEl spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

The meeting adjourned (Session 7 finished) at 12.55pm.  
The meeting resumed (Session 8 started) at 1.45pm.

**Members Present:** Councillor Karen Naylor (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

**Apologies:** Councillors William Wood (early departure), Orphee Mickalad, Billy Meehan (early departure)

Councillor Karen Naylor took the Chair.

### **83-24 Apologies - Sessions 8 and 9, 16 May 2024.**

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Brent Barrett.

#### **RESOLVED**

That Council receive the apologies.

Clause 83-24 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

### **Hearing of Submissions - Long-Term Plan 2024-34 and the Waste Management and Minimisation Policy.**

Council considered submissions on the Long Term Plan 2024/34, Rates Review and Waste Management and Minimisation Policy together with supporting oral statements including additional tabled material.

The following persons appeared before the Council, made oral statements in support of their submission and replied to questions from Elected Members.

Councillor Billy Meehan entered the meeting at 1.49pm

### **Disability Reference Group (848)**

Hugh O'Connell (Chair) spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

### **Summerset Group Holdings Limited (1119)**

Tom Calvin, (Senior Development Manager) spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

### **Robert Cuff (1124)**

Robert Cuff spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- Regarding cycleways and all other projects, he has not seen anything in the budget for ongoing maintenance costs. Has Council factored this in?

### **Jackie Wheeler (1177)**

Jackie Wheeler spoke to her submission and made no additional comments.

### **Neil Jepsen (1183)**

Neil Jepsen spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

### **Rowan Bell (908)**

Rowan Bell spoke to his submission and made a Powerpoint presentation (attached separately).

### **James Irwin (265)**

James Irwin spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- Proud of our multiculturalism; opportunities for our children in Palmerston North.
- Changes to occur in our urban environment need to be city-wide.
- Council needs to introduce mode-shift to our population; other forms. No benefit if nobody is using it.
- There is a hierarchy involved in design- as published in the Roads and Streets framework where pedestrians are given the highest priority.
- Safety is important.

### **Agness Ruwangalegedara (Grace) (462)**

Grace spoke to her submission and made no additional comments.

### **Robert Gibb (1187)**

Robert Gibb spoke to his submission and made a Powerpoint presentation (attached separately).

### **Awapuni Park Community & Recreation Centre (1219)**

Dan Mateer, (Chair) spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

Councillor Billy Meehan left at 3.23pm during Submission 1219

The meeting adjourned (Session 8 finished) at 3.27pm.  
The meeting resumed (Session 9 started) at 4.00pm.

Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Billy Meehan and Orphee Mickalad were not present when the meeting resumed.

### **Julia Manssen (962)**

Julia Manssen spoke to her submission and made no additional comments.

### **Palmy Youth Council (1166)**

Malia and Zaina (Co-Chairs) spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments:

- Developments should not overlook the youth perspective and their future.
- Voices of youth are not only voices of tomorrow but also voices of today.

### **Caccia Birch Trust Board (959)**

Jill Brider (Chair) spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

### **Peter W French (1089)**

Peter W French spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments. Peter presented an image (attached separately).

- He would like Council to consider his idea of introducing two give way signs in Vogel Street to allow free flowing traffic and mitigate speed. Better flow to all traffic.
- He would like officers to provide a third option to allow public participation in the design.

### **Eric Constantine (690)**

Eric Constantine spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- This consultation has been the worst consultation in the past 34 years.

- Openness and transparency has been ignored and replaced by deception.
- Council's rating data is not accurate and he questions the calculations.
- Calculations are chaotic where the only simple option Land Value.

Councillor Vaughan Dennison entered the meeting at 4.51pm during Submission 690.

### **Paul Robertson (1169)**

Paul Robertson spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments.

- When he talks to others he says Palmerston North is the best city to live but currently he does not see his opinion staying this way.
- Every house he has owned he built, 3 houses. First house 1983, he cut back on spending, was an apprentice etc to save for his deposit. He took on extra jobs to cover costs. Since then was divorced 10year separation that cost a lot. Also been made redundant twice. Now he owns his own home, another home and is mortgage free. He has been able to achieve all this by putting in effort and thinking about how he manages finances. He thinks if he can do this why can't Council do this.
- He encourages Council to save money, get best value for money and reduce debt. Would like to see Council to focus on core services.
- Thinks social housing should be covered by central Government.
- Rent for social housing he knows is around \$100 per week. As a homeowner with the proposed increases around 20-22% his rates will be around \$5k per year. People on social housing don't have to pay for that – he does.
- Land value is best as it discourages land banking.

Councillor William Wood left the meeting at 4.58pm during submission 1169.

### **Nigel Fitzpatrick (1172)**

Nigel Fitzpatrick spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

### **Manawatū Tenants Union (1221)**

Cameron Jenkins (Union Coordinator) spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments:

- Supports Te Pū Harakeke's request to double Strategic Priority Grant funding.



- Average person looks at CPI and not the other market labour force index or other measures.
- When a tenant cannot pay their rent they are homeless, when a landlord cannot pay their rates they sell the house and keep the capital gains.

The meeting adjourned (Session 9 finished) at 5.20pm.

The meeting resumed (Session 10 started) at 6.00pm.

**Members Present:** Councillor William Wood (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Lorna Johnson, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Ophée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, and Kaydee Zabelin.

**Apologies:** Councillors Billy Meehan, The Mayor (early departure – Council business)

Councillor William Wood took the Chair.

#### **84-24 Apologies - Session 10, 16 May 2024.**

Moved William Wood, seconded Patrick Handcock.

#### **RESOLVED**

That Council receive the apologies.

Clause 83-24 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Ophée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

#### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Leonie Hapeta declared a conflict of interest in submission 1002 Sam Illing and did not participate in discussion.

#### **Hearing of Submissions: Long Term Plan 2024-34 and the Waste Management and Minimisation Policy**

Council considered submissions on the Long Term Plan 2024/34, Rates Review and Waste Management and Minimisation Policy together with supporting oral statements including additional tabled material.

The following persons appeared before the Council, made oral statements in support of their submission and replied to questions from Elected Members.

### **Peter and Isobel Wilson (339)**

Peter and Isobel Wilson spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

### **Sam Illing (1002)**

Sam Illing spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments.

- People are struggling with the costs of living, and so Council needs to be mindful of its expenditure.
- Debt is not a solution – recognise need for some of the expenditure

**Note:** Councillor Leonie Hapeta (online) declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in the discussion.

### **Aaron Fox (1060)**

Aaron Fox spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

### **Palmerston North Surf Life Saving Club (1074)**

Alec MacKay spoke to their submission and made the following additional comment:

- They would like annual funding for the Surf Lifesaving Club included in the Long Term Plan.

### **Stewart Hubbard (1158)**

Stewart Hubbard spoke to his submission and made the following additional comment:

- Supports the shared pathway to Ashhurst being completed.

### **Malcolm Frith (1160)**

Malcolm Frith spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

### **Jeff Cruickshank (1168)**

Jeff Cruickshank spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

### **Housing Advice Centre (983)**

Peter Grey and Susan Baty spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments:

- Additional Council support is needed across the community sector as the combination of increased need and increased costs is putting significant pressure on community services' ability

to deliver.

### **Karakia Whakamutunga**

Councillor William Wood closed the day with karakia.

The meeting adjourned (Session 10 finished) at 7.25pm.

The meeting resumed (Session 11 started) at 9.01am, Friday 17 May 2024.

**Members Present:** Councillor Kaydee Zabelin (in the Chair), and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor

**Apologies:** Councillors William Wood and Roly Fitzgerald, Mayor Grant Smith (late arrival - Council business).

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin took the Chair.

### **Karakia Timatanga**

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin opened the day with karakia.

### **85-24 Apologies - Sessions 11 and 12 - 17 May 2024.**

Moved Kaydee Zabelin, seconded Patrick Handcock.

#### **RESOLVED**

That Council receive the apologies.

Clause 85-24 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, and Kaydee Zabelin.

### **Hearing of Submissions: Long Term Plan 2024-34 and the Waste Management and Minimisation Policy**

Council considered submissions on the Long Term Plan 2024/34, Rates Review and Waste Management and Minimisation Policy together with supporting oral statements including additional tabled material.

The following persons appeared before the Council, made oral statements in support of their submission and replied to questions from Elected Members.

### **Jacqueline Yvonne Carr (1199)**

Jacqueline spoke to her submission and made no additional comments.

### **Maurice Job (694)**

Maurice Job spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

### **Neighbourhood Support (Summerhill/Titirangi Drive), (863)**

David spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

### **Mason Ngatoa-Spooner (526)**

Mason spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- He is a DJ and concerned there is nothing in the Long-Term Plan for the night life of Palmerston North.
- Process around liquor licensing needs to be faster.
- There is no collective voice for the night life socialites.
- He sees extra safety systems could be introduced such as scanning IDs like in Taupo.
- He would like to see a Social Worker type representative.
- He would like to see more youth see Palmerston North as a place they want to go.
- Council could play a part to make it look appealing and to draw in the crowds.

### **Jonathan Mason (853)**

Jonathan Mason spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- Born and raised in the Manawatū with great amenities that are well maintained – he is very privileged to live here.
- He would like to see further adherence to good governance.
- Increase in rates could be onerous but happy to pay more if he knew where it was going.
- Priority should be given on what is essential at this point in time and not on what is a nice to have such as street frontages.
- Get in step with the rest of the country to try and curb expenditure, thinking of future costs of fuel and the flow on effect through to transport and then onto production of food.
- Projects in the past have not been completed and money needs to be put towards completing these such as stormwater.
- Supports the principle of majority rather than consensus.

### **Karen Keenan (1153)**

Karen Keenan spoke to her submission and made no additional comments.

### **John Farquhar (1001)**

John Farquhar spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- Fairness definition has different interpretations.
- Rates from business and farmers are a deductible expense.
- No benefit from rating roads.
- Half the debt is sewage systems and the other half should be scrutinised.
- He is not comfortable with the increase in debt.
- He is not sure how to reduce the debt, referenced Kaipara as an example of what we do not want to happen.

Councillor Vaughan Dennison left the meeting at 10.18am.

### **Amanda Coats (1052)**

Amanda Coats spoke to her submission and made the following additional comment:

- Some major projects are completely unaffordable especially where external funding is not committed and this is a major risk.

Councillor Vaughan Dennison entered the meeting at 10.26am.

### **Lydia I (1054)**

Lydia I spoke to her submission and made the following additional comments:

- She is not part of any lobby group.
- The community is more valuable than the building they meet in. She has been to many cultural gatherings and it is the people that make it not the building itself.
- She supports a user pays approach as the process of fundraising builds community.
- It is unfair to force all rate payers to contribute – this may divide the community rather than bring it together.
- Please keep rates low so people will have more time to spend with each other.
- Spend on sensible things – building roads, maintenance, water and core things which are essential.
- Removing car parks in the town centre may have opposite

effect. It causes lack of convenient car parking where weather is not always good and supports shops.

- A utopian idea is not always practical in Palmerston North.

### **Joanne Wilson (917)**

Joanne Wilson spoke to her submission and made the following additional comments:

- She believes wholeheartedly in Palmerston North.
- All the proposed projects have merit if there was unlimited funds.
- Council needs to consider flow-on impact.
- Increases are unsustainable and unaffordable. They need to be fair and equitable and priority given to essential services.
- Fixed income households will need to reduce expenses to afford rates. Such as cutting insurances, not heating their homes and cancelling doctors' appointments.
- Not everyone can tap into the rates rebate.
- Younger folk are being saddled with the high cost of living.
- One aspect that needs to be central is the wellbeing of people. Importance of relationship is important. Money being spent on strengthening these services as suicide rates are terrible and for continued work around social housing.
- Is Council prepared to saddle the people of Palmerston North in the debt? – they need to be good stewards of our money.
- Non-essential examples are Awapuni library, marae complex, Arena, Cuba St, Cycleway to Ashhurst and Feilding.

The meeting adjourned (Session 11 finished) at 10.49am.

The meeting resumed (Session 12 started) at 11.29am.

### **Chris Teo-Sherrell (WMMP 295)**

Chris Teo-Sherrell spoke to his submission on the Waste Management and Minimisation Policy and made no additional comments.

### **Chris Teo-Sherrell (1134)**

Chris Teo-Sherrell spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb left the meeting at 11.49pm.

### **Manawatū Business Chamber (1133)**

Amanda Linsley (Chief Executive), Steve Davey (Chair) and Nikki Maw, (Vice Chair) spoke to their submission and made no additional

comments.

### **Planetary Accounting Network, (1129)**

Sue Lund and Lauren Boyd spoke to their submission and made a presentation (attached separately).

The meeting adjourned 12.11pm due to a fire alarm.  
The meeting resumed at 12.31pm.

The Mayor and Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb entered the meeting when the meeting resumed at 12.31pm.

### **Federated Farmers of New Zealand (1135)**

Ian Strahan, James Stuart and Hamish Easton spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

### **Kiwi Property Holding Limited (1230)**

Daniel Minhinnick (Counsel for Kiwi Property Holding Limited) and Andrew Heaphy (Plaza, Centre Manager) spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments outlined in their tabled document (attached separately).

### **Mapperley Family Trust (1136)**

Michael Sharpe spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments:

- Introduced himself as the owner of the Sanitarium complex.
- To increase Council's revenue they could consider expanding the electronic parking system and widen their rates base and build more houses.

### **Te Awa Community Foundation (1138)**

Cat Rikihana (Co-General Manager) and Clive Pedley (Chair) spoke to their submission and no additional comments

The Mayor left the meeting at 1.04pm during Submission 1141.

### **Whatunga Tuao Volunteer Central (1141)**

Chris Atherton (Chair) and Kate Aplin (Manager) spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

The meeting adjourned (Session 12 finished) at 1.23pm.  
The meeting resumed (Session 13 started) at 2.00pm.

**Members Present:** Councillor Roly Fitzgerald (in the Chair) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

**Apologies:** Councillor Billy Meehan, Mayor Grant Smith (late arrival – Council business)

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald took the Chair.

**86-24 Apologies - Sessions 13 and 14, 17 May 2024.**

Moved Roly Fitzgerald, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

**RESOLVED**

That Council receive the apologies.

Clause 85-24 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

**Hearing of Submissions: Long Term Plan 2024-34 – Session 13, 2.00pm, 17 May 2024**

Council considered submissions on the Long Term Plan 2024/34, Rates Review and Waste Management and Minimisation Policy together with supporting oral statements including additional tabled material.

The following persons appeared before the Council, made oral statements in support of their submission and replied to questions from Elected Members.

**Papaioea Pasifika Community Trust (566)**

Sunlou Liuvaie spoke to their submission and made a Powerpoint presentation (attached separately).

Councillor Billy Meehan entered the meeting at 2.18pm.

**Pasifika Reference Group (1170)**

Andrew Jamieson and Courtney Sowman (Co- Chairs) spoke to their submission and showed a video (available on Youtube).

**Foodstuff New Zealand Limited (1043)**

Simone Williams and Matt Norwell spoke to their submission and made



no additional comments.

**Te Manawa Museum (947 & 948)**

Susana Shadbolt (Chief Executive) spoke to their submission and made the following additional comment:

- Art and culture are an essential service not a luxury.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) entered the meeting at 2.40pm.

**Kevin Low (974)**

Kevin Low spoke to his submission and made a Powerpoint presentation (attached separately).

**Hugh Wilde (991)**

Hugh Wilde spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

**Mark Gunning (1130)**

Mark Gunning spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- Council should focus on what it can afford rather than what we want.
- Awapuni community hub – questioned the need for a new facility as there are a good range of facilities across city. Is there potential to improve existing facilities rather than build a new facility.
- Anzac Park – site of significance but struggles to see commercial viability of the project particularly the café.
- Believes it is harsh to start charging interest payments on development levies.

**Marianne Poole (1157)**

Marianne Poole (1157) spoke to her submission and made no additional comments.

**Jeremy Neild (1161)**

Jeremy Neild spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

**Grant Stevenson (1162)**

Grant Stevenson (1162) spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

The meeting adjourned (Session 13 finished) at 3.45pm.  
The meeting resumed (Session 14 started) at 4.01pm.

Councillors Lorna Johnson and Billy Meehan were not present when the meeting resumed.

### **Manawatū Toy Library (1210)**

Emma Ochei (President) spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

Councillor Lorna Johnson entered the meeting at 4.11pm during Submission 1210.

The Mayor left the meeting at 4.13pm.

### **Amanaki Stem Academy(1026)**

Taupo Tani (Board member) spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

Councillor Billy Meehan entered the meeting at 4.17pm.

### **Lisa Wilde (1175)**

Lisa Wilde spoke to her submission and made no additional comments.

The Mayor returned to the meeting at 4.25pm.

Councillor Brent Barrett left the meeting at 4.27pm.

### **Hockey Manawatū (1186)**

Dilan Raj, (General Manager) spoke to their submission and made no additional comments. Dilan showed a video of the hockey turfs (available on Youtube).

### **Pathways Presbyterian Church (1220 and 1226)**

Roy Tankersley, and Judy Secombe spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

### **Lesley Shaw (1174)**

Lesley Shaw spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

### **Jeanine Gribbin (1041)**

Jeanine Gribbin spoke to her submission and made no additional comments.

### **Annette Nixon (687)**

Annette Nixon spoke to her submission and made the following additional comments.

- Congratulated Council on the creation of the Asset

Management Plan for Property which looks at maintenance needs for the next 30 years and shows a pictorial of Council's property portfolio.

- The Awapuni Community Hub should include civil defence facilities.

### **John Bent (1229)**

John Bent spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- Public notices are not all on Councils website.

### **John Monro (1031)**

John spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- He would like to propose relocating the canoe polo venue at the Lagoon as it is very close to homes, it is a loud sport with lots of shouting.
- Consider creating a dedicated facility for this sport so it does not cause stress to residents. It causes him a lot of distress and he does not enjoy looking out on it.
- Residents have never been consulted regarding compliance with the RMA and access of this sport at the Lagoon. He thinks it's a breach of the Act as it is so close to residents.
- Proposed to have this moved up the other end of the Lagoon between a stretch where there are no homes right next to it.
- It would not be expensive to move it.

The meeting adjourned (Session 14 finished) at 5.39pm.

The meeting resumed (Session 15 started) at 6.02pm.

**Members Present:** Mayor Grant Smith (in the Chair) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

**Apologies:** Councillors Billy Meehan, William Wood (early departure).

Mayor Grant Smith took the Chair.

### **87-24 Apologies - Session 15– 5.30pm, 17 May 2024.**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

## **RESOLVED**

That Council receive the apologies.

Clause 85-24 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

### **For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

## **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Vaughan Dennison declared a conflict of interest in Submission 1213 Homes for People and took no further part in discussion.

## **Hearing of Submissions: Long Term Plan 2024-34 – Session 15, 5.30pm, 17 May 2024**

Council considered submissions on the Long Term Plan 2024/34, Rates Review and Waste Management and Minimisation Policy together with supporting oral statements including additional tabled material.

The following persons appeared before the Council, made oral statements in support of their submission and replied to questions from Elected Members.

### **Palmerston North Public Sculpture Trust (749)**

Sue Mordaunt (Secretary) and Simon Barnett (Chair) spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

Councillor Billy Meehan entered the meeting at 6.10pm after Submission 749.  
Councillor Pat Handcock entered the meeting at 6.12pm after Submission 749.

### **Homes for People (1213)**

Darren Birch (Chief Executive Officer and Founder) Cheri Birch (Team Leader and Founder) and Vaughan Dennison spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

**Note:** Councillor Vaughan Dennison declared a conflict of interest, in Submission 1213 Homes for People and took no further part in discussion.

### **Central Palmerston North Business Improvement District Incorporated, (1207)**

Mathew Jeanes (General Manager) spoke to the submission and made no additional comments.

### **Bruce Wilson (1181)**

Bruce Wilson spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- He lost a week to review the hard-copy of the document.
- Consultation style surprised him as it restricted the audience.
- Supplementary booklet design was not easily to navigate, page number, contents page – not well put together. The last one was very good.

### **Marilyn Rossiter and Andrew (1056)**

Marilyn spoke to her submission and made the following additional comments:

- Keep expenditure to a reasonable level and not going for all the non-essentials.
- Focus on the core infrastructure projects such as Nature Calls
- Anzac Park and Awapuni Library hub are not essentials.
- CET, she has concerns on cost but knows it is well used.
- Seismic upgrades - wait and see what the final results are from Government before any work is done. Some common sense will prevail on what needs to be done.
- User pays on council facilities and services.
- She sees Palmerston North as an urban service centre and intends to retire here if rates are not exorbitant.
- Do not take away car parks and no more cycleways. She wants to be able to get near the shops. People should know the road code so you should not need separated cycleways.
- She accepts the legality that rates are a tax and not a fee for service.
- Wealth and the ability to pay tax are not related. For example, you could have a wealthy property but the income can be non-existent.

### **Roslyn Commons Project (1125)**

Joshua Parsons spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

### **Paul Smillie (317)**

Paul Smillie spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

### **Peter Claridge (1188)**

Peter Claridge spoke to his submission and made no additional

comments.

### **Swamp City Roller Derby (1204)**

Katherine Parlane spoke to their submission and made no additional comments.

Councillor William Wood left the meeting at 7.29pm during Submission 1204.

### **Manawatū Basketball (1231)**

Mike Ryan (General Manager) spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments:

- More cameras down Pascal Street could deter assaults, which are a regular occurrence.

### **Karakia Whakamutunga**

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 7.46 pm, 17 May 2024

Confirmed 29 May 2024

**Mayor**

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

**TO:** Council

**MEETING DATE:** 29 May 2024

**TITLE:** Notice of Motion - Alteration of Fees and Charges for the Impounding of Animals

**FROM:** Councillor William Wood

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### **THAT COUNCIL RESOLVES:**

- 1. To substitute the dog adoption fee from \$559 including de-sexing, registration, flea & worming and microchipping to instead a fee of \$250, noting the remainder of the fees set out in [Appendix 6](#)- Attachment A will remain unchanged**
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## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Under Standing Order 2.24. TE WHAKAKORE, TE WHAKAREREKE RANEI I TETAHI WHAKATAUNGA I REVOCATION OR ALTERATION OF RESOLUTION, 2.24.1 Revocation or alteration of resolutions.

I, William Wood, give notice of motion to alter the resolution of the Council on 6 March 2024:

That Council agree the fees and charges for the Impounding of Animals (in terms of section 14 of the Impounding Act 1955) and for Dog Registration and Dog Impounding (in terms of sections 37 and 68 of the Dog Control Act 1996) as proposed in Appendix 6 - Attachment A for public notification to take effect from 1 July 2024.

and give notice of my intention to move the following alteration at the Council meeting of 29 and 30 May 2024:

To substitute the dog adoption fee from \$559 including de-sexing, registration, flea & worming and microchipping to instead a fee of \$250, noting the remainder of the fees set out in Appendix 6- Attachment A will remain unchanged.

### **Rationale**

LTP Submission 1034 specifically submitted on this issue and called for Council to lower the dog adoption fee. They cited the higher level of dog euthanasia, animal rights, and moral obligation of Council to rehome dogs as their rationale for this. In their submission they suggested \$425 as a base cost for adopting a dog but in verbal questions confirmed a lower cost would be better, although not zero.

We believe this notice of motion is important so this can be considered alongside our LTP deliberations. The exact change to the fee can be debated and an amendment could be put up by councillors if they sought a different fee than \$250. Regardless of exactly what the fee is set at it is important we have the ability to have this debate in our LTP deliberations.

With 40 - 50 dogs being adopted per year, in the 2023-2024 year these were \$400, meaning a drop to \$250 would result in an actual decrease in income of \$6,000 - \$7,500 which we believe is negligible compared to the benefits in saving the lives of re-homeable dogs.

**Moved:** Councillor William Wood



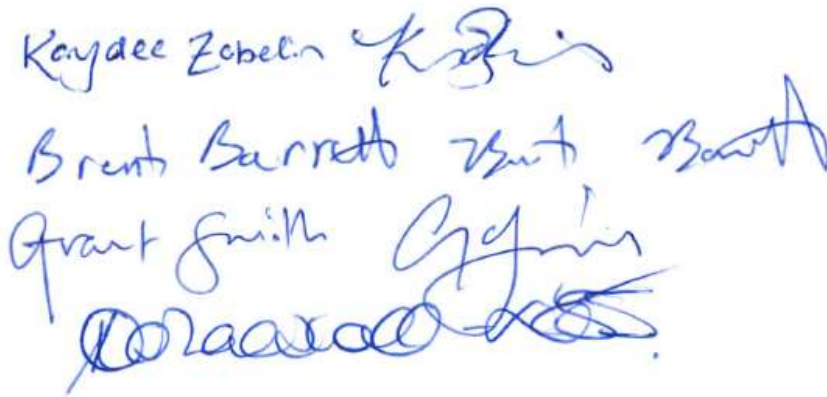
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**Seconded:** Councillor Mark Arnott




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**Signatories**



Kaydee Zobel  
Brent Barrett  
Grant Smith  
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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Officers response - Notice of Motion - Dog Adoption Fee [↓](#) 



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council

**MEETING DATE:** 29 May 2024

**TITLE:** Officer Response to Notice of Motion for fees and charges for the Impounding of Animals

**PRESENTED BY:** Rebeka Adamson, Acting Environmental Protection Services Manager

**APPROVED BY:** Kerry-Lee Probert, Acting Chief Customer Officer

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### RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. That Council receive the Officer response.
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#### 1. ISSUE

- 1.1 In relation to the proposed motion outlined in the Notice of Motion, officers provide the following information.
- 1.2 If the Notice of Motion was to be agreed by Council, a reduction in revenue can be expected, however this is not likely to affect rates as the total amount estimated to be covered as the difference is a small figure.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In accordance with Section 69A of the Dog Control Act 1996, impounded dogs must be microchipped and registered before release.
- 2.2 In accordance with Section 10 of the Animal Welfare Act 1999, the physical, health, and behavioural needs of the animal must be met in a manner that is in accordance with both good practice and scientific knowledge.
- 2.3 A decrease in adoption fee to either \$250 (according to Notice of Motion) or to \$425 (as suggested by submitter 1034) could be accommodated within Council's Revenue and Financing Policy, which was set at Medium/High (60-79%) by resolution on 6 March 2024 (24.7-24).

### 3. ANALYSIS

- 3.1 The following table provides data on the number of dogs registered, impounded and adopted during the last three financial years.

**Table 1. Number of dogs registered, impounded, and adopted per Financial Year**

Number of dogs per annum	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
Registered	9,021	9,565	9,636
Impounded	375	351	428
Rehomed <sup>1</sup>	30	44	45

- 3.2 The FY 2024/25 adoption fee of \$559 was expected to cover most costs. It was calculated taking into account the average cost per dog over the last 3 years at a veterinary cost of: \$311 for vaccination, worming and flea treatment, microchipping and de-sexing, and then a further charge for registration (adjusted annually).
- 3.3 It should be noted that the cost of de-sexing is dependent upon the size and sex of the dog, and in the case of medium to large female dogs, the actual cost is not expected to be covered by the adoption fee. For FY 2023/24 the costs for de-sexing a female dog ranged from \$280-\$650, while the de-sexing of male dogs was a fixed fee of \$220. De-sexing costs are reviewed annually and are expected to increase.
- 3.4 The 1 July 2024 fee nor the adoption fee proposed by the Notice of Motion include sustenance for the dog while in Council care (\$23 per day) or officer time. The average length of time to rehome a dog for the current FY year is 22 days, which is calculated from the date of behavioural assessment until the date rehoming is confirmed.
- 3.5 The following table is based on an assumption of 40 dogs being adopted per year and provides a comparison of three different adoption fees.

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<sup>1</sup> Officers work with organisations such as SPCA, Paws, HUHA, Retired Working Dogs NZ, and other councils across New Zealand to rehome dogs. In FY 2020/21 14 dogs, FY 2021/22 13 dogs and in FY 2022/23 20 dogs were successfully rehomed in this way and are included in the rehoming statistics in Table 1.

**Table 2. Comparison between pricing models**

	<b>Notice of Motion</b>	<b>Submitter suggestion</b>	<b>Fee as of 1 July 24</b>
<b>Adoption Fee</b>	\$ 250.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 559.00
<b>Expected Revenue</b>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 22,360.00
<b>Reduction in revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 12,360.00</b>	<b>-\$ 5,360.00</b>	

**4. CONCLUSION**

4.1 If the fee for 1 July was to be reconsidered, officers advice is that it be set at a minimum of \$311 to cover most costs associated with rehoming.

**5. COMPLIANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Does the Council have delegated authority to decide?	<b>Yes</b>
Are the decisions significant?	<b>No</b>
If they are significant do they affect land or a body of water?	<b>No</b>
Can this decision only be made through a 10 Year Plan?	<b>No</b>
Does this decision require consultation through the Special Consultative procedure?	<b>No</b>
Is there funding in the current Annual Plan for these actions?	<b>Yes</b>
Are the recommendations inconsistent with any of Council's policies or plans?	<b>Yes</b>
As stated in the Notice of Motion, this decision in contrary to the 6 March 2024 agreement of fees and charges relating to dog impounding.	
The recommendations contribute to Goal 3: A Connected and Safe Community	
The recommendations contribute to the achievement of action/actions in Safe Communities	
The action is: Provide regulatory services including Dog Control Policy and Bylaw	
Contribution to strategic direction and to social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being	Levels of service are not affected by the proposed motion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council

**MEETING DATE:** 29 May 2024

**TITLE:** Deliberations on Submissions - Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

**PRESENTED BY:** Peter Ridge - Senior Policy Analyst, and Natasha Hickmott - Activities Manager - Resource Recovery and Sustainability

**APPROVED BY:** David Murphy, Chief Planning Officer

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### RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

1. That Council receive the [submissions](#) on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024.
  2. That Council amend action 3.6 of the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024 to read:  
 "Action 3.6 - Develop a city-wide kerbside food scraps and green waste collection service"
  3. That Council amend action 3.7 of the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024 to read:  
 "Action 3.7 - Introduce residential food scraps and green waste collection and processing"
  4. That Council instruct the Chief Executive to prepare a draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan incorporating the changes above for presentation to the Council meeting on 26 June 2024 for adoption.
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### 1. ISSUE

- 1.1 The community has had an opportunity to respond to Council's draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP). This draft Plan sets out Council's objectives for managing and minimising waste and includes the proposed actions for achieving those objectives.
- 1.2 The Council received 314 written submissions on the draft WMMP. The Council also received approximately 300 further written submissions through the consultation on the draft Long-Term Plan (LTP) in relation to the Resource Recovery Activity. There are significant overlaps between these two sets of submissions, and they are considered together as being relevant to decisions about the draft WMMP.

- 1.3 This memorandum provides analysis of the issues raised by submitters and identifies any changes which we recommend should be made to the draft WMMP before it is adopted.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council is required by the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 to review its WMMP at least once every six years. The Council adopted the current WMMP in 2019, just before the development of the 2021-31 LTP.

- 2.2 Before undertaking a review of the WMMP, the Council must prepare a waste assessment in accordance with sections 50 and 51 of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008. We contracted Eunomia to conduct the waste assessment on our behalf. The period assessed was May – June 2022. The draft report was then used to inform the development of the draft Resource Recovery Plan.

- 2.3 On 14 February 2024, Council received the Palmerston North Waste Assessment 2023 and made the following resolution:

*“That Council confirm it has considered the Palmerston North Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2019 in light of the draft Palmerston North City Council Waste Assessment 2023 and agree to develop a replacement Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.”*

- 2.4 On 13 March 2024, the Sustainability Committee considered the draft WMMP and approved it for public consultation concurrent with the draft 2024-34 LTP consultation.

- 2.5 The written submission period was open from 8 April until 9 May 2024. Between 15-17 May the Council heard oral submission on the draft WMMP as part of the hearings for oral submissions on the draft LTP.

## 3. ANALYSIS

- 3.1 We have provided analysis of the issues raised by submitters in Attachment 1 to this memorandum. This analysis addresses the points raised by submitters in response to the specific proposals included in the draft WMMP. We also provide analysis and suggested responses to issues which were not included in the draft WMMP but which are related to the resource recovery activity. Some matters are out of scope for the draft WMMP but may be considered as part of the deliberations on the draft LTP.

## 4. RECOMMENDED CHANGES

- 4.1 We recommend amending actions 3.6 and 3.7 of the draft WMMP, as shown below:

“Action 3.6 - Develop a city-wide kerbside food scraps and green waste collection service.”

“Action 3.7 - Introduce residential food scraps and green waste collection and processing.”

- 4.2 These amendments are in response to the strong level of support for including green waste along with the proposed food scraps kerbside collection. Action 3.6 provides for a detailed investigation of the proposed service, which will inform the design and procurement process in action 3.7, for introduction of the service in 2028.
- 4.3 We do not recommend any further changes to the draft WMMP, though we note in the analysis document many actions which are currently underway or are already planned to happen. For instance, we will be drafting a replacement Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw in 2024/25, and we will consider the suggestion around making recycling mandatory at events as part of that review process.
- 4.4 In other instances, there are discussions underway which will continue and inform the progress of actions in the draft WMMP following adoption, such as considering the suggestion by Manawatū District Council for some kind of partnership or collaboration when we undertake the service delivery review.

**5. NEXT STEPS**

- 5.1 If the Council agrees to the recommendations in this memorandum then we will incorporate the changes into the draft WMMP for adoption by the Council on 26 June, alongside the draft LTP.

**6. COMPLIANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Does the Council have delegated authority to decide?	<b>Yes</b>
Are the decisions significant?	<b>No</b>
If they are significant do, they affect land or a body of water?	<b>No</b>
Can this decision only be made through a 10 Year Plan?	<b>No</b>
Does this decision require consultation through the Special Consultative procedure?	<b>Yes</b>
Is there funding in the current Annual Plan for these actions?	<b>Yes</b>
Are the recommendations inconsistent with any of Council's policies or plans?	<b>No</b>
The recommendations contribute to Goal 4: An Eco City	
The recommendations contribute to the achievement of action/actions in Resource Recovery	
The action is: Review the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan	
Contribution to strategic direction and to social, economic,	This analysis of submissions informs the Council's decision-making on the new Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. This will set out how the Council will work towards

environmental, and cultural well-being	achieving its waste minimisation outcomes over the next six years.
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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Analysis of WMMP Submissions - May 2024 [↓](#) 



















































## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council

**MEETING DATE:** 29 May 2024

**TITLE:** Deliberations on the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan and Associated Documents

**PRESENTED BY:** David Murphy - Chief Planning Officer, Cameron Mackay - Chief Financial Officer and Chris Dyhrberg - Chief Infrastructure Officer

**APPROVED BY:** Waid Crockett, Chief Executive

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### RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

1. That Council receive [submissions](#) on the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan. Noting submissions include comments on the Oranga Papaioea City Strategy and Plans, Financial and Infrastructure Strategies, Development Contributions Policy, Revenue and Financing Policy, the Rates Remission and Postponement Policies, rating system options, and the Significance and Engagement Policy.
2. That Council instruct the Chief Executive to prepare a draft of the final Long-Term Plan for consideration by the Council and that it incorporates the following:
  - a. changes to assumptions and budgets as set out in sections 5.2 – 5.5
  - b. carry forwards of incomplete capital programmes as set out in section 5.6 and Attachment 3
  - c. changes to budgets as a consequence of previous Council decisions and further recommendations from officers as set out in section 5.7
  - d. any additional officer proposed budget changes (see sections 5.10-5.19)
  - e. an updated corporate emissions reduction target of a 2034 interim target of a 60% reduction compared to the 2015/16 baseline
  - f. any other recommendations from Committee (see section 5.20)
  - g. any amendments as a result of public consultation as determined by this meeting of Council.
3. That Council instruct the Chief Executive to assume, in preparing the updated Revenue and Financing Policy and the Long-term Plan that the rates system from 1 July 2024 will incorporate:

#### EITHER

Council's preferred option of a general rate based on the land value and a targeted rate based on the capital value (known as hybrid option of 70% LV/30%

CV), introduced in one step and a rural differential of 65% for the rural/semi-serviced (0.2 to 5ha) group

OR

Another option in response to submissions.

4. That Council instruct the Chief Executive to prepare updated drafts of the Oranga Papaioea City Strategy and Plans, Financial and Infrastructure Strategies, Development Contributions Policy, Revenue and Financing Policy and Rates Remission and Postponement Policies incorporating any changes consequential on the recommendations above for consideration by the Council.
5. That Council call an extraordinary meeting on Monday 10 June 2024 at 9am, Council Chambers 32 Te Marae o Hine, The Square to consider the final draft Long-Term Plan 2024/34.

## 1. ISSUE

- 1.1 Council has just completed its consultation on the proposed 2024-34 Long-Term Plan (LTP).
- 1.2 Council now needs to consider the consultation feedback and decide what changes it would like to make in response. Officers will then prepare the final Long-Term Plan for Council to consider on 10 June and adopt, following the finalisation of the audit, on 26 June.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Council started to develop the 2024 LTP shortly after the 2022 Local Government elections. It adopted the consultation material on 3 April 2024 and consulted the community between 8 April to 9 May 2024.
- 2.2 A full description of Council's LTP process to date was presented in the LTP report that went to Council on [3 April 2024](#).

## 3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The consultation involved:
  - A brochure to all households
  - A letter to all ratepayers
  - Sector sessions for specific stakeholder groups
  - Working with high schools
  - Public drop-in sessions
  - Planning Palmy Expo
  - Information at libraries, customer service centres, relevant community facilities
  - An LTP hub on the Council's website



- A property search tool on the Council's website demonstrating possible rates incidence for three rates scenarios including the Council's preferred option
- Facebook / YouTube Live with Elected Members
- Media, stakeholder communications, social media advertising.

3.2 Council held a hui with Rangitāne o Manawatū on 1 May as part of our partnership agreement and to obtain feedback on the proposed LTP.

3.3 For a full description of the consultation process see Attachment 1.

3.4 Council received 1441 submissions and 150 submitters presented to Council at hearings held on the 15-17 May.

3.5 Council also consulted on the Future Development Strategy, the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, the Development Contributions Policy, Revenue and Financing Policy, the Rates Remission and Postponement Policies and the Significance and Engagement Policy.

#### 4. **SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS**

4.1 Council received 1441 submissions, covering a wide range of comments on the proposed LTP.

4.2 The most common theme running through the submissions is that Council should stick to the basics to keep costs down.

4.3 There is clear agreement that the "basics" includes water, wastewater and stormwater. This includes Nature Calls, although many submitters were unsure how to pay for it.

4.4 The "basics" also includes rubbish and recycling. However, while submissions want an extended list of items that can be recycled, there were mixed views on food scraps and green waste recycling, with many submissions saying these are for households to manage themselves.

4.5 Transport is also seen as a "basic" - although there are contrasting views on how much Council should focus on providing cycling.

4.6 Housing also has some support as a "basic" – in particular residential housing. Social housing had contrasting views, with some seeing it as something Council should provide, while others say it is a Central Government responsibility. There are contrasting views on growth, and in particular infill vs greenfield developments.

4.7 For a full summary of the key themes in the submissions see Attachment 2. This summary also covers the Oranga Papaioea City Strategy and Plans, Financial and Infrastructure Strategies, Development Contributions Policy, Revenue and Financing Policy, the Rates Remission and Postponement Policies and the Significance and Engagement Policy.

- 4.8 While not prominent in written submissions, an emerging theme in the LTP forums was concern that parts of the District Plan are no longer fit for purpose in facilitating development in the City. Post the completion of the Sectional District Plan Review in 2019, the focus of the City Planning work programme has been on enabling urban growth. The process of rezoning land is complex, time-consuming, expensive and technically demanding. Progress has been slow and is not meeting the expectations of Council or the community. Where land has been rezoned, infrastructure upgrades have been slow to respond and / or reliant on third parties such as NZTA Waka Kotahi. The challenge is balancing increasingly complex issues, national direction, working within budgets and growing internal capability, whilst also making progress on the rezoning proposals.
- 4.9 Further reflection on the way in which urban design is incorporated within the District Plan and applied via the resource consent process is also required. In the last decade we have seen positive change in the quality of urban development delivered in the City. However, at times this change has been a source of frustration for the development community and an appropriate balance is required. This will be a key issue that needs to be addressed as part of the ongoing review of the District Plan.
- 4.10 Officers have prepared a separate report to this Council meeting on the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan submissions.

**5. UPDATED ASSUMPTIONS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

- 5.1 There are several recommended changes to budgets outlined below and some of these have additional material in Attachments 3- 5.

**Interest rate assumption**

- 5.2 Because the Council has interest rate hedging in place (that reduces the average cost of funds, particularly in the first three years), below the market rates and we are nearer the start of the next financial year we are now comfortable recommending a minor change to the interest rate assumption. At present it has been assumed the rate will be 5.2% throughout the term of the LTP and our past practice has been to use a common percentage throughout. The interest rate assumption is one of the key assumptions reviewed for each annual budget and subsequent LTP. Our recommendation is that the interest rate be assumed to be 5% for the first three years of the LTP and 5.2% thereafter. This change has been built into the budget model.

### **Opening debt balance**

- 5.3 This has been updated taking into account the anticipated cash movements in the current 2023/24 financial year. This has reduced from \$264.5M to \$256.4M.

### **Parking infringement revenue**

- 5.4 As identified and reported through the April 2024 monthly financial dashboard, officers have revised assumptions used in the parking infringement revenue. The revenue assumption for 2024/25 has now been increased by \$500k to \$3M, with future years inflation adjusted.

### **Insurance costs**

- 5.5 As indicated throughout the current year the insurance market is becoming even more challenging. Brokers are working with officers to negotiate with insurers to obtain an appropriate insurance regime for 2024/25. Indications at this stage are that not only will insurance cover be more difficult to obtain but terms will be more restrictive and in many of the insurances, premiums will be significantly increased. The draft budget assumed an increase 5% in overall premium costs, but this will not be enough to provide adequate cover. Although there is still a high level of uncertainty about what it will be, it is proposed the budgets be increased by an additional \$800k – there is still some risk this will be insufficient. The budget has been updated to include this increased provision from \$3.7M to \$4.5M.

### **Carry forwards of incomplete 2023/24 capital programmes**

- 5.6 The 2023/24 capital programme is on track to deliver the highest completion rate in Council's history. Despite this, there are some works that are not going to be fully completed by 30 June. There are several programmes that will require a carry forward into the 2024-34 LTP. Most will be completed in Year 1 of the LTP as work is underway and/or under contract to be delivered in the upcoming construction season. In the case of the Social Housing/Summerhays Development carry forwards, these are being proposed to be carried into years 1-3 as a result of Council decision 66-24 of 1 May 2024 requesting additional information for this project. See section 5.7 for further details.

A schedule of the carry forwards is included in Attachment 3.

### **Follow-on impacts of Council Decisions**

- 5.7 At its meeting on 14 February 2024 Council resolved (20-24) to purchase a section of land in the current 2023/24 financial year in advance of the community hubs development under Programme 2343 in the LTP. This decision also removed the associated budget from Year 1 of this programme, which was intended for the land purchase. Construction of a new community hub in Awapuni is currently planned for Year 2. To meet this timeframe, a

portion of this budget is required to be brought forward from Year 2 into Year 1 for detailed design work. The budget required for this work is \$1M.

At its meeting on 1 May 2024 Council requested (66-24) an additional report for information regarding potential operating models for social housing. As this report will take some time, officers acknowledge that the planned timeline for the Summerhays Development proposed in the LTP is no longer achievable. Officers suggest that construction is deferred by two years (from Year 1 to Year 3) to enable reports to be finalised, decisions to be made and designs completed. The pause associated with this request has resulted in an underspend in the current year. This underspend is requested to be carried forward from 2023/24 to the LTP. The carry forward would be spread over the first three years. Year's 1 and 2 will now contain a sum allocated to investigations, design and planning costs. \$500,000 per year (inflation adjusted in Year 2) is proposed. The balance of the carry forward will be allocated to the first year of construction in Year 3.

The updated timing of Summerhays Development (including the carry forward adjustment) is summarised in the tables below:

Consultation \$'000s	Yr 1 24/25	Yr 2 25/26	Yr 3 26/27	Yr 4 27/28	Yr 5 28/29	Yr 6 29/30	Yr 7 30/31	Yr 8 31/32	Yr 9 32/33	Yr 10 33/34
P-1459	4,000	6,637	6,783	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Proposal \$'000s	Yr 1 24/25	Yr 2 25/26	Yr 3 26/27	Yr 4 27/28	Yr 5 28/29	Yr 6 29/30	Yr 7 30/31	Yr 8 31/32	Yr 9 32/33	Yr 10 33/34
P-1459	500	511	6,783	6,925	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Updated financial picture incorporating changes in 5.2 to 5.7**

5.8 The changes detailed above have been updated in the financial model and the outcome is summarised in the tables below.

**Table 1: Breakdown of indicative rates increase, Year 1**

<b>Operating Cost</b>	<b>Consultation Document - Impact on Total Rates for 2024/25 (Year 1)</b>	<b>Draft Final - Impact on Total Rates for 2024/25 (Year 1)</b>	<b>Movement</b>
Interest Costs on Debt	4.2%	3.8%	(0.40%)
Debt Repayment	2.1%	2.1%	-
Rolling Average Renewal increase	0.8%	0.8%	-
Labour Costs – Market Movement	3.6%	3.6%	-
Utilities and Insurance	0.4%	1.1%	0.70%
Software Licences	0.6%	0.6%	-
All Other (Contractors, Professional Services, Materials, etc.)	2.3%	2.2%	(0.10%)
Revenue [excluding rates]	(2.7%)	(3.1%)	(0.40%)
<b>Indicative Increase in total rates for Year 1</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>(0.20%)</b>

**Table 2: Rates indicative increases, 2024-34 (based on changes in 5.2 to 5.7)**

	Year 1 24/25	Year 2 24/25	Year 3 24/25	Year 4 24/25	Year 5 24/25	Year 6 24/25	Year 7 24/25	Year 8 24/25	Year 9 24/25	Year 10 24/25
With additional debt repayment	11.1%	10.3%	9.7%	9.5%	7.6%	6.2%	5.5%	5.8%	4.1%	4.1%
Without additional debt repayment	11.1%	10.3%	9.7%	6.5%	5.0%	5.5%	1.8%	1.4%	3.2%	2.3%

**Table 3: 10 Year Capital Total Breakdown (based on changes in 5.2 to 5.7)**

	AB 23/24	Year 1 24/25	Year 2 24/25	Year 3 24/25	Year 4 24/25	Year 5 24/25	Year 6 24/25	Year 7 24/25	Year 8 24/25	Year 9 24/25	Year 10 24/25
Renewals	28,141	33,101	35,660	36,427	40,745	40,500	45,427	49,871	53,829	54,136	54,224
New Capex	52,186	60,643	113,923	131,793	185,427	193,935	190,010	201,631	208,634	168,165	115,570
Growth	13,018	15,372	13,350	29,866	25,837	36,056	52,967	46,587	46,262	28,594	29,035
<b>Total</b>	<b>93,344</b>	<b>109,116</b>	<b>162,932</b>	<b>198,086</b>	<b>252,009</b>	<b>270,491</b>	<b>288,403</b>	<b>298,089</b>	<b>308,725</b>	<b>250,895</b>	<b>198,829</b>

**Table 4: Updated debt to revenue ratio (%), 2024-34**

Debt to Revenue Ratio %									
Year 1 24/25	Year 2 24/25	Year 3 24/25	Year 4 24/25	Year 5 24/25	Year 6 24/25	Year 7 24/25	Year 8 24/25	Year 9 24/25	Year 10 24/25
171%	200%	231%	245%	246%	243%	231%	220%	216%	207%

**Key financial principles to keep in mind**

5.9 The proposed LTP was constructed having regard for a number of financial planning principles and strategies and these cannot be lost sight of during the LTP finalisation process.

These included:

- Making adequate revenue provision to fund forecast operating costs in order to deliver the defined levels of service (i.e. meeting the legislative balanced budget tests) as well as adequate financial provision to fund asset renewal. To moderate the rates impact in early years, some of the renewal provisions will be progressively increased over five years rather than in year 1 of the LTP.
- Increasing the Council's policy limit for the maximum debt/revenue ratio in order to fund an increased investment in new capital and also being prepared to increase revenue (including rates) in order to achieve sufficient debt headroom. This included making provision for accelerated debt repayment of \$148M from years 4 to 10. It should be noted that throughout the consideration process we will be monitoring this aspect of the budget and providing progressive updated advice about what additional debt repayments will be appropriate in the light of any other changes proposed to the capital expenditure programme.
- Making provision for investing in the Nature Calls programme but funding it through a special purpose funding vehicle with the costs of servicing and repaying the debt raised by the vehicle being charged

to ratepayers by way of an IFF levy. No assessment has been made of the affordability of this approach for ratepayers.

- Assuming that significant other capital investments would be funded through other mechanisms such as developer agreements, utilising Council's assets in a different manner or obtaining grants or contributions from other parties. There is a significant risk that these assumptions will not come to fruition and in the short term there is a greater than usual level of uncertainty around the funding assumed from NZTA Waka Kotahi. Due to the limited debt to revenue headroom, capital programmes that do not achieve the assumed level of external funding will not be able to proceed without reprioritisation of the remaining capital programme.

**Additional Officer proposed budgets changes**

5.10 Throughout the consultation period, officers have been reviewing the proposed budgets to reflect the latest known information. Brief information of suggested budget updates has been included as a summary below for consideration:

5.11 Local Water Done Well – during the consultation period, the Mayor received a letter (Attachment 5) from the Minister for Local Government asking for councils to consider if it was possible for redirecting any unspent and uncommitted funding from the current Better Off Funding Projects towards either Water and/or Transition expenditure. Whilst no formal direction has been given by Central Government, it is highly probable that this may come in the future. Therefore, it is seen as a prudent measure to secure the remaining Better Off Funding by moving the funding towards Water Infrastructure programmes rather than the current Better Off Funded programmes. Details of the proposal are included in Attachment 4 and have been summarised below for Elected Member consideration:

- Propose to move the funding source for four of the six Better Off Funded projects towards Water Infrastructure Programmes.
  - The funding source would be swapped between the two sets of programmes – e.g. Better Off Funding transferred to Water projects and Council loan funding from those Water projects to transfer to the Better Off Funded projects
  - Confirm that the existing 'Better Off Funded' projects will still proceed as planned (or amended for timing only) in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan.
- Rates impact of this is negligible in Year 1 and slight decreases of 0.1% in Year 2 and 0.2% in Year 3.

5.12 Manawatū Regional Freight Ring Road Business Case – Officers have discussed the timing of key transport business cases with NZTA Waka Kotahi.

The Ring Road business case was initially proposed to occur in Year 1 but was subsequently pushed back to year 2 to better distribute costs and workloads across the first 3 years of the LTP. Given the change in the GPS – Transport, recent Government announcements regarding roads of regional significance and LTP submissions seeking immediate progress on the Ring Road, it is recommended the business case starts in year 1. Following discussions with NZTA Waka Kotahi officials, it is anticipated that this will be supported by co-funding from NZTA Kotahi.

- Programme 2477 Regional Freight Ring Road Indicative Business Case brought forward, noting the funding assumption from NZTA Waka Kotahi. Rating impact is \$250,000 or 0.2%.

To help compensate for this it is proposed the timing of the business case for the Aokautere Urban Growth Business case be moved from years 1 and 2 to year 3 of the LTP as follows:

- Programme 2485 Aokautere Urban Growth Business case – move \$450k from year 1 and \$459k from year 2 to year 3.

5.13 For Urban Growth Work (Programme 2512) associated with water supply at Kikiwhenua, an engineer’s estimate and detailed quantity survey work has determined that for construction of the Phase 1 water main a budget of \$1.3M is required in Year 1. The current programme budgets have \$1.05M across Years 1 & 2. An additional sum of money (\$250k) is proposed to be transferred from Year 7 of Programme 1170.

- The rating impact in Year 1 of this change is \$19,075. Year 2 and onwards rates would increase by \$131,862 or 0.1% as a result of the additional interest and debt repayment.

Consultation	Yr 1 24/25	Yr 2 25/26	Yr 3 26/27	Yr 4 27/28	Yr 5 28/29	Yr 6 29/30	Yr 7 30/31	Yr 8 31/32	Yr 9 32/33	Yr 10 33/34
\$'000's										
P-1170	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,476	2,960	1,209	2,716
P-2512	500	513	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Proposed	Yr 1 24/25	Yr 2 25/26	Yr 3 26/27	Yr 4 27/28	Yr 5 28/29	Yr 6 29/30	Yr 7 30/31	Yr 8 31/32	Yr 9 32/33	Yr 10 33/34
\$'000's										
P-1170	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,186	2,960	1,209	2,716
P-2512	1,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



5.14 Programmes 902 and 2518 are for Council to address its legislative obligations to remedy its earthquake prone buildings. With the recently announced extension of time by four years, officers have revised the profile of the spend through the LTP budgets.

- As Programme 2518 has a 90% externally funded assumption, the rating impact can be provided during the meeting. Year 7 rates will decrease, while Year 8, 9 and 10 will increase based on the timing of loan funding for this programme.

Consultation \$'000s	Yr 1 24/25	Yr 2 25/26	Yr 3 26/27	Yr 4 27/28	Yr 5 28/29	Yr 6 29/30	Yr 7 30/31	Yr 8 31/32	Yr 9 32/33	Yr 10 33/34
P-902	2,000	6,637	6,783	-	-	-	-	8,615	8,770	5,952
P-2518	-	-	-	31,962	32,601	33,219	33,849	-	-	-

Proposed \$'000s	Yr 1 24/25	Yr 2 25/26	Yr 3 26/27	Yr 4 27/28	Yr 5 28/29	Yr 6 29/30	Yr 7 30/31	Yr 8 31/32	Yr 9 32/33	Yr 10 33/34
P-902	2,000	6,637	6,783	-	-	-	-	-	-	8927
P-2518	-	-	-	1,065	31,514	33,219	1,128	33,309	35,079	-

5.15 As part of our on-going peer review officers have found a duplication of programmes between City Reserves and Local Reserves. Programme 2510 Waterloo to Roxburgh Connection and Programme 1856 Manawatū River Park Roxburgh Entrance Development are intended for the same work. A small increase is proposed in Year 2 for Programme 1856, which is offset over the life of the plan by the removal of Programme 2510.

- The rating impact of this change is in all years. The rating increase percentage would not change due to rounding.

Consultation \$'000s	Yr 1 24/25	Yr 2 25/26	Yr 3 26/27	Yr 4 27/28	Yr 5 28/29	Yr 6 29/30	Yr 7 30/31	Yr 8 31/32	Yr 9 32/33	Yr 10 33/34
P-1856	-	128	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P-2510	-	-	-	71	98	-	-	-	-	-

Proposal \$'000s	Yr 1 24/25	Yr 2 25/26	Yr 3 26/27	Yr 4 27/28	Yr 5 28/29	Yr 6 29/30	Yr 7 30/31	Yr 8 31/32	Yr 9 32/33	Yr 10 33/34
P-1856	-	153	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P-2510	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

5.16 An opportunity has presented itself to utilise a current year underspend for capital renewal programmes in Resource Recovery and 3 Waters, in the Information Services space. As a result, the budget proposed for Year 1 against Programme 2496 – Data Centre Refresh can be reduced by the corresponding amount.

- There is a decrease in the rating requirement of \$66,000 as a result of this change. The percentage would not change due to rounding.

Consultation \$'000s	Yr 1 24/25	Yr 2 25/26	Yr 3 26/27	Yr 4 27/28	Yr 5 28/29	Yr 6 29/30	Yr 7 30/31	Yr 8 31/32	Yr 9 32/33	Yr 10 33/34
P-2496	650	-	-	-	-	830	-	-	-	-

Proposal \$'000s	Yr 1 24/25	Yr 2 25/26	Yr 3 26/27	Yr 4 27/28	Yr 5 28/29	Yr 6 29/30	Yr 7 30/31	Yr 8 31/32	Yr 9 32/33	Yr 10 33/34
P-2496	460	-	-	-	-	830	-	-	-	-

5.17 As part of the prioritisation of the Capital Programme in the drafting of the LTP the Te Utanganui Transport Improvements Business Case was moved to years 4 and 5. Capital Programme 2058 – Urban Growth North East Industrial Zone New Roads remained budgeted to occur in Years 3 to 6 but is reliant on the Te Utanganui Transport Improvements Business Case to be completed first. Officers propose to correct this timing issue by moving the capital works to commence in Year 6 and complete in Year 9.

- Rates would decrease in Years 3 to 6 as a result of this change, with increases associated with the timing of interest and debt repayments for Years 7 to 9. The net position over the life of the plan is the same.

Consultation \$'000's	Yr 1 24/25	Yr 2 25/26	Yr 3 26/27	Yr 4 27/28	Yr 5 28/29	Yr 6 29/30	Yr 7 30/31	Yr 8 31/32	Yr 9 32/33	Yr 10 33/34
P-2058	-	-	4,696	5,978	6,110	6,238	-	-	-	-

Proposal \$'000's	Yr 1 24/25	Yr 2 25/26	Yr 3 26/27	Yr 4 27/28	Yr 5 28/29	Yr 6 29/30	Yr 7 30/31	Yr 8 31/32	Yr 9 32/33	Yr 10 33/34
P-2058	-	-	-	-	-	5,013	6,363	6,490	6,620	-

5.18 The previous Government's Transition Support Funding Package has been redirected towards Local Water Done Well. Council is expecting to receive \$400k to support this work. Officers recommend that this funding is applied to costs that we are expecting to incur to support Local Water Done Well. An expenditure and revenue budget of \$400k (cost neutral) would be added to the budget of the Chief Executive in the Governance and Active Citizenship activity.

- There is no rating impact to this change as it is neutral.

5.19 It was highlighted during the deliberations for the Future Development Strategy that many of the proposed development areas have significant infrastructure constraints which require a large volume of detailed technical information. While some of this information can be prepared by officers and can be covered by existing budgets, some additional budget will be required to compile the most technical information for a plan change to progress. The activities that require additional budget for plan change technical support are transport and stormwater. New additional operational programmes are proposed to be included as follows:

- The rating impact in Year 1 is \$150,000 or 0.1%. There is no impact to the increase in Year 2 due to the budget being added into Year 1.

Proposal \$'000s	Yr 1 24/25	Yr 2 25/26	Yr 3 26/27	Yr 4 27/28	Yr 5 28/29	Yr 6 29/30	Yr 7 30/31	Yr 8 31/32	Yr 9 32/33	Yr 10 33/34
P-Transport	60	61	63	64	-	-	-	-	-	-
P-Stormwater	90	92	95	97	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Decisions referred from Council and/or Committee**

5.20 The Sustainability Committee, 13 March 2024, resolved that Council note that further officer advice on the corporate emissions reduction target will be provided alongside deliberations on the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan.

Noting the advice around practicalities provided to the Committee meeting, officers recommend the following with regards to the setting of a new organisational emissions reduction target:

1. PNCC targets net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, in line with national and international targets
2. Extrapolating backwards from the above, a new 2034 interim target of a 60% reduction compared to the 2015/16 baseline is recommended.

A pure linear extrapolation would mean a 54% target, but the final push to net-zero is likely to be difficult as most easier reduction opportunities are exhausted, meaning Council should be 'ahead' to give itself the best opportunity of success.

5.21 The Culture and Sport Committee, 8 November 2023, resolved that Council note the outcomes of the investigation into the low investment opportunities described in this report will be reported back to Council in time to consider investment in the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan. These opportunities were identified in the aquatic facilities needs assessment.

The key low investment opportunity is to develop partnerships with schools so their pools can be used for leisure swimming (as opposed to lane sport and learn-to-swim space). Research by Sport Manawatū concluded that schools face many barriers to keeping pools operational for their own community let alone for wider public use. Assistance from Council could help them overcome these barriers and enable more community access to their pools. The proposed LTP budget includes programme 2523 (\$100,000 per year in years 1-3) which could be used, following further detailed investigations, for this.

Another potential low-cost opportunity is improving Hokowhitu Lagoon's water quality for water-based recreation activities. However, investigations have shown that this would require significant resources and is unlikely to greatly improve water quality. The Manawatū Kiwi Canoe Polo Club have also raised issues about the ongoing use of the Lagoon for canoe polo, in part due to water quality issues. These underpin its desire to relocate to a purpose-built facility. No budget has been proposed for this.

Analysis of the other low investment options has been provided to Elected Members as part of the Question and Answer material leading up this deliberations meeting. Any additional opportunities would need to be agreed by Elected Members at this meeting for inclusion in the LTP budget.

5.22 Council has referred several other decisions to the 2024-34 Deliberations from Council and/or Committee meetings since the adoption of the material for consultation. Further recommendations for Council discussion at this meeting are set out in table 5 below.

**Table 5**

	Source	Recommendation
a.	Community, 20 March 2024	Increase Housing Advice Centre's Sector Lead grant funding by \$21,131 for the 2024/25 financial year and adjusted for inflation in future years.
b.	Culture & Sport, 27 March 2024	Increase Creative Sounds Sector Lead Grant of an additional \$68,000 for 2024/5, and inflation adjusted for future years
c.	Council, 1 May	Up to \$100,000 additional resourcing to support improved youth well-being outcomes as indicated in the Progress report: Youth wellbeing forum and plan.
d.	Sustainability, 22 May	Allocation of dedicated resources for delivery of the draft Food Security and Resilience Policy to the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan deliberations.
e.	Future Development Steering Group, 10 May	That Palmerston North City Council develop a new city-wide stormwater strategy prior to the development of the 2027 Future Development Strategy.

5.23 Officer response to the Future Development Strategy Steering Group request (f) is to propose an additional operational programme for Stormwater Strategy is created and added to Years 1 & 2 as per below.

- The rating impact of this in Year 1 is \$103,000 or 0.1%. The impact in Years 2 and 3 is a slight reduction.

Proposal	Yr 1 24/25	Yr 2 25/26	Yr 3 26/27	Yr 4 27/28	Yr 5 28/29	Yr 6 29/30	Yr 7 30/31	Yr 8 31/32	Yr 9 32/33	Yr 10 33/34
\$'000s										
P-S.Strategy	103	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**6. RATING SYSTEM**

6.1 The proposed changes to the rating system was one of the more significant matters contained in the public engagement process and through the construction of the feedback questionnaire most submitters made some comment on the proposal. The broad themes of the feedback are outlined in Attachment 2.

6.2 More detail about the specific matters raised is outlined in Attachment 6. In particular the attachment addresses the following:

- Restates the Council's rates proposal and the rationale for it

- Highlights a number of common misconceptions about rates and the rating system and attempts to outline the factual position
- Recognises there is a broad cross section of views (many strongly held at each end of the spectrum) about which rating base is the most appropriate
- Provides more information about the rates assessed on properties in the rural/semi-serviced (0.2 to 5 ha) differential category.

6.3 The Council needs to determine whether it wishes to proceed with its preferred option involving the implementation of a targeted rate based on the capital value to fund the transport, economic development, urban design and housing activities. The possible options available at this stage in the process include:

- Confirmation of the preferred hybrid (70/30 LV/CV) option beginning in 2024/25
- Signalling a move to a full capital value based system (i.e. ultimately a general rate based on capital value) over a three year period with the first year implemented from 2024/25 using the same structure as for the preferred option
- Retaining the status quo (with no new separate rate)

6.4 There is no clear preference expressed through the public engagement process. As such there are no specific recommendations being made here and it is a matter for Council to decide. If the Council has the desire to make a change but there is a concern about the level of change being experienced by some ratepayers it would be possible to delay the change so that it first applied from 2025/26. If this was done the final form of the system would be determined having knowledge of the outcomes of the 2024 city revaluation. However, those who would benefit from the change would have to wait longer to begin to receive this benefit and the revaluation could exacerbate the amount of the change for some ratepayers.

6.5 The Council also needs to determine its response to the significant number of submissions from rural/semi-serviced ratepayers ('lifestyle blocks'). This involves determining what level of differential (described in our engagements publicly as a discount) is appropriate (the original proposal or something greater) and whether any change should be implemented over a period (say two years). More information about these rates is contained in Attachment 6.






**7. NEXT STEPS**

- 7.1 Based on the direction provided at this meeting, officers will prepare a draft of the final LTP for Council approval on 10 June 2024 and subsequent adoption following audit, on 26 June 2024.
- 7.2 Audit will continue its review of the LTP and present its report to the meeting on 26 June 2024.
- 7.3 Council will adopt the LTP on 26 June 2024.
- 7.4 Council will also adopt the following on the 26 June 2024:
  - Oranga Papaioea City Strategy and Plans
  - Financial and Infrastructure Strategies
  - Development Contributions Policy
  - Revenue and Financing Policy
  - the Rates Remission and Postponement Policies
  - Significance and Engagement Policy
  - the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

**8. COMPLIANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Does Council have delegated authority to decide?	<b>Yes</b>
Are the decisions significant?	<b>No</b>
If they are significant do they affect land or a body of water?	<b>No</b>
Can this decision only be made through a 10 Year Plan?	<b>No</b>
Does this decision require consultation through the Special Consultative procedure?	<b>Yes</b>
Is there funding in the current Annual Plan for these actions?	<b>Yes</b>
Are the recommendations inconsistent with any of Council's policies or plans?	<b>No</b>
Contribution to Council's strategic direction and to social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being: The recommendations contribute to the development of the Council's 2024-34 Long-term Plan. Hence, they are about how Council could deliver its 2024 strategic direction and how it could contribute to social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing.	

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Marketing and Communication report [↓](#) 
2. Summary of Submissions [↓](#) 
3. Carry Forwards [↓](#) 
4. Better Off Funding Information [↓](#) 
5. Minister of Local Government to Mayors and Chair - 5 April 2024 [↓](#) 
6. Rating systems review [↓](#) 