

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 25 March 2026, commencing at 9.02am.

- Members Present:** Grant Smith (The Mayor) (in the Chair) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.
- Apologies:** Cr Lew Findlay (early departure)

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb opened the meeting with karakia.

16-26 Apologies

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council receive the apologies.

Clause 16-26 above was carried 16 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, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin declared a conflict of interest in Item 17 Extension of term of Trustee on Regent Theatre Trust Board (clause 24-26) and Item 27 District Licensing Committee Appointments (clause 30-26) and took no further part in discussion or debate.

Councillor Orphée Mickalad declared a conflict of interest in Item 27 District Licensing Committee Appointments (clause 30-26) and took no further part in discussion or debate.

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17-26 Public Comment

Bernice Adlam, Co-Chair of Palmy BID spoke on Item 7 Urban Bus Terminal Waiting Room.

Palmy BID has serious concerns around inner city homeless people being attracted to a new urban city bus terminal. Palmy BID requested that all decisions be put on hold.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

That Council receive the public comment.

Clause 17-26 above was carried 16 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, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

18-26 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting of 11 February 2026 Part I Public and Part II Confidential be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 18-26 above was carried 16 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, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

REPORTS

19-26 Urban Bus Terminal Waiting Lounge and Bus Drivers' Lounge

Memorandum, presented by David Murphy, General Manager Strategic Planning, Glenn Bunny, Manager Property & Mark Read, Manager Transport Services, Horizons Regional Council.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

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RESOLVED

1. That Council refer an annual operational budget of \$82,000 to the 2026/27 Annual Budget deliberations to lease space in the Tryp Wyndham Hotel development for an Urban Bus Terminal Waiting Lounge and Bus Drivers Lounge, subject to confirmed co-funding, with the net cost to Palmerston North City Council estimated to be \$10,746 per annum.
2. That Council refer a capital new budget of \$200,000 to the 2026/27 Annual Budget deliberations to support the fit-out and establishment of the Urban Bus Terminal Waiting Lounge and Bus Drivers' Lounge, subject to 50% of the capital costs being co-funded by Horizons Regional Council.

Clause 19-26 above was carried 10 votes to 5, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

Against:

Councillors Mark Arnott, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan and William Wood.

Abstained:

Councillor Lew Findlay.

Note:

Moved William Wood, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

On a procedural motion that under SO 2.14.1 (e) That the item of business being discussed lie on the table until further information can be provided.

The procedural motion was lost 6 votes to 10, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Mark Arnott, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan and William Wood.

Against:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

The meeting adjourned at 10.25am

The meeting resumed at 10.44am

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20-26 Implication of the Wastewater Environmental Performance Standards (WEPS) on the Nature Calls Project

Report, presented by Mike Monaghan - Manager 3 Waters and Anna Lewis - Nature Calls Project Manager, and Francis xx Stantec.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

RESOLVED

That Council instruct the Chief Executive to **continue to investigate** Option C, with the addition of a \$1M per annum Adaptive Management Strategy and Plan, as a Nature Calls discharge option for the following reasons: compliance with wastewater environmental performance standards; alignment with project objectives and cost.

Clause 20-26 above was carried 12 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Orphée Mickalad, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Against:

Councillors Mark Arnott, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan and Karen Naylor.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

RESOLVED

That Council instruct the Chief Executive to **discard** Option A from the Nature Calls discharge options for the following reasons: compliance with wastewater environmental performance standards; alignment with project objectives.

That Council instruct the Chief Executive to **discard** Option E from the Nature Calls discharge options for the following reasons: compliance with wastewater environmental performance standards; alignment with project objectives and cost.

That Council instruct the Chief Executive to **continue to investigate** Option B, with the addition of a \$1M per annum Adaptive Management Strategy and Plan, as a Nature Calls discharge option for the following reasons: compliance with wastewater environmental performance standards; alignment with project objectives and cost.

Clause 20-26 above was carried 16 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, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

21-26 Proposed Amendments to the Signs and Use of Public Places Bylaw 2015 (Election Signs) - Approval for Consultation

Report, presented by Ann-Marie Mori, Policy Analyst and Peter Ridge, Manager Strategy & Policy.

The meeting adjourned at 12.15pm.

The meeting resumed at 2.35pm.

Councillor Rachel Bowen returned to the meeting online.

Councillor Lew Findlay was not present when the meeting resumed at 2:35pm.

Councillor Wood moved six amendments to the draft bylaw for the following reasons:

1. proposed increase of signage to 1.5m² creates a financial barrier to new candidates, and provides a visual nuisance due to the large number of candidates contesting the local body election. For practicality, for national elections it would be better for the bylaw to adhere to the guidance from the Electoral Commission, as political parties tend to print in bulk signs of the same size;
2. current wording in draft bylaw suggests that consented non-luminated signs are not permissible. Proposed amendment will allow all signs/ consented or not to be allowed;
3. requiring written consent from property owners before putting a sign on a fence is unenforceable and is therefore redundant. Prefer status quo of no written request required;
4. having a 9 week period forces officers to interpret what is an election sign is – and the only way to enforce a bylaw is through legal action. Prefer status quo of no time limit imposed by bylaw;
- 5 and 6 . clarifies wording in draft bylaw after new definitions added – to allow one party sign, and one candidate sign per fence (status quo).

Councillor Lew Findlay returned to the meeting at 3.01pm

Moved William Wood, seconded Lorna Johnson.

RESOLVED

That the draft bylaw be amended in the following ways prior to consultation:

1. Be amended to include a 0.6 m² limit for residential election signs for local government elections, and 3m² for residential election signs for central government elections.

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Clause 21-26 above was carried 16 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, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Moved William Wood, seconded Lorna Johnson.

RESOLVED

That the draft bylaw be amended in the following ways prior to consultation:

4. Remove clauses 10.12 and 10.13 from the proposed bylaw,

Clause 21-26 above was carried 15 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Against:

Councillor Vaughan Dennison.

Moved William Wood, seconded Lorna Johnson.

RESOLVED

That the draft bylaw be amended in the following ways prior to consultation:

2. Clause 10.9 be amended to allow Election Signs or Advertisements to be displayed on any Illuminated, Digital or other Sign which is either permitted under the District Plan rules for an Advertising Sign or holds a resource consent.

3. Remove clause 10.5 from the proposed bylaw,

5. Amend clause 10.3 to read "No site may display more than one candidate advertisement election sign per candidate.

6. Amend clause 10.4 to read "No site may display more than one party advertisement election sign per political party.

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Clause 21-26 above was carried 15 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Against:

Councillor Lew Findlay.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That the Statement of Proposal – Amendments to the Signs and Use of Public Places Bylaw 2015 (election signs) (as amended above), in Attachment 1, is approved for public consultation.

Clause 21-26 above was carried 16 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, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Moved Orphée Mickalad, seconded Hayden Fitzgerald.

NOTE: On an amendment to Amendment 1: Be amended to include a ~~0.6~~ **1.5** m2 limit for residential election signs for local government elections, and 3m2 for residential election signs for central government elections.

The amendment was lost 4 votes to 12, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Mark Arnott, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta and Orphée Mickalad.

Against:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

NOTE: On an amendment to Amendment 4: **That** clauses 10.12 and 10.13 from the proposed bylaw, **apply for local body elections only.**

The amendment was lost 2 votes to 14, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb and Vaughan Dennison.

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Against:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

22-26 465B Church Street – Fire Damage Reinstatement (Insurance Claim)
Memorandum, presented by Glenn Bunny, Manager Property and Project Management.

Councillor Billy Meehan left the meeting at 3:25pm

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council approve an increase to Programme 180 – Social Housing – Renewals by up to \$252,000 (GST inclusive) and an increase to Capital Revenue budget of up to \$252,000 (GST inclusive) subject to funding being confirmed.

Clause 22-26 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, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Councillor Billy Meehan returned to the meeting at 3.28pm

23-26 Adoption of Triennial Agreement
Memorandum, presented by Hannah White, Manager - Governance.

Councillor Orphée Mickalad left the meeting at 3:30pm

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council adopt the Triennial Agreement for the Manawatū-Whanganui Region 2025-2028.

Clause 23-26 above was carried 14 votes to 1, 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, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Against:

Councillor Hayden Fitzgerald.

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Councillor Orphée Mickalad returned to the meeting at 3:33pm

24-26 Extension of term of Trustee on Regent Theatre Trust Board Memorandum, presented by Hannah White, Manager Governance.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council extend Simon Ferry's term on the Regent Theatre Trust Board until 30 June 2026.

Clause 24-26 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, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and William Wood.

Note

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin declared a conflict of interest, withdrew from the discussion and sat in the gallery.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

25-26 Community Resilience & Sustainability Committee Part I Public - 18 February 2026 and 11 March 2026

Councillor Lorna Johnson presented the recommendations below:

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

RESOLVED

1. That Council adopt the recommendations from the Community Resilience & Sustainability Committee of 18 February 2026:

Soft Plastics Trial - Options and Costs (clause 3-26)

Report, presented by Natasha Hickmott, Acting Manager Resource Recovery.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council approve a soft plastics recycling drop off trial at both Ferguson Street Recycling Centre and Supermarkets commencing Quarter 1 2026/27 for a period of twelve months (Option 1).
2. That Council establish a new Capital Programme called 'Recycling – Soft Plastics Storage Shelter' for the purposes of building a storage shelter at Awapuni to facilitate implementation of a trial for soft plastics recycling.

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3. That Council transfer \$82,600 from Programme 727 – Recycling – Materials Recovery Facility Development to new programme ‘Recycling – Soft Plastics Storage Shelter’ in the current Financial Year.
4. That Council refer to the Annual Budget 2026/27 deliberations additional operating expenditure of \$43,000 and additional operating revenue of \$15,000.

2. That Council adopt the recommendation from the Community Resilience & Sustainability Committee of 11 March 2026:

Resource Recovery Section 17A Review (clause 11-26)

Memorandum, presented by Natasha Hickmott, Acting Manager Resource Recovery.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council note a Section 17A review has determined that the current model of in-house service delivery for the Resource Recovery Activity is cost effective and agree responsibility for governance, funding and delivery continue to be exercised by Council.

Clause 26-26 above was carried 15 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, 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, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Abstained:

Councillor Billy Meehan.

26-26 Joint Shareholders Committee - Central Districts Water Part I Public - 13 February 2026

Mayor Grant Smith presented the recommendations below:

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council adopt the recommendations from the Joint Shareholders Committee - Central Districts Water of 13 February 2026:

Initial Shareholders' Committee Policies (clause 3-26)

Memorandum, presented by Chris Dyhrberg - Executive Director and Julie Keane - Executive Support.

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The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

2. That the Committee recommend to the respective shareholder councils that the Shareholder Agreement Terms of Reference for the Committee are amended:
 - a. Clause 2 – add (t) Engaging with the Company on behalf of the Shareholders’ Committee in relation to how the Company shall engage with mana whenua to give effect to te Tiriti o Waitangi and its principles and establish and implements its Te Ao Māori framework
 - b. Clause 6 – adjust 6(a) Quorum to remain at 5 members, but now require a member from each of the shareholder councils and Ngā Tapuwae o Hau

Clause 26-26 above was carried 14 votes to 1, with 1 abstention, 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, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

Against:

Councillor Hayden Fitzgerald.

Abstained:

Councillor William Wood.

27-26

Finance, Performance & Audit Committee Part I Public - 4 March 2026

Councillor Vaughan Dennison presented the recommendations below:

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Grant Smith.

RESOLVED

1. That Council adopt the recommendations from the Finance, Performance & Audit Committee of 4 March 2026:

Setting Council's Risk Management Appetite and Tolerance Levels (clause 4-26)

Memorandum, presented by Stephen Minton, Risk Management Advisor and Desiree Viggars, Manager Legal, Risk and Assurance.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council re-confirm the risk appetite and risk tolerance levels as noted in section 4.1 and 4.2 of the memorandum titled ‘Setting Council’s Risk Management Appetite and Tolerance Levels’ presented on 4 March 2026.

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2. That Council agree to review risk appetite and tolerance levels triennially hereafter.

Clause 27-26 above was carried 14 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and William Wood.

Against:

Councillors Brent Barrett and Kaydee Zabelin.

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

RESOLVED

2. That Council adopt the recommendation below:

New Zealand Food Awards - Annual Report (clause 5-26)

Report, presented by Jessica Papple, Manager Marketing.

The COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

1. That the Council decline the request to sponsor the New Zealand Food Awards.

Clause 27-26 above was carried 13 votes to 3, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Against:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Rachel Bowen and Vaughan Dennison.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Grant Smith.

NOTE: On the recommendation: That Council **not adopt** the recommendation below:

New Zealand Food Awards - Annual Report (clause 5-26)

Report, presented by Jessica Papple, Manager Marketing.

The COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

1. That the Council decline the request to sponsor the New Zealand Food Awards.

The motion was lost 5 votes to 11, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Bonnie Kuru and Billy Meehan.

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Against:

Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

28-26 Recommendation to Exclude Public

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

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

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution
26.	696 Roberts Line - Land Exchange with Kiwi Rail (Crown Land) for the purpose of Water Bore Development	The report contains commercially sensitive financial information and Council's negotiation position relating to the matter. Public disclosure would likely prejudice Council's ability to carry out its commercial activities without disadvantage.	s7(2)(h)COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES: This information needs to be kept confidential to allow Council to engage in commercial activities without prejudice or disadvantage
27.	District Licensing Committee Appointments	The privacy of the individuals overrides public interest in knowing who the DLC list members are until appointments have been confirmed.	s7(2)(a)PRIVACY This information needs to be kept private to protect personal information that is confidential or sensitive. This includes people who are no longer alive

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.

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Clause 28-26 above was carried 16 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, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

The following items were deferred to the April Council meeting:

- Strategy and Policy Work Programme 2026/27
- 48 Cambridge Ave, Ashhurst - Interim management decision pending completion of Property Portfolio Review
- Local Government Elections 2025
- Inquiry into the 2025 Local Elections- Submission Approved Under Mayoral Delegation
- Appointment of Council Representatives (Age Friendly and Food HQ)
- Council Work Schedule

The public part of the meeting finished at 4.01pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4.01pm

Confirmed 6 May 2026

Mayor