

# 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 11 December 2024, commencing at 9.02am

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

**Apologies:** Councillor Rachel Bowen (late arrival), Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb (early departure- Council business)

Councillor Rachel Bowen entered the meeting at 10.10am during consideration of clause 212-24. She was not present for clauses 207-24 to 211-24.

Councillor Debi Marshall Lobb was not present when the meeting resumed at 10.40am after consideration of clause 212-24. She entered the meeting again at 1.35pm after consideration of clause 219-24. She was not present for clauses 213-24 to 219-24.

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin was not present when the meeting resumed at 1.35pm after consideration of clause 219-24. She returned to the meeting at 2.18pm during consideration of clause 222-24 but left at 3.01pm. She was not present for voting on clauses 220-24 to 226-24.

Councillor Orphée Mickalad was not present when the meeting resumed at 1.35pm after consideration of clause 219-24. He returned to the meeting at 3.09pm during consideration of clause 222-24. He was not present for clauses 220-24 and 221-24.

### **Karakia Timatanga**

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb opened the meeting with karakia.

### **207-24 Apologies**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

### **RESOLVED**

1. That Council receive the apologies.

Clause 207-24 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

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**For:**

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### **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Vaughan Dennison declared a conflict of interest in Item 20 Recommendations from the Community Committee – 4 December 2024 (clause 218-24), he took no further part in discussion or debate and sat in the gallery.

Mayor Grant Smith declared a conflict of interest in Item 12 Approval of International Travel for the Mayor in March 2025 (clause 220-24), he took no further part in discussion or debate and sat in the gallery.

**208-24**

### **Presentation - Aspiring Leaders Forum**

Presentation, by Alex Murray and Liorah Jainarain

Alex and Liorah spoke about their experience at the Aspiring Leaders Forum in August 2024. They discussed what they had learnt about the attributes of being a good leader. They thanked Mayor Grant Smith for nominating them to attend.

The presentation is attached to the minutes.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

### **RESOLVED**

1. That the Council receive the presentation for information.

Clause 208-24 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, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

**209-24**

### **Standing Orders - Option C**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

### **RESOLVED**

That Council adopt Option C (SO 2.12.3) for Item 11 Annual Budget

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2025/26 on this agenda.

Clause 209-24 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, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

**Against:**

Councillor Lorna Johnson.

### 210-24 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting of 6 November 2024 Part I Public and Part II Confidential be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 210-24 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, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

## REPORTS

### 211-24 **FoodHQ Annual Update**

Presentation by Dr Victoria Hatton Chief Executive, Food HQ and Chris Dyhrberg, General Manager - Infrastructure.

The presentation is included in the agenda.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

**RESOLVED**

1. That Council note the update on FoodHQ activities.
2. That Council appoint David Murphy, General Manager – Strategic Planning as Council's nominated alternate director for FoodHQ Innovations Ltd, to be reviewed in March 2026, or earlier if necessary.

Clause 211-24 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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### **212-24 2024 Rating Valuations**

Memorandum, presented by Steve Paterson, Manager – Financial Strategy and Jason Hockly, Property Consultant for QV.

The presentation is attached to the minutes.

Councillor Rachel Bowen entered the meeting at 10:10am.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That Council note that the 2024 City rating revaluation has been completed and new values, with an effective date of 1 September 2024, have been authorised for implementation by the Valuer-General through the issue of an unqualified audit opinion on 29 November 2024.

Clause 212-24 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, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

The meeting adjourned at 10.22am.

The meeting resumed at 10.40am.

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb was not present when the meeting resumed at 10:40am.

### **213-24 2024 Rating Valuations - Impact on Rating Incidence**

Memorandum, presented by Steve Paterson, Manager – Financial Strategy

The presentation is attached to the minutes.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That Council note:
  - a. the new rateable values will be used as the basis for calculating rates effective from 1 July 2025.
  - b. the valuation changes do not increase the total rates revenue for

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the Council. However, without further changes to the rating system the valuation significantly alters the incidence of rates both within and between the differential groups of property, and in particular transfer a greater share of the rates to the commercial/industrial sector.

2. That Council instruct the Chief Executive to bring options to the 12 February 2025 Council meeting in response to the change in rating incidence caused by the valuation changes. These options will include mechanisms such as altering the level of uniform annual general charge; or the differential surcharges applying to the general rate based on the land value or the targeted rate based on capital value; or a combination of all three.

Clause 213-24 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

On an amendment: That Council instruct the Chief Executive to bring options to the 12 February 2025 Council meeting in response to the change in rating incidence caused by the valuation changes ~~and the planned stage 2 implementation of the greater share based on capital value~~. These options will include mechanisms such as altering the level of uniform annual general charge; or the differential surcharges applying to the general rate based on the land value or the targeted rate based on capital value; or a combination of all three.

The amendment was carried 11 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

**Against:**

Councillors Mark Arnott, Lew Findlay, Leonie Hapeta and William Wood.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### 214-24 Strategy & Finance Committee Part I Public - 13 November 2024

Councillor Dennison presented the recommendations below:

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

1. That Council adopt the recommendations from the Strategy & Finance Committee of 13 November 2024

#### Quarterly Performance and Financial Report - period ending 30 September 2024 (clause 47-24)

Memorandum, presented by Scott Mancer, Manager - Finance and John Aitken, Manager - Project Management Office.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

2. That Council approve the adjustments to activities due to an internal realignment per [Attachment 4](#) - Realignment Budget Variations.

#### Local Water Done Well Funding Reallocation (clause 50-24)

Report, presented by Scott Mancer, Manager - Finance and Julie Keane, Transition Manager.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council approve the reallocation of \$928,503 Department of Internal Affairs funding for Better Off Funding from Programme 1054 – Ashhurst Water Quality Improvements to Local Water Done Well Transition Support in the Wastewater operating budget, subject to Department of Internal Affairs approval.
2. That Council note that the capital expenditure budget for programme 1054 was reduced at the Council meeting on 6 November 2024.
3. That Council increase the Wastewater operating budget for both revenue and expenditure by \$306,672 in the 2024/25 Financial Year for Transition Support.
4. That Council refer to the Annual Budget process a revenue and expenditure budget of \$621,831 for Transition Support for the 2025/26 Financial Year.
5. That Council agree that \$928,503 will be spent across the 2024/25 and 2025/26 Financial Years and that any unspent funding in 2024/25 will be adjusted via carry forwards at 30 June 2025.

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### [Deliberations - Draft Dangerous, Affected, and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024 \(clause 53-24\)](#)

Report, presented by Lili Kato, Policy Analyst.

#### The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

2. That Council adopt the Dangerous, Affected, and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024 ([Attachment 1](#)).

3. That Council rescind the Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2006.

Clause 214-24 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

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

## **215-24 Economic Growth Committee Part I Public - 20 November 2024**

Councillor Hapeta presented the recommendations below:

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded William Wood.

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That Council adopt the recommendations from the Economic Growth Committee of 20 November 2024:

### [Palmerston North Airport Limited - Annual report for 12 months ended 30 June 2024 & Instructions relating to Annual Meeting \(clause 63-24\)](#)

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

#### The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

2. That the Council shareholder representative be instructed to support the proposed resolutions (section 2.9) to be considered at the Annual meeting of Palmerston North Airport Limited to be conducted by way of resolution in writing.

Clause 215-24 above was carried 14 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

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

#### **Abstained:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith).

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**216-24 Culture & Sport Committee Part I Public - 27 November 2024**

Councillor Bowen presented the recommendations below:

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

**RESOLVED**

1. That Council adopt the recommendations from the Culture & Sport Committee of 27 November 2024:

**Funding Request from Stuff Events for Central District Field Days (clause 47-24)**

Memorandum, presented by Luke McIndoe, Head of Events.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council decline request and maintain existing contestable funding from Major Event Fund.

Clause 216-24 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

**Funding Request from Stuff Events for Central District Field Days (clause 47-24)**

Memorandum, presented by Luke McIndoe, Head of Events.

**RESOLVED**

2. That Council refer a new programme of up to \$30k per year to support Central District Field Days Innovation Zone proposal to the Annual Budget 2025/26 process.

Clause 216-24 above was carried 11 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan and Orphée Mickalad.

**Against:**

Councillors Mark Arnott, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.



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Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

### **RESOLVED**

#### **Heritage Reference Group - Terms of Reference (clause 50-24)**

Memorandum, presented by Keegan Aplin-Thane, Senior Planner and Greg Vossler, Heritage Planning Consultant.

#### The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council approve the Terms of Reference and purpose for the Palmerston North Heritage Reference Group in [Attachment 1](#).
2. That Council appoint an Elected Member representative to the Heritage Reference Group to act as the Councillor liaison as detailed in the Terms of Reference.
3. That Council note members of the Palmerston North Heritage Reference Group will be appointed through an expressions of interest process, as detailed in Section 6.2 of the Terms of Reference (Attachment 1).

Clause 216-24 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

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

## **217-24 Sustainability Committee Part I Public - 4 December 2024**

Councillor Zabelin presented the recommendations below:

Moved Kaydee Zabelin, seconded Patrick Handcock.

### **RESOLVED**

1. That Council adopt the recommendations from the Sustainability Committee of 4 December 2024:

#### **Community Gardens - simplified process (clause 47-24)**

Memorandum presented by Aaron Phillips, Activities Manager Parks and Amy Viles, Manager Community Development.

#### The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council approve the Palmy Community Garden Guide 2024 (Attachment 1).
2. That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive to issue permits to community gardens.

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Clause 217-24 above was carried 14 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**Abstained:**

Councillor Brent Barrett.

### 218-24 **Community Committee Part I Public - 4 December 2024**

Councillor Johnson presented the recommendations below:

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

**RESOLVED**

1. That Council adopt the recommendations from the Community Committee of 4 December 2024:

**Social housing and property review work programme (clause 39-24)**

Memorandum, presented by Julie Macdonald, Manager Strategy and Policy.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council endorse the proposed broad terms of reference for an investigation of social housing delivery models (Workstream A), as described in memorandum titled 'Social housing and property review work programme' presented to the Community Committee on 4 December 2024 and its Attachment 1
2. That Council endorse the proposed terms of reference for a property review to identify revenue generation opportunities (Workstream B), as described in this memorandum titled 'Social housing and property review work programme' presented to the Community Committee on 4 December 2024 and its Attachment 2, and any other bespoke leverage opportunity that Chief Executive identified.

Clause 218-24 above was carried 13 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Rachel Bowen, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

**Abstained:**

Councillor Brent Barrett.

**Note**

Councillor Vaughan Dennison declared a conflict of interest, withdrew from

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the discussion and sat in the gallery.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

### **RESOLVED**

#### **Social housing and property review work programme (clause 39-24)**

Memorandum, presented by Julie Macdonald, Manager Strategy and Policy.

#### The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

3. That Council confirm its intention to await the outcome of an investigation of social housing delivery models (Workstream A) prior to considering the reports dated 1 May 2024 'Summerhays Street Redevelopment – Partnership Models' and 'Summerhays Street Redevelopment – Expressions of Interest Feedback'

Clause 218-24 above was carried 9 votes to 5, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Amott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Lorna Johnson and Orphée Mickalad.

#### **Against:**

Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

#### **Note**

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

**219-24**

#### **Palmerston North Quarterly Economic Update - December 2024**

Memorandum, presented by Stacey Andrews, City Economist.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

### **RESOLVED**

1. That Council receive the Palmerston North Quarterly Economic Update – December 2024, including:
  - a. Palmerston North Economic Growth Indicators - December 2024 (Attachment 1), and
  - b. Palmerston North Quarterly Economic Card Spending Report – September 2024 (Attachment 2),presented to the Council meeting on 11 December 2024.

Clause 219-24 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 12.35pm.  
The meeting resumed at 1.35pm.

Councillors Kaydee Zabelin and Orphée Mickalad were not present when the meeting resumed at 1:35pm.  
Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb returned to the meeting at 1.35pm.

The Mayor Grant Smith vacated the chair and sat in the gallery for Item 12 (clause 220-24)  
The Deputy Mayor, Debi Marshall-Lobb took the Chair.

### **220-24 Approval of International Travel for the Mayor in March 2025**

Memorandum, presented by Gabrielle Loga, Manager International Relations.

Moved Debi Marshall-Lobb, seconded Rachel Bowen.

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That Council grant approval for the Mayor to lead an information and communication technology (ICT) business and startup delegation to attend the 2025 Taipei Smart City Summit and Expo from 18 March until 22 March 2025.

Clause 220-24 above was carried 12 votes to 1, 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, Billy Meehan and William Wood.

#### **Against:**

Councillor Karen Naylor.

#### **Note:**

Mayor Grant Smith declared a conflict of interest, withdrew from the discussion and sat in the gallery.

The Mayor Grant Smith took the chair.

### **221-24 Submission on the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill**

Memorandum, presented by Todd Taiapa, Poutoko Aropei - Manager Māori Advisory.

Moved Debi Marshall-Lobb, seconded Grant Smith.

#### **RESOLVED**

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1. That Council submit in opposition to the Treaty of Waitangi Principles Bill and that Council request to speak to its submission.
2. That Council agree the submission will be authorised by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and reported back to Council in February.

Clause 221-24 above was carried 10 votes to 3, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Lorna Johnson and Karen Naylor.

**Against:**

Councillors Mark Arnott, Leonie Hapeta and William Wood.

**Abstained:**

Councillor Billy Meehan.

### 222-24

#### **Annual Budget 2025/26**

Memorandum, presented by Cameron McKay, Chief Financial Officer and Scott Mancer - Manager Finance.

The presentation is attached to the minutes.

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin returned to the meeting at 2:18pm.

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin left the meeting at 3:01pm.

Councillor Orphée Mickalad returned to the meeting at 3:09pm.

### A (1a)

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Billy Meehan.

#### **RESOLVED**

That Council confirm the proposed budget for remuneration as being \$63m, being the \$62.5m as outlined in the Long-Term Plan 2024/34 plus \$0.5m for positions which are offset with additional revenue.

Clause 222.1-24 above was carried 9 votes to 6, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and William Wood.

**Against:**

Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock and Lorna Johnson.

### 1(a)

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That Council instruct the Chief Executive to prepare a draft of the

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Consultation Document and supporting information for the Annual Budget 2025/26 for consideration by the Council at its meeting on 12 February 2025 and that it contains:

- a. Key assumptions outlined in Section 4 including the agreed motion above.

Clause 222.2-24 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, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and William Wood.

### A 1(b)

**Note:**

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Brent Barrett.

On a motion: That Council defer the following programmes by one year to be considered as part of the 2026/27 budget:

- Programme 1194 - CET Arena Masterplan - \$8,168K.

The motion was lost 2 votes to 13, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Brent Barrett and Karen Naylor.

**Against:**

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

### B 1(b)

**Note:**

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

On a motion: That Council defer the following programmes by one year to be considered as part of the 2026/27 budget:

- Programme 159 - Kelvin Grove Road \$3,000K.

The motion was lost 3 votes to 12, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor and William Wood.

**Against:**

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

### 1(b)

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

## RESOLVED

1. That Council instruct the Chief Executive to prepare a draft of the Consultation Document and supporting information for the Annual Budget 2025/26 for consideration by the Council at its meeting on 12 February 2025 and that it contains:

- b. Programmes as agreed at the Council meeting on 6 November

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2024 and attached for information in Attachment 4.

Clause 222.3-24 above was carried 13 votes to 2, 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 and William Wood.

**Against:**

Councillors Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

**c. i.**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

**RESOLVED**

That Council agree a budget for Local Water Done Well Transition support in 2025/26 comprising expenditure of \$1.5M funded by way of a grant subsidy of \$621,831 and the balance of \$878,169 by way of loan.

Clause 222.4-24 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, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and William Wood.

**c. ii.**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Brent Barrett.

**RESOLVED**

That Council increase the resource recovery operating budget by \$65k to fund the delivery of Programme 2338 – Recycling Contamination Monitoring Development

Clause 222.5-24 above was carried 12 votes to 3, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**Against:**

Councillors Mark Arnott, Karen Naylor and William Wood.

**c. iii.**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Rachel Bowen.

**RESOLVED**

That Council add the following to the draft Annual Budget 2025/26:

**Street Lighting**

That a budget of \$120,000 to support a Street Lighting survey be included in the Annual Budget 2025/26.

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Clause 222.6-24 above was carried 11 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, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson and Orphée Mickalad.

**Against:**

Councillors Mark Arnott, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and William Wood.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Rachel Bowen.

### RESOLVED

That Council add the following to the draft Annual Budget 2025/26:

#### Street Lighting

That the Council refer a programme to begin upgrading the street lighting on the already identified streets (listed in the Roading Report to the Economic Growth Committee in June 2024) to the next practicable meeting.

Clause 222.7-24 above was carried 13 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**Against:**

Councillors Brent Barrett and Lew Findlay.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Rachel Bowen.

### RESOLVED

That Council add the following to the draft Annual Budget 2025/26:

#### Palmerston North **Age Friendly Action Plan**

That Council approve Option 1 and agree an additional budget of \$50K for the development and implementation of the Palmerston North Age Friendly Implementation Plan in the 2025/26 Annual Budget.

Clause 222.8-24 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, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad and William Wood.

**Against:**

Councillor Karen Naylor.



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Moved Grant Smith, seconded Rachel Bowen.

### **RESOLVED**

That Council add the following to the draft Annual Budget 2025/26:

#### **Centrepoint Theatre**

That Council support the Centrepoint Theatre rebuild of up to \$200k over two years by:

- a. In-kind support – officer time to support with fundraising, promotion, communications etc; and
- b. Resource consent and building consent costs – the application process for this is already underway; and
- c. Grant funding – the quantum to be determined at the 12 February 2025 Council meeting

Clause 222.9-24 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, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad and William Wood.

#### **Against:**

Councillor Karen Naylor.

### **A c(iv)**

#### **Note:**

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Brent Barrett.

On a motion: That Council reduce the proposed 2025/26 operating budget for International relations to \$300K.

The motion was lost 1 vote to 14, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

Councillor Karen Naylor.

#### **Against:**

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, Orphée Mickalad and William Wood.

### **B c(iv)**

#### **Note:**

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded William Wood.

On a motion: That Council reduce the proposed 2025/26 operating budget for city marketing is reduced by \$200K.

The motion was lost 2 votes to 13, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

Councillors Karen Naylor and William Wood.

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**Against:**

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 and Orphée Mickalad.

**C c(iv)** Moved William Wood, seconded Grant Smith.

**RESOLVED**

That the Chief Executive look at reducing the professional services budgets in 2025/26 by \$1M and creating a new \$1M Internal Capacity Building Budget to be used for professional development, internal capacity support and staff remuneration; and report back to 12 February 2025.

Clause 222.10-24 above was carried 12 votes to 3, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**Against:**

Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Lew Findlay and Lorna Johnson.

**1C** Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

**RESOLVED**

That Council instruct the Chief Executive to prepare a draft of the Consultation Document and supporting information for the Annual Budget 2025/26 for consideration by the Council at its meeting on 12 February 2025 and that it contains:

- c. Operating budgets as outlined in Attachments 1-3, , including the agreed motions above.

Clause 222.11-24 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, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and William Wood.

### **223-24 Council Work Schedule**

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

**RESOLVED**

1. That Council receive its Work Schedule dated 11 December 2024.

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Clause 223-24 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, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and William Wood.

**EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

**224-24 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
23.	Confirmation of the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting of 6 November 2024 Part II Confidential	For the reasons set out in the Council of 6 November 2024, held in public present.	
24	Contract time extension- Nature Calls technical experts	<b>NEGOTIATIONS:</b> This information needs to be kept confidential to ensure that Council can negotiate effectively, especially in business dealings	s7(2)(i)
25.	Appointment of Directors to Central Economic Development Agency 2024	<b>PRIVACY</b> This information needs to be kept private to protect personal information that is confidential or sensitive. This includes people who are no longer alive	s7(2)(a)
26.	Development Agreements with Summerset Villages (Kelvin Grove) Ltd and The Colonial Motor	<b>THIRD PARTY COMMERCIAL</b> Disclosing the information could harm a company's commercial position	s7(2)(b)(ii)

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

Also that Nicholas Jessen, be permitted to remain in the public excluded part of the meeting, because of his knowledge and ability to assist the meeting in speaking to Item 26, Development Agreements with Summerset Villages (Kelvin Grove) Ltd and The Colonial Motor Company Ltd.

Nicholas Jessen will be present at the meeting for Item 26 only.

Clause 224-24 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, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and William Wood.

The public part of the meeting finished at 4.40pm

Confirmed 5 February 2024

**Mayor**