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# FUTURE NAPIER COMMITTEE

## Open Minutes

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Meeting Date: Thursday 15 May 2025

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Time: 2:31pm – 2:54pm

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Venue Chapman Room  
Level 1 Chapman Pavilion  
McLean Park  
Latham Street  
Napier

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*Livestreamed via Council's Facebook page*

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Present **Chair:** Councillor Chrystal  
**Members:** Mayor Wise, Councillors Boag, Browne, , Crown,  
Greig, Mawson, McGrath, Price, Simpson and Tareha.  
Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi representative –Darren Tareha

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In Attendance Chief Executive (Louise Miller)  
Senior Policy Analyst (Michele Grigg)[online]  
Economic Development Manager (Bill Roberts)[online]

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Administration Governance Advisors (Jemma McDade and Carolyn Hunt)

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Apologies

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Councillors Browne / Mawson

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That the apologies from Deputy Mayor Brosnan and Councillor Taylor be accepted.

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Carried

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The Mānukanuka o te Iwi representative, Tiwana Aranui, was not at the meeting.

### Conflicts of interest

Nil

### Public forum

Nil

### Announcements by the Mayor

Nil

### Announcements by the Chairperson

Nil

### Announcements by the management

Nil

### Confirmation of minutes

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Councillors Tareha / Crown

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That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2025 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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Carried

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# AGENDA ITEMS

## 1. FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW REVIEW - IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Information
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	Local Government Act 2002
<i>Document ID:</i>	1846647
<i>Reporting Officer/s &amp; Unit:</i>	Michele Grigg, Senior Policy Analyst

### 1.1 Purpose of Report

This report provides an outline of the implementation plan for operationalising the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025.

### At the meeting

The officer presented the report outlining that manoeuvrability and ease of access were considered for the layout of the carpark at the two new sites. There will be ongoing monitoring of all sites to address any issues.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- All freedom campers are required to be self-contained; there will be no change to the opening hours for the toilets at the foreshore.
- Freedom camping spots at the Aquarium will be available for general use during the day and for freedom camping from 6pm. Other sites are earmarked solely for freedom campers.
- There are areas within Napier where freedom camping is prohibited which means that parking overnight is not allowed.
- The foreshore site that is being removed will become a prohibited area.
- The Coote Road/Marine parade site has been positioned for ease of access and lack of impact on the Sunday market.

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Councillors Price / Tareha

The Future Napier Committee:

- Note** the implementation plan for operationalising the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025, which will take effect from 1 July 2025.

Carried

## 2. REVIEW OF REGIONAL STRUCTURES

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Procedural
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1847882
<i>Reporting Officer/s &amp; Unit:</i>	Bill Roberts, Economic Development Manager

### 2.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the Review of Regional Structures Report commissioned by the Matariki Governance Group, and to consider its recommendations aimed to increase transparency and accountability to Council.

#### At the meeting

The officer presented the report outlining this paper was an update of the continuing review of the regional structure, that was commenced at the start of 2024. Lucy Laitinen, the outgoing Chief Executive of REDA, was commended for her contribution.

There were no questions.

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Mayor Wise / Councillor Tareha

The Future Napier Committee:

- a) **Receive** the report titled "Review of Regional Structures" dated 14 April 2025.
- b) **Note** that the Matariki Governance Group (MGG), in its capacity as shareholder representative, has accepted the recommendations of the 'Review of Regional Structures, Recommendation Report', dated 14 April 2025.
- c) **Note** that the key decisions and areas of engagement for Council will be related to the following:
  - i. Contributing to the development, and endorsement, of the 'regional priorities' approach and Letters of Expectation that will guide the delivery, monitoring, and evaluation of regional priorities and outcomes we want for our communities.
  - ii. Agreement to ongoing funding for HBREDA based on the "regional priorities" approach and strengthened accountability disciplines that meet local government legislative requirements.
  - iii. Confirming and agreeing the Terms of Reference of MGG and any delegations provided by Councils.
- d) **Direct** the Chief Executive to create fit-for-purpose internal processes to support the Mayor as the Council's MGG representative. This includes:

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- i. Supporting the Mayor, as Council's MGG representative, to provide more structured updates and reporting on MGG and the delivery of regional priorities to Council.
  - ii. Nominate a senior council officer to be responsible for MGG. This role will support the Mayor and Chief Executive to participate effectively in MGG discussions and for sharing and disseminating MGG-related information (e.g. papers supporting MGG discussion and minutes) to support co-ordination and alignment of, and with, identified shared regional priorities.
  - iii. Creating a regular (e.g. annual) process to consider key regional priorities from Council's perspective. This information would be used to inform MGG consideration of shared regional priorities.
  - iv. Creating an annual process to consider Council feedback on the Letter of Expectation for HBREDA.
  - v. Building, with MGG and HBREDA, an efficient and comprehensive reporting process whereby Council is provided with performance and outcome reporting on the activities delegated to MGG and/or HBREDA so Council can execute its responsibilities under the Local Government Act (LGA).
- e) **Appoint** Councillor Sally Crown, as an additional Elected Member representative to the Matariki Governance Group as an alternate.

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Carried

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## Minor matters

Nil

*The meeting closed with a karakia at 2:54pm*

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Approved and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairperson .....

Date of approval .....