



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Open Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday 19 March 2026

Time: 11.30am – 11.56am (Adopt A/P Consultation Doc)

Venue Large Exhibition Hall
War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

Livestreamed via Council's YouTube Channel

Present **Chair:** Mayor McGrath

Members: Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Brownlie, Chrystal, Crown, Lawrence [online], Mawson, Morley, Simpson, Isaac-Sharland, and Raihania.

In Attendance Chief Executive (Louise Miller)
Executive Director City Strategy & Urban Development (Rachael Bailey)
Executive Director Water Services (Russell Bond)
Executive Director Community Services (Thunes Cloete)
Head of Finance, Data & Digital (Caroline Thomson)
Head of Strategy & Investments (Stephen Moratti)
Head of Regulatory Delivery (Simon Bradshaw)
Team Leader Animal Control (Dave Whyte)
Head of Commercial Communications & Economic Development (Craig Kenny)

Senior Advisor Corporate Planning (Danica Rio)
Financial Controller (Talia Foster)
Senior Financial Strategy & Treasury Lead (Alister Edie)
Manager, Arts, Culture and Heritage (Elizabeth Caldwell)

Administration Governance Advisors (Carolyn Hunt and Jemma McDade)

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Karakia

The meeting opened with the Council karakia.

Apologies

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Councillors Mawson / Brownlie

That the apology from Councillor Price, who was away on Council business, be accepted.

Carried

Conflicts of interest

Nil

Public forum

Nil

Announcements by the Mayor

Nil

Announcements by the management

Nil

Confirmation of minutes

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Councillor Chrystal / Deputy Mayor Taylor

- a) That the Draft Public Excluded Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on **12 February 2026**, previously circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- b) That the Draft Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on **24 February 2026**, previously circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- c) That the Draft Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on **3 March 2026**, including the Public Excluded minutes previously circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- d) That the Draft Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on **11 March 2026**, including Public Excluded minutes previously circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. ADOPT THE REVENUE AND FINANCING POLICY FOR 2027/27 ANNUAL PLAN

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Legal
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	Local Government Act 2002
<i>Document ID:</i>	1902195
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Alister Edie, Senior Financial Strategy & Treasury Lead

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

1.1 Following resolution from the 3 March 2026 Council Meeting, the draft Revenue & Financing Policy is being presented for adoption in the 2026/27 AP consultation.

The amendments to the Revenue & Financing Policy support the 2026/27 AP consultation preferred option for review:

- i. Introduction of a new Transportation targeted rate on Capital Value with differentials:
 1. Residential at 1.0
 2. Commercial (including industrial and utilities) at 2.6
 3. Rural at 0.85
- ii. Introduction of a new City Ambassadors and CCTV fixed targeted rate to fund the CBD CCTV service, split between commercial and residential SUIP's:
Commercial 75% = 3.0 differential
Residential 25% = 1.0 differential
- iii. Removal of the rural/residential rating differential, as agreed previously by Council. The remaining general rate differentials are:
Residential at 1.0
Commercial (including industrial and utilities) at 2.6
Rural at 0.85
- iv. Some amendments to activity funding target percentages, based on LGA section 101(3)(a) activity funding needs analysis. These amendments align funding target percentages to updated benefits, costs and community impacts of the activities.

At the meeting

The Senior Financial Strategy & Treasury Lead, Mr Edie, supported by Ms Foster, took the report as read, noting that it did not introduce new information for Council but included the draft Revenue and Financing Policy, which had not been available at the 3 March 2026 meeting.

Mr Edie advised that a further legal review of the rates had been undertaken following completion of the report. This review identified minor requirements and wording changes, which feed into the Policy. He noted that the consultation document would need to be more explicit that the Revenue and Financing Policy is being changed, and an Executive Summary will be included to address this.

There were no questions of this item.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Councillor Morley / Deputy Mayor Taylor

That Council:

- a) **Receive** the report titled Adopt the Revenue and Financing Policy for 2027/27 Annual Plan.
- b) **Adopt** the draft Revenue & Financing Policy, noting it will be provided as supporting information for consultation on the 2026/27 Annual Plan, subject to any grammatical and minor changes.

Carried

2. ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL PLAN 2026/27 CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Legal
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	Local Government Act 2002
<i>Document ID:</i>	1901038
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Danica Rio, Senior Advisor Corporate Planning

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1 To present the consultation document and supporting information for consultation on Napier City Council's Annual Plan 2026/27.

At the meeting

The Senior Advisor Corporate Planning, Ms Rio, supported by Ms Foster, presented the report and advised that the consultation document had been prepared based on the underlying information adopted by Council on 3 March 2026. She noted that the design version of the consultation document would be circulated prior to the commencement of consultation.

Ms Foster confirmed that a further legal review had been undertaken in response to the Risk and Assurance Committee meeting held on 6 March 2026, where issues previously identified by auditors in last year's rates were discussed. The review aimed to ensure these matters had been addressed for the current year. Council's lawyer advised that it was prudent to review the consultation document itself, not only the subsequent documents. This review resulted in minor wording changes to improve legal clarity and remove ambiguity.

The paragraph titled “Updating how we allocate funding to activities” will be made more prominent in the consultation document to reflect the proposed changes to the Revenue and Finance Policy.

Ms Rio advised that an additional paragraph could be included in the consultation document to explain to the community that some of the drivers of rates increases relate to regulatory requirements, insurance costs, inflation and its impact on infrastructure, and the effects of Government reform.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Councillors Crown / Mawson

That Council

- a. **Adopt** Annual Plan 2026/27 Draft Financial Statements (including Draft Rating System) (Doc Id 1902801) as supporting information for consultation on Napier City Council's Annual Plan 2026/27.
- b. **Note** the below documents will also be provided as supporting information for consultation on the Annual Plan 2026/27.
 - i. Draft Schedule of Fees & Charges 2026/27 (Doc Id 1900026).adopted at the 3 March Council meeting.
 - ii. Draft Revenue & Financing Policy (Doc Id 1902411) included as part of agenda item 'Adopt Revenue and Financing Policy'.
- c. **Note** that these supporting documents are subject to minor corrections and any changes arising from the consultation process.
- d. **Adopt** Annual Plan 2026/27 Consultation Document (Doc Id 1902698), subject to any grammatical and minor changes.

Carried

3. ANIMAL CONTROL FEES AND CHARGES 2026/2027

Type of Report: Operational

Legal Reference: Dog Control Act 1996

Document ID: 1898675

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Luke Johnson, Customer & Compliance Manager

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1 To consider the amended Animal Control fees and charges for the year commencing 1 July 2026, as a separate process to the current Annual Plan public consultation for fees and charges.

At the meeting

The Head of Regulatory Delivery, Mr Bradshaw, supported by Mr Whyte, presented the report and advised that the Dog Control Act 1996 requires dog registration fees to be publicly notified one month prior to the start of the dog registration year.

The Team Leader Animal Control, Mr Whyte, advised that the Animal Control team is working with Vet Services and the SPCA at an upcoming event, where the focus is to improve dog health and registration. Vet Services will provide 100 free dog vaccines and microchipping on Saturday, 21 March 2026, at Whitmore Park, Napier. The SPCA is supplying desexing vouchers, and Council is offering discounted dog registration to support dog owners experiencing financial hardship, enable our community to be safe through understanding the dog population, and to help protect dogs against the prevalent parvovirus.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Councillors Chrystal / Raihania

That Council:

- a) **Receive** the report titled Animal Control Fees and Charges for 2026/27 dated 19 March 2026.
- b) **Approve** the minor amendments to Animal Control Fees and Charges for 2026/27 as set out in the table (Doc Id 1900695) of the agenda report.
- c) **Note** the changes, if approved, are effective from 1 July 2026

Carried

4. PETITION - FREE PARKING FOR RESIDENT DRIVERS AGED OVER 65 IN NAPIER CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

Type of Report: Operational

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1897127

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Sarah Loader, Senior Business Analyst
Simon Bradshaw, Head of Regulatory Delivery
Luke Johnson, Customer & Compliance Manager

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1 To explore the practicalities, risks, and opportunities associated with implementing free parking for senior residents, as directed by the Future Napier Committee at its meeting held on 21 August 2025, and to report the findings back to Council in response to correspondence from Grey Power Napier and Districts (17 July 2025).

At the meeting

The Head of Regulatory Delivery, Mr Bradshaw, took the paper as read and noted that the recommendation was to decline Grey Power's request for free parking for senior residents. He provided a brief summary of the reasons for this decision.

Petitions are not attached to agenda items to protect the privacy of the petitioners. For reference, the petition of 151 signatories had originally been presented in the Public Forum of the Future Napier Committee meeting on 31 August 2025.

It was noted that future petitions would be circulated via electronic devices to Elected members and/or referred to via a summary within the paper.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Councillor Crown / Deputy Mayor Taylor

That Council

- a. **Receive** the report titled Petition - Free Parking for Resident Drivers Aged Over 65 in Napier Central Business District dated 19 March 2026.
- b. **Decline** the proposal for free parking for Napier residents aged 65 and over.
- c. **Note** that Officers will advise Greypower Napier and Districts of Councils' decision.

Carried

5. ARTS ADVISORY PANEL SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

Type of Report: Operational

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1901991

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Elizabeth Caldwell, Manager Arts, Culture and Heritage

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to receive the minutes of the Arts Advisory Panel (Doc Id 1901272) meeting held on 9 March 2026 and advise recommendations requiring ratification by Council.

At the meeting

The Manager, Arts, Culture and Heritage, Ms Caldwell, provided a brief summary of the minutes of the Arts Advisory Panel and outlined the request for the proposed mural at the Le Quesne Road Toilet Block, confirming that no funding was required from Council

There were no questions at the meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Councillors Brownlie / Chrystal

That Council:

- a) **Receive** the report titled Arts Advisory Panel Summary of Recommendations and Minutes for Information 19 March 2026.
- b) **Receive** for information the minutes of the Arts Advisory Panel meeting held on 9 March 2025 (Doc Id 1901272).
- c) **Ratify** the following recommendation from the Arts Advisory Panel meeting held on 9 March 2026:

Item 1 - Proposed Mural

- a) **Approve** the Bay View Charitable Trust proposal to paint a mural on the Le Quesne Road toilet block.

Carried

Minor matters

There were no minor matters to discuss.

The meeting closed with a karakia at 11.56am

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

Chairperson

Date of approval