



DELIVERY & REGULATORY PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Open Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday 16 April 2026

Time: 9.30am - 10.39am (*Open*)
10.45am - 11.15am (*Public Excluded*)

Venue Small Exhibition Hall
War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

Livestreamed via Council's YouTube Channel

Present **Chair:** Councillor Price
Members: Mayor McGrath, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Brownlie, Chrystal, Crown, Isaac-Sharland, Lawrence, Mawson (Deputy Chair), Morley, Raihania and Simpson
Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Representatives: Kirk Leonard and Evelyn Ratima

In Attendance Chief Executive (Louise Miller)
Executive Director Water Services (Russell Bond)
Acting Executive Director Strategy & Urban Development (Simon Bradshaw)
Executive Director Community Services (Thunes Cloete)
Senior Communications & Engagement Advisor (Kate Penny)
Head of Strategy and Investments (Stephen Moratti)
Head of Strategy and Programme Delivery (Stephanie Murphy)
Principal Urban Designer (Georgina Ratcliffe)

Urban Design Lead (Gemma Guildford)
Property Advisor (Bryan Faulknor)
Drinking Water Compliance Officer (Jean Paul Kombara)
Manager Compliance & Standards (Sarah (Schaare))
Principal Policy Analyst (Michele Grigg)
Manager Planning & Investments (Syed Andrabi)
Manager Capital Delivery (Sue Kelly)
Programme Performance and Quality Lead (Hansika Iranthi)
Programme Management Project Manager (Josh Lloyd)
Commercial Transition Manager (Steve Gregory) [online]

Also in attendance **Public Forum:** Lynne Anderson, Chairperson, Napier Branch Forest and Bird Society

Administration Governance Advisors (Carolyn Hunt and Jemma McDade)

Note: *At the Council meeting held on 9 April 2026, the following appointments to the Delivery and Regulatory Performance Committee were resolved:*

- *Councillor Price (Chair)*
- *Councillor Mawson (Deputy Chair)*

*Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi representatives Kirk Leonard **and** Evelyn Ratima were appointed as members of the Committee.*

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Karakia

The meeting opened with the Council karakia.

Apologies

Nil

Conflicts of interest

Nil

Public forum

Lynne Anderson, Chairperson of the Napier Branch of Forest and Bird Society was also speaking on behalf Biodiversity Hawke's Bay, Save the Dotterels, The Ahuriri Estuary Protection Society, Hawke's Bay Regional Representative Hawke's Bay Birds, on concerns regarding the ongoing lack of control over frequent and ad-lib fires on Napier's shingle beaches. She highlighted associated public safety risks and the damage these fires are causing to natural shingle beach habitats.

Ms Anderson spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (Doc Id 1907226) advising that, if the current situation continues, the Society holds serious concerns about the long-term impacts on local beach ecosystems. The Society expressed a strong desire to see increased protection measures implemented for Napier's beaches. The request was for Napier City Council (NCC) to:

- Reinststate the Fire Control Bylaw with some realistic enforcement
- For NCC to champion all controlled events relating to the foreshore
- Fire bans, at least during the nesting season, would be welcomed
- Consider designated beach areas for special protection and restoration
- Assist with education and why this matters
- Work towards adopting a Beach Bylaw

ACTION: **Direct** Council staff to collaborate with Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC), Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) and other councils to explore options for fires on beaches and provide a response (method to be determined).

Attachments

- 1 Forest and Bird Society PowerPoint presentation (Doc Id 1907226)
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The meeting adjourned at 9.43am and reconvened at 9.46am

Announcements by the Mayor

The Mayor acknowledged and thanked the community and all agencies involved in the response to Cyclone Vaianu. He noted that significant lessons had been learned since Cyclone Gabrielle, and this was reflected in the effectiveness of the weekend's response.

Announcements by the Chairperson

Nil

Announcements by the management

Nil

Confirmation of minutes

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Deputy Mayor Taylor / Councillor Chrystal

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2026 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. TRANSPORTATION HUB STRATEGY

Type of Report: Operational

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1899055

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Georgina Ratcliffe, Principal Urban Designer

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1. The Transport Hub Strategy recommends establishing a consolidated Transport Hub at the existing Bus Terminus at Clive Square - an under-utilised asset owned by Napier City Council. The Strategy proposes bringing all urban (goBus) and intercity buses together to one easy-to-access location on the edge of the city centre, whilst also providing for charter and domestic tour buses within the wider precinct.
- 1.2. The Strategy identifies the Hub as a catalyst for revitalising Napier's city centre: improving connectivity and operational efficiency of our bus services, strengthening wayfinding within our CBD, increasing foot traffic and passive surveillance in a less frequented part of town – all contributing to a more vibrant and welcoming “Western Gateway” to the CBD.
- 1.3. Extensive Stakeholder engagement has been undertaken in the development of the Transport Hub Strategy, and all Parties involved have endorsed the relocation of urban and regional bus services to the proposed Transport Hub.
- 1.4. Transport Hub Strategy is informed by a number of physical trials, traffic modelling, and road safety audits, and proposes a flexible and adaptive approach in combination with ongoing monitoring, once operational, to ensure the Hub remains responsive to city needs and contributes effectively to Napier's long-term urban development aspirations.

At the meeting

The Principal Urban Designer, Ms Ratcliffe, supported by Ms Guildford, Urban Design Lead displayed a PowerPoint presentation (Doc Id 1907322) providing an overview of the Transport Hub Strategy.

In response to questions the following was clarified:

- The Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) in its current plan is looking to upgrade its current bus fleet to electric buses and it would be their responsibility to organise where the charging facilities would be located.
- A tri-partite Memorandum of Understanding Agreement will be drafted between NCC, HBRC and Tranzit outlining the operational parameters within which the Transport Hub will function, including costs.
- A Working Group will be established for re-routing Cruise Shuttles to Clive Square West which would include Transport Providers (Port, HBRC), Operators (Tranzit, Art Deco Trust) and Council staff (Facility representatives, Transport Hub Project Owner) and could also include representatives from the Napier City Business community.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Councillors Crown / Deputy Mayor Taylor

That Delivery and Regulatory Performance Committee:

- a) **Receive** the Transportation Hub Strategy report dated 16 April 2026
- b) **Approve** consolidating Napier's urban and regional bus services to the Transport Hub (NCC owned Clive Square Bus Terminus)
- c) **Approve** progressing future investigations into the viability and functionality of rerouting cruise shuttles to the Transport Hub.

Carried

Attachments

- 1 PowerPoint presentation (Doc Id 1907322)

2. FORD ROAD EXTENSION - LAND LEGALISATION

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Legal and Operational
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	Public Works Act 1981, Local Government Act 1974
<i>Document ID:</i>	1902388
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Bryan Faulknor, Property Advisor Richard Munneke, Commercial Property Manager

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek resolutions pursuant to the Public Works Act 1981 to consent to Road being stopped and vested in exchange for other land to be acquired for Road.
- 1.2 This involves a small land swap at the entrance to K Mart on Ford Road, where land which is currently legal road is required to be stopped and vested in the neighbouring land in

exchange for land being vested in Council for Road. This legalises the current formed roading situation.

1.3 This is required to complete complicated land legalisation matters relating to the Ford Road Extension project.

1.4 The legalisation is required pursuant to a binding agreement with the adjoining land owner.

At the meeting

The Property Advisor, Mr Faulknor took the report as read. There were no questions.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Councillors Mawson / Morley

That Delivery and Regulatory Performance Committee:

- a) **Receives** the report titled Ford Extension – Land Legislation dated 16 April 2026.
- b) **Approves** to consent to:
 - 1. The road described in Schedule 1 below being stopped pursuant to Sections 116(2)(b)(ii) and (d) of the Public Works Act 1981; and
 - 2. The land described in Schedule 1 below being vested in the owner of the adjoining land described in Schedule 1 (with the Napier City Council requiring both parcels of land to be amalgamated in one title pursuant to Section 345(2) of the Local Government Act 1974) with that vesting to be in exchange for the land described in Schedule 2 below being declared road and vested in the Napier City Council pursuant to Sections 117(3)(a) and 114(2)(h) of the Public Works Act 1981.

SCHEDULE 1

Hawkes Bay Land District - Napier City Road to be Stopped

Area (hectares)	Legal Description	Adjoining Land (Record of Title)
0.0218 ha	Section 2 SO 532605	Section 3 SO 532605 (RT 872174)

SCHEDULE 2

Hawkes Bay Land District - Napier City Land to be Declared Road

Area (hectares)	Legal Description	Comprised in Part Record of Title
0.0043 ha	Section 1 SO 532605	RT 1174832

Carried

3. CONSENT TO LAND BEING DECLARED ROAD - GLOUCESTER STREET

Type of Report: Legal and Operational

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1902395

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Bryan Faulknor, Property Advisor
Richard Munneke, Commercial Property Manager

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek a resolution pursuant to Section 114 of the Public Works Act 1981 to consent to land being declared to be road.
- 1.2 This involves the acquisition of a strip of land on Gloucester Street, Taradale which was subject to a Designation in the Napier City Council District Plan as required for Road.
- 1.3 At the request of landowners, over a number of years Council has acquired various portions of residential land on Gloucester Street subject to the designation.
- 1.4 The consent subject to this item is required to finalise the legal work relating to one of these properties.

At the meeting

The Property Advisor, Mr Faulknor took the report as read. There were no questions.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Councillors Mawson / Deputy Mayor Taylor

That Delivery and Regulatory Performance Committee:

- a) **Receive** the report titled Consent to Land being Declared Road – Gloucester Street dated 16 April 2026.
- b) **Resolve** pursuant to Section 114(2)(h) of the Public Works Act 1981 to consent to the land described in the Schedule below to be declared road and vested in the Napier City Council.

SCHEDULE

Hawkes Bay Land District – Napier City

Area (ha)	Legal Description	Record of Title
0.0095	½ share of Section 3 SO Plan 505062	HBL4/139
0.0008	½ share of Section 4 SO Plan 505062	HBL4/139

Carried

4. NAPIER DRINKING WATER COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT FOR 2025 CALENDAR YEAR

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Operational
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1901683
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Jean Paul Kombara, Drinking Water Compliance Officer

1.0 Executive summary - te kaupapa me te whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the annual compliance assessment of Napier's drinking water supply for the 2025 calendar year.
- 1.2. Napier City Council operates a large, networked drinking water supply and is required to comply with the Water Services Act 2021 and the Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules (DWQAR) issued by Taumata Arowai. Compliance is assessed across four categories of rules:
 - General Rules (G-Rules)
 - Source Water Rules (S-Rules)
 - Treatment Rules (T-Rules)
 - Distribution Rules (D-Rules)
- 1.3. The assessment evaluates operational performance, monitoring requirements, and regulatory compliance for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.
- 1.4. Overall results indicate continued improvement in compliance performance compared with previous years, particularly in governance documentation and operational monitoring. Some non-compliance remains in Treatment and Distribution Rules, primarily due to infrastructure constraints and documentation still under development.
- 1.5. Despite some rule non-compliances, microbiological testing results confirm that the drinking water supplied to consumers remained microbiologically safe throughout the year.
- 1.6. Corrective actions are underway through infrastructure upgrades, operational improvements, and implementation of new compliance documents.
- 1.7. These actions are expected to significantly improve compliance outcomes in the coming years.

At the meeting

The Drinking Water Compliance Officer, Mr Kombara supported by the Manager Compliance & Standards, Ms Schaare provided a brief summary of the report.

In response to questions the following was clarified:

- Napier's compliance has improved across all four categories of the Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules (DWQAR). Full compliance has now been achieved in both the General Rules and Source Water Rules.
 - Despite this progress, the DWQAR require suppliers to verify adequate disinfection, specifically by confirming the contact time between chlorine and water.
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- NCC currently lacks systems to measure or verify this chlorine contact time, meaning full compliance in this area cannot yet be demonstrated.
 - As part of the Taumata Arawai pathway a new treatment plant for the Taradale bores is planned and expected to be completed with the plant fully operational by 2028.
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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Councillors Price / Chrystal

That Delivery and Regulatory Performance Committee:

- a. **Receives** the report titled “Napier Drinking Water Compliance Assessment for 2025 Calendar Year” dated 16 April 2026.

Carried

5. REIMAGINING FLOOD RESILIENCE PROJECT UPDATE

Type of Report: Information

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1891213

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Michele Grigg, Principal Policy Analyst
Syed Andrabi, Manager Planning & Investments

1.1 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the HBRC-led Reimagining Flood Resilience project.
- 1.2 HBRC is progressing the Reimagining Flood Resilience project for the Upper Tukituki and Heretaunga Plains flood control schemes. It was established in response to recommendations from the Hawke’s Bay Independent Flood Review and is focused on developing a long-term view of river flood resilience in Hawke’s Bay.
- 1.3 The project is currently in the stakeholder engagement phase, including Stakeholder Reference Groups, Focus Groups, and a regional community survey.
- 1.4 Outputs from this phase will include a “Community Vision for Flood Resilience” for each scheme and a supporting Action Plan. These are expected to be presented to the project Steering Groups in April 2026.
- 1.5 This report provides a summary of the update presented to HBRC on 25 March 2026.

At the meeting

The Principal Policy Analyst, Ms Grigg, supported by the Manager Planning & Investments, Mr Andrabi presented the report.

Councillor Simpson withdrew from the meeting at 10.21 and rejoined the meeting at 10.25am

Ms Grigg advised that the Esk River is not included in the current flood-resilience scheme because the Esk River does not have engineered flood-protection structures associated with it. The schemes under review are those that are actively managed to protect people and property through engineered interventions. As a result, the Esk River sits outside the scope of this project.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Councillor Lawrence / Deputy Mayor Taylor

That Delivery and Regulatory Performance Committee:

- a) **Receives** the report titled Reimagining Flood Resilience Project Update dated 16 April 2026.
- b) **Notes** the progress of the Reimagining Flood Resilience project, including stakeholder engagement activities and the development of a Community Vision for Flood Resilience and supporting Action Plan, to be presented to project Steering Groups in April 2026.

Carried

6. WATER SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME DELIVERY UPDATE

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Information
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1905124
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Sue Kelly, Manager Capital Delivery Hansika Iranthi, Programme Performance and Quality Lead

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

1.1 This report presents an update on the 2025/26 Water Services Capital Programme, including major projects, objectives, and financial tracking.

Capital Programme Overview

1.2 The programme has a total capital budget of \$32,134,546 (2025/26) comprising the LTP budget and approved carry-forward funding from the previous financial year. The budget is distributed across all three water services as below.

1.3 There have been no changes to the overall budget since the 05 March paper. However, it should be noted that there are changes proposed in relation to the paper 36 and 96A Battery Road Wastewater and Stormwater Pipe Renewals Paper due for discussion in the 16 April Delivery and Regulatory Meeting.

Department	Annual Plan Budget	Carry Forward budgets	Total 25/26 capital budget	Additional requests	Revised budget
Water supply	\$9,548,856	\$1,399,854	\$10,948,710	\$1,500,000	\$12,448,710
Storm water	\$9,745,606	\$799,847	\$10,545,453		\$10,545,453
Wastewater	\$8,349,728	\$2,290,655	\$10,640,383		\$10,640,383
	\$27,644,190	\$4,490,356	\$32,134,546	\$1,500,000	\$33,634,546

Figure 1: Budget summary FY25/26

Programme Delivery Update-March 2026

1.4 There are 74 active projects and underway and 9 completed projects. Projects on hold/not started include growth projects triggered by external demand. The attached NCC Water Services Capital Programme Dashboard Update gives March programme and project updates.

Financial update- February 2026

1.5 Financial data from February 2026 shows year-to-date spend at approximately **\$14.03M**, accounting for 42% of the 2025/26 allocated budget. This is marginally lower than February 2025 year to date spend of \$14.3M.

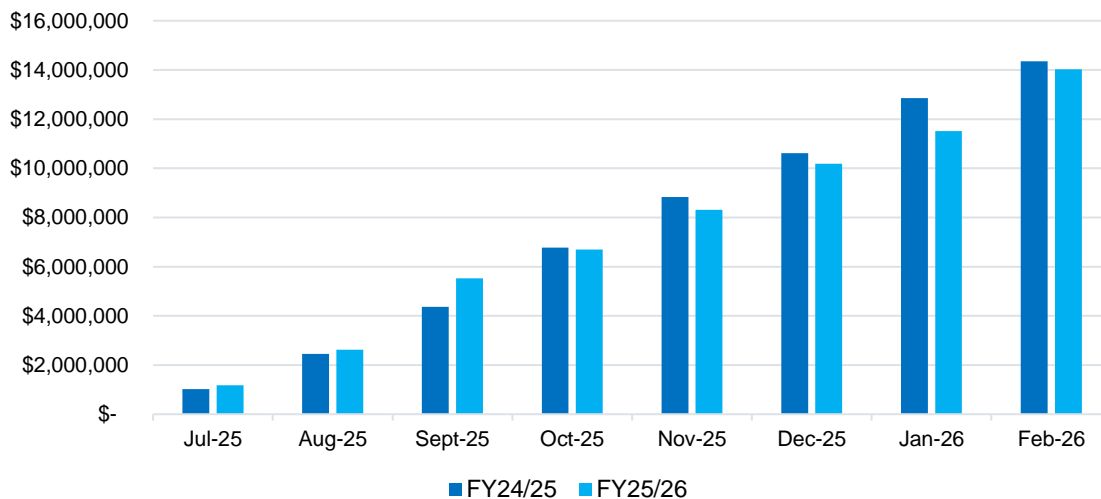


Figure 2: Year to date Spend comparison FY24/25 Vs FY25/26

Budget Phasing

1.6 The capital delivery team, assisted by finance, are working to ensure project spend is re-phased (forecast) on a regular cadence for reporting on the NCC Water Services Capital Programme Dashboard. There is a new dashed line indicating the phased monthly spend through to the end of the financial year. Currently this phasing is shown with a confidence level of +/- 15%. The accuracy of the phasing will improve with two factors; the closer we get to year end and continued practice of regular phasing.

1.7 The phasing does show a significant spend over the remainder of the financial year as a result of a number of projects being in construction over the next few months. Current phasing has the year end spend between \$27-\$31M.

At the meeting

The Manager Capital Delivery, Ms Kelly, supported by Programme Performance and Quality Lead, Ms Iranthi. Displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the programme dashboard (Doc ID 1907244). Ms Kelly and Ms Iranthi provided an overview of the financial performance and spend across capital programmes.

In response to questions the following was clarified:

- If current projects continue to progress well, the programme is expected to come close to the revised budget of \$33m. A more conservative estimate places the likely spend at approximately \$23m. Recent delays have impacted delivery timelines, making the \$33m target ambitious. A further update with clearer forecasting will be provided in six weeks.
- Several projects remain on hold or not yet initiated. These are primarily growth-related projects that rely on external demand to trigger commencement. Where that demand has not materialised, the projects remain in the on-hold/not-started category.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Councillors Simpson / Crown

That Delivery and Regulatory Performance Committee::

- a) **Receive** the report titled Water Services Capital Programme Delivery Update 16 April 2026.

Carried

Attachments

- 1 [Water Services Dashboard \(Doc Id 1907244\)](#)
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Minor matters

There were no minor matters to discuss.

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Deputy Mayor Taylor / Evelyn Ratima

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. 3 Waters Professional Services Panel Contract Award
2. Additional Budget Request - 36 & 96A Battery Rd Wastewater & Stormwater Pipe Renewals
3. Update on Proposed Napier District Plan (Decisions Version) 2025 Appeals

Carried

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public was excluded, the reasons 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 were 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) to the passing of this resolution.	Plain English reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter.
1. 3 Waters Professional Services Panel Contract Award	<p>7(2)(h) Enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>7(2)(i) Enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist:</p> <p>(i) Where the local authority is named or specified in Schedule 1 of this Act, under section 6 or 7 (except 7(2)(f)(i)) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.</p>	<p>This Paper deals with commercially sensitive contract and procurement information</p>

General subject of each matter to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter.	Ground(s) under section 48(1) to the passing of this resolution.	Plain English reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter.
<p>2. Additional Budget Request - 36 & 96A Battery Rd Wastewater & Stormwater Pipe Renewals</p>	<p>7(2)(b)(ii) Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p>	<p>48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist: (i) Where the local authority is named or specified in Schedule 1 of this Act, under section 6 or 7 (except 7(2)(f)(i)) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.</p>	<p>This report contains tender prices related to the project.</p>
<p>3. Update on Proposed Napier District Plan (Decisions Version) 2025 Appeals</p>	<p>7(2)(i) Enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>48(1)(a) That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist: (i) Where the local authority is named or specified in Schedule 1 of this Act, under section 6 or 7 (except 7(2)(f)(i)) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.</p>	<p>This is excluded from the public to enable Council to undertake negotiations relating to sensitive material</p>

Public Excluded Text

Council has considered the public interest in the information above and balanced those interests with the reason(s) for withholding this information. This ensures Council has met the requirements for withholding information under section 7(2) of the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

The meeting adjourned at 10.39am and reconvened in Public Excluded at 10.45am

The meeting closed with a karakia at 11.15am

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

Chairperson

Date of approval