

Minutes of a meeting of the Performance & Strategy Committee of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **MONDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2023** commencing at **9.30am**.

**Present:**

Cr M Raumati (Chairperson)  
Cr C Beavis  
Cr CA Eyre (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr M Keir  
Cr EM Patterson  
Cr V Reeve  
Cr P Thomson  
Cr LR Thomson  
Cr T Turner  
Cr D Whyte

**Attending:**

Mr G Ion (Chief Executive Officer)  
Mr T Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer) – *until 9.51 am*  
Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer)  
Mr R MacCulloch (General Manager Customer Support)  
Mr C Morgan (General Manager Community Growth)  
Mr V Ramduny (Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships Manager)  
Mr C Bailey (Finance Manager)  
Mr J Ebenhoh (Policy & Planning Manager)  
Ms N Hubbard (Corporate Planning Team Leader)  
Ms E Saunders (Senior Democracy Advisor)

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Resolved: (Crs L Thomson; P Thomson)**

**That the apologies for:**

- a. **non-attendance from Cr Gibb (Chairperson); Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs JA Church and Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

**P&S2309/01**

## **CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**Resolved: (Crs Patterson; Eyre)**

**THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Performance & Strategy Committee held on Monday, 7 August 2023 be confirmed:**

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting with the exception of those items detailed at agenda item 8 which shall be considered with the public excluded; and
- b. all reports be received.

**CARRIED**

**P&S2309/02**

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved: (Crs Kier/P Thomson)**

**THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Performance & Strategy Committee held on Monday, 7 August 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting with the following amendment:**

**CARRIED**

**P&S2309/03**

## **REPORTS**

Actions Register  
Agenda Item 5

The report was received [*P&S2309/02 refers*] and taken as read and the Chief Financial Officer gave a brief update on the items in the report with no further questions from the committee.

## **STRATEGY REPORTS**

### Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Work Update

#### Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*P&S2309/02 refers*] and taken as read and the Corporate Planning Team Leader answered questions from the committee.

- A section had now been included which was the strategic risks which Councillors need to be aware of and this comes off the back of some of the questions around the key building blocks.
- A brief discussion was held in relation to Community Board & Committee Chair attendance at Council Workshops and it was confirmed that invites have now been sent out to the relevant chairs.

### Te Nehenehenui Joint Management Agreement (previously Ngaati Maniapoto)

#### Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*P&S2309/02 refers*] and taken as read and the Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships Manager answered questions from the committee.

- A brief overview of the report was provided by the Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships Manager along with a brief history of the Maniapoto settlement.
- It was noted that the Committee was required to approve the draft Te Nehenehenui Joint Management Agreement today which will then go back to the Te Nehenehenui Trust.
- Cr Turner gave a further overview of all the work that had been completed to date on the agreement and acknowledged the work of all the Council staff that had helped get this agreement over the line.
- Cr L Thomson voiced her support of Cr M Raumati being the alternative member of the Joint Management Agreement Committee which Cr Turner supported.
- Cr Turner provided context to the Committee in response to a question raised in relation to the awa (river) and the relationship that Te Nehenehenui has with the awa and what their strategy is for the maintenance.
- Cr Turner gave the Committee an overview of Tainui's relationship to the Te Nehenehenui Joint Management Agreement Committee.
- It was noted that Cr M Raumati vacated the Chair for resolution d. of the recommendation as she was voted as the alternate member of the Committee and Cr L Thomson assumed the chair for that section.

**Resolved: (Crs L Thomson/Reeve)**

**THAT the Performance and Strategy Committee recommends to Council the approval of the following recommendations of the Te Nehenehenui Joint Management Committee:**

- a. That, to discharge its responsibilities more effectively and efficiently, the Te Nehenehenui Joint Management Committee assumes the responsibilities of the Ngaa Wai o Waipaa Co-Governance Forum in addition to its own, and the membership structure of the Forum; in accordance with the law by taking all necessary actions including:
  - i. executing a joint management agreement between the six member agencies incorporating the responsibilities of the Committee and the Forum and the membership structure of the Forum.**
  - ii. approving the amended terms of reference for adoption by Te Nehenehenui Joint Management Committee incorporating provisions necessary to achieve the purposes of both the Committee and Forum under the Committee's name.**
  - iii. confirming the continuation of the current Co-Chairs and Deputy Co-Chairs until, and if, the member agencies indicate new appointments in accordance with the Terms of Reference.**
  - iv. the disestablishment of the Forum when all necessary actions to merge the Committee and the Forum are complete.****

**THAT the Performance and Strategy Committee further recommends to Council:**

- a. the approval of the draft Te Nehenehenui Joint Management Agreement.**
- b. authorises Cr Tilly Turner (as Waikato District Council's elected representative on the previous Ngaa Wai o Waipaa Co-Governance Forum and, by default, Council's representative on the Te Nehenehenui Joint Management Agreement Committee) to sign the final agreement (including any subsequent amendments to the draft) on Council's behalf;**
- c. that the name of the Ngaa Wai o Waipaa Co-Governance Forum be changed to the Te Nehenehenui Joint Management Agreement Committee in Council's Governance Structure.**

**CARRIED**

**P&S2309/04**

**Resolved: (Crs Turner/Patterson)**

**THAT the Performance and Strategy Committee further recommends that Council:**

- d. appoints Cr M Raumati as Waikato District Council's alternate member in the event that Cr Turner cannot attend; and**

**CARRIED**

**P&S2309/05**

## **PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

### **Approved Counterpay Review** Agenda Item 7.1

The report was received [*P&S2309/02 refers*] and the Finance Manager answered questions of the Committee:

- A question was raised in relation to ratings and short term credit ratings and what each of them means. The Chief Financial Officer will provide further information out of cycle to all elected members.

**ACTION:** The Chief Financial Officer to provide some further information to the Committee out of cycle which outlines the ratings.

### **General Rate Position for the Year Ended 30 June 2023** Agenda Item 7.2

The report was received [*P&S2309/02 refers*] and the Finance Manager answered questions from the committee.

- It was noted that Staff remuneration did not appear to be mentioned later on in the report. The Chief Financial Officer advised this does appear on Page 66 of the agenda but also provided further clarification.
- A concern was raised in relation to ad-hoc payments in particular the Horsham Downs Hall Committee and the fact that Council seem to be bailing out one particular hall committee. Is this setting a precedent? It was clarified by the Chief Financial Officer that this is for the building itself which is owned by Council so we will try and fund the excess. It was suggested that further conversation be taken offline.

**ACTION:** Conversation to be had off-line with the Committee and the Chief Financial Officer in relation to Hall Committees and payments made by Council.

- The Chief Financial Officer provided further clarification on the carry-forwards mentioned in the report and provided context for the Committee. Further clarification was required in relation to the \$2.4M that has been set aside from the \$3.8M – The Chief Financial Officer will ask Legal Counsel to attend the next Committee agenda to provide further clarification.

**ACTION:** The Chief Financial Officer to invite Council's Legal Counsel to the next Committee meeting to provide further clarification on the carry-forwards.

**Resolved: (Crs P Thomson/Reeve)**

**THAT the Performance & Strategy Committee recommends to Council that the 2022/2023 General Rate Surplus of \$3,852,532 is transferred as follows:**

- \$2,452,532 to the General Accounting Reserve Fund to contribute towards expected and possible costs associated with claims against Council relating to water ingress (leaky building) and other structural defects, legislative changes and other ad-hoc funding requests that have arisen during the year.**
- \$1,400,000 to the Gearing for Growth and Greatness Reserve Fund to fund the expected Annual Plan shortfall resulting from the 2023/2024 Remuneration Review.**

**CARRIED**

**P&S2309/06**

Chief Executive Business Plan  
Agenda Item 7.3

The report was received [*P&S2309/02 refers*] and taken as read and the Chief Executive Officer answered questions of the committee:

- A question was raised in relation to Point 4.2) and the meeting being held with Ironduke in September. It was noted by the Chief Executive that a meeting was held in the previous week to gain an understanding of what they might offer and how they may be useful to Council but further noted that they haven't been appointed as yet.
- The Committee noted the level of detail in the report, in particular the detail around the current vacancies and expressed their appreciation.
- It was noted in response to a query that both Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs JA Church and Cr C Eyre were attending the Local Government NZ (LGNZ) meeting which was set for later this week. What is Council's position in relation to this? It's a very strategic meeting. It was further noted that LGNZ approach seems to be having more than one consensus on this which does not seem to make sense.
- It was confirmed that the submission was done by Council on the future of Local Government.

## **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**Resolved: (Crs Patterson/P Thomson)**

**THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.**

- a. 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:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
<b>Item PEX 1. Minutes from meeting held on Tuesday, 20 June 2023</b>	<b>Good reason to withhold exists under Section 6 or Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987</b>	<b>Section 48(1)(a)</b>
<b>Item PEX 2.1 Remission of Wastewater Availability Targeted Rates</b>		
<b>Item PEX 2.2 Rating and Abandoned Land Sales</b>		

- b. 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 relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item No.	Section	Interest
Item PEX 1. Minutes from meeting held on Tuesday, 20 June 2023	Refer to the previous Public Excluded reason in the agenda for this meeting.	
Item PEX 2.1 Remission of Wastewater Availability Targeted Rates	7(2)(a)	To protect a persons privacy
Item PEX 2.2 Rating and Abandoned Land Sales	7(2)(a)	To protect a persons privacy

**CARRIED**

**P&S2309/07**

*Resolutions P&S2309/08 – P&S2309/11 are contained in the public excluded section of these minutes.*

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.39am.

Minutes approved and confirmed this                      day of                      2023.

Cr M Raumati  
**CHAIRPERSON**