
Budget Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Budget Committee held in the Reception Lounge, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Tuesday, 18 November 2014 at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson
Deputy Chairperson
Members

Mayor Len Brown, JP
Cr Penny Webster
Cr Cameron Brewer
Cr Dr Cathy Casey
Cr Ross Clow
Cr Linda Cooper, JP
Cr Chris Darby
Cr Alf Filipaina
Cr Hon Christine Fletcher, QSO
Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse
Cr Mike Lee
Cr Calum Penrose
Member Josie Smith
Cr Sir John Walker, KNZM, CBE
Cr Wayne Walker
Cr John Watson
Cr George Wood, CNZM

Until 4.18 pm, item 13
From 1.43 pm, item 11
From 1.35 pm, item 11
From 2.23 pm, item 11

APOLOGIES

Cr Bill Cashmore
Cr Denise Krum
Cr Dick Quax
Member David Taipari
Member John Tamihere

For absence
For absence
For absence
For absence
For absence

1 Apologies

Resolution number BUD/2014/60

MOVED by Chairperson LCM Brown, seconded by Cr CM Penrose:

That the Budget Committee:

- a) **accept the apologies from Cr B Cashmore, Cr D Krum, Cr D Quax, Member DE Taipari and Member J Tamihere for absence.**

CARRIED

2 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number BUD/2014/61

MOVED by Chairperson LCM Brown, seconded by Cr CM Penrose:

That the Budget Committee:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Wednesday, 5 November and Thursday, 6 November 2014, as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

4 Petitions

There were no petitions.

5 Public Input

There was no public input.

6 Local Board Input

There was no local board input.

7 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

8 Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

Precedence of Business

Resolution number BUD/2014/62

MOVED by Chairperson LCM Brown, seconded by Cr CE Fletcher:

That the Budget Committee:

- a) **agree that item 11 Rates transition management option be accorded precedence at this time.**

CARRIED

11 Rates transition management option

Cr ME Lee entered the meeting at 1.35 pm.
Deputy Mayor PA Hulse entered the meeting at 1.43 pm.
Cr JG Walker entered the meeting at 2.23 pm.
Cr RI Clow left the meeting at 2.46 pm.
Cr RI Clow returned to the meeting at 2.57 pm.

MOVED by Chairperson LCM Brown, seconded by Deputy Chairperson MP Webster:

That for the purposes of developing the draft Long-term Plan 2015-2025 for consultation, the Budget Committee:

- a) agree not to adopt a rates transition management policy (Option 1).

MOVED by Cr CM Casey, seconded by Cr ME Lee an amendment by replacement to the original recommendation as follows:

- a) agree to request an urgent legislative change to allow Option 4 [increases capped at 10% and decreases capped at -2.1%] to be adopted.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cr CE Brewer	Chairperson LCM Brown	
Cr CM Casey	Cr RI Clow	
Cr C Darby	Cr LA Cooper	
Cr CE Fletcher	Cr AM Filipaina	
Cr ME Lee	Cr PA Hulse	
Cr WD Walker	Cr CM Penrose	
Cr J Watson	Member J Smith	
Cr GS Wood	Cr JG Walker	
	Deputy Chairperson MP Webster	

The amendment was declared LOST by 8 votes to 9.

MOVED by Cr CE Brewer, seconded by Cr CE Fletcher an amendment by replacement to the original recommendation as follows:

- a) agree to adopt Option 3: Remission for residential increases above 20% for 2015/2016 only and option 1 (no transition from 2016/2017).

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cr CE Brewer	Chairperson LCM Brown	
Cr CM Casey	Cr RI Clow	
Cr LA Cooper	Cr AM Filipaina	
Cr C Darby	Cr PA Hulse	
Cr CE Fletcher	Cr CM Penrose	
Cr ME Lee	Member J Smith	
Cr WD Walker	Cr JG Walker	
Cr GS Wood	Cr J Watson	
	Deputy Chairperson MP Webster	

The amendment was declared LOST by 8 votes to 9.

Resolution number BUD/2014/63

MOVED by Chairperson LCM Brown, seconded by Deputy Chairperson MP Webster the following substantive motion:

That for the purposes of developing the draft Long-term Plan 2015-2025 for consultation, the Budget Committee:

a) agree not to adopt a rates transition management policy (Option 1).

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Chairperson LCM Brown	Cr CE Brewer	
Cr RI Clow	Cr CM Casey	
Cr AM Filipaina	Cr LA Cooper	
Cr PA Hulse	Cr C Darby	
Cr CM Penrose	Cr CE Fletcher	
Member J Smith	Cr ME Lee	
Cr JG Walker	Cr GS Wood	
Cr WD Walker		
Cr J Watson		
Deputy Chairperson MP Webster		

The motion was declared CARRIED by 10 votes to 7.

CARRIED

9 Solid Waste targeted rates and fees 2015/2016 and Waste Management and Minimisation funding through transition

Resolution number BUD/2014/64

MOVED by Cr LA Cooper, seconded by Cr CM Penrose:

That for the purposes of developing the draft Long-term Plan 2015-2025 for consultation, the Budget Committee adopt the proposed changes to solid waste services funding set out below:

- a) the indicative targeted rates for waste services, including the pre-booked, on-property inorganic collection in the former council areas for the 2015/2016 year as set out below:**
- i. Auckland and Manukau \$242¹ (adjusted as appropriate in Auckland to provide for the rates where a ratepayer has opted out of either or both of refuse and recycling services) [¹ The Auckland & Manukau targeted rate is likely to be in the range of \$240 to \$245, and may fall by around \$10 over time per property dependant on decisions around gulf islands subsidies, and the ability of certain property types to opt out of service provision.]**
 - ii. North Shore and Waitakere \$80**
 - iii. Rodney \$90**
 - iv. Franklin and Papakura \$100 (adjusted as appropriate in rural Franklin where a ratepayer does not receive a recycling service).**
- b) to phase out the subsidy for solid waste services for Hauraki Gulf Island in equal steps over three years**
- c) a targeted rate for the provision of solid waste services, including the pre-booked, on-property inorganic collection for the Hauraki Gulf Islands of \$418 for 2015/2016**
- d) the introduction of user charges, billed to the property owner, for refuse for the former Auckland and Manukau City areas be gradually introduced from 2016/2017 financial year.**

CARRIED

Secretarial Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 3.15.5, Councillors Brewer and Lee requested their dissenting votes against resolutions b) and c) be recorded and Councillors Casey, Darby and W Walker requested their dissenting votes against resolutions a)-d) be recorded.

Resolution number BUD/2014/65

MOVED by Cr CM Penrose, seconded by Cr C Darby:

That the Budget Committee:

- a) **agree that item 9: Solid Waste targeted rates and fees 2015/2016 and Waste Management and Minimisation funding through transition lies on the table, and discussion continues after item 10: Solid Waste: Inorganic Collection Service methodology and funding: Long Term Plan 2015-2025.**

CARRIED

10 Solid Waste: Inorganic Collection Service methodology and funding: Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

MOVED by Cr CM Penrose, seconded by Cr AM Filipaina:

That for the purposes of developing the draft Long-term Plan 2015-2025 for consultation, the Budget Committee adopt the proposed changes to the inorganic collection service methodology and funding as set out below:

- a) the introduction of an annual standard pre-booked on property inorganic collection service
- b) the proposed targeted rates for Solid Waste services include the cost of an annual regional, pre-booked, on-property inorganic collection commencing 1 July 2015.

MOVED by Cr C Darby, seconded by Cr LA Cooper an amendment to the original recommendation as follows:

- a) The introduction of a standard pre-booked, biennial on property inorganic collection service.
- b) The proposed targeted rates for Solid Waste services include the cost of a regional, pre- booked, biennial on-property inorganic collection commencing 1 July 2015.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cr CE Brewer	Chairperson LCM Brown	
Cr LA Cooper	Cr CM Casey	
Cr C Darby	Cr RI Clow	
Cr CE Fletcher	Cr AM Filipaina	
Cr PA Hulse	Cr CM Penrose	
Cr ME Lee	Member J Smith	
Deputy Chairperson MP Webster	Cr JG Walker	
	Cr WD Walker	
	Cr J Watson	
	Cr GS Wood	

The amendment was declared LOST by 7 votes to 10.

Resolution number BUD/2014/66

MOVED by Cr CM Penrose, seconded by Cr AM Filipaina the following substantive motion:

That for the purposes of developing the draft Long-term Plan 2015-2025 for consultation, the Budget Committee adopt the proposed changes to the inorganic collection service methodology and funding as set out below:

- a) **the introduction of an annual standard pre-booked on property inorganic collection service**
- b) **the proposed targeted rates for Solid Waste services include the cost of an annual regional, pre-booked, on-property inorganic collection commencing 1 July 2015.**

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Chairperson LCM Brown	Cr CE Brewer	
Cr RI Clow	Cr CM Casey	
Cr LA Cooper	Cr C Darby	
Cr AM Filipaina	Cr CE Fletcher	
Cr PA Hulse	Cr ME Lee	
Cr CM Penrose	Cr WD Walker	
Member J Smith	Cr J Watson	
Cr JG Walker	Deputy Chairperson MP	
Cr GS Wood	Webster	

The motion was declared CARRIED by 9 votes to 8.

CARRIED

Secretarial Note: Discussion on Item 9 - Solid Waste targeted rates and fees 2015/2016 and Waste Management and Minimisation funding through transition continued at this point.

12 Rates Remission and Postponements

This item has been withdrawn.

Cr CE Fletcher left the meeting at 4.18 pm.

13 Performance measures and targets

Staff tabled a further document with amendments to performance measures contained within the report.

A copy of the tabled document has been placed on the official minutes and can be viewed on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number BUD/2014/67

MOVED by Cr GS Wood, seconded by Cr CM Penrose:

That the Budget Committee for the purpose of developing the draft Long-term Plan 2015-2025 for consultation:

- a) **agree the revised set of levels of service statements, performance measures and targets, including amendments tabled for each group of activity (with the exception of Transport which will be agreed at the 27 November Governing Body Committee)**

- b) **note the local indicative targets, which will be considered by local boards in November/December and will form part of the supporting material for consultation adopted by the Governing Body on 18 December 2014.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A Amendments to performance measures

14 Significance and Engagement Policy

Staff tabled a replacement for page 96 in the agenda and a revised version of Attachment B of the report.

Copies of the tabled documents have been placed on the official minutes and can be viewed on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number BUD/2014/68

MOVED by Cr C Darby, seconded by Cr GS Wood:

That the Budget Committee:

- a) **receive the feedback report on the draft Significance and Engagement Policy and approve the revisions made as a result of that feedback**
- b) **note that not all local board feedback has been received but will be included as part of the report to the Governing Body**
- c) **authorise the Chairperson and the lead officer to be able to make minor changes to the policy based on analysis of further local board input or minor amendments**
- d) **recommend that the Governing Body adopt the Significance and Engagement Policy (as amended).**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A Page 96 - He mihi
- B Revised version of Attachment B

15 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

4.32 pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....