
Finance and Performance Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and Performance Committee held in the Reception Lounge, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Wednesday, 28 October 2015 at 9.32am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Penny Webster	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Ross Clow	
Members	Cr Anae Arthur Anae	From 11.07am, item 11
	Cr Cameron Brewer	
	Mayor Len Brown, JP	From 9.40am, item 5.1
	Cr Dr Cathy Casey	
	Cr Bill Cashmore	
	Cr Linda Cooper, JP	
	Cr Chris Darby	
	Cr Hon Christine Fletcher, QSO	From 9.36am, item 5.1
	Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse	
	Cr Denise Krum	
	Cr Mike Lee	From 9.54am, item 9
	Member Kris MacDonald	Until 11.01am, item 10
	Cr Calum Penrose	
	Cr Dick Quax	
	Cr Sharon Stewart, QSM	
	Cr Sir John Walker, KNZM, CBE	From 10.05am, item 9
	Cr Wayne Walker	From 10.47am, item 10
	Cr John Watson	
	Member Glenn Wilcox	
	Cr George Wood, CNZM	From 9.36am, item 5.1

ABSENT

Cr Alf Filipaina
Member David Taipari
Member John Tamihere

1 Apologies

Resolution number FIN/2015/106

MOVED by Chairperson MP Webster, seconded by Deputy Chairperson RI Clow:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- a) **accept the apologies from Cr AM Filipaina, Member D Taipari and Member J Tamihere for absence.**

CARRIED

2 Declaration of Interest

Cr WB Cashmore and Member G Wilcox declared an interest in item 10.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number FIN/2015/107

MOVED by Cr CM Casey, seconded by Cr WB Cashmore:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting held on Thursday, 22 October 2015 as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

4 Petitions

There were no petitions.

5 Public Input

5.1 Olivia Haddon - Maori freehold land rates

Cr CE Fletcher entered the meeting at 9.36am.

Cr GS Wood entered meeting at 9.36am.

Mayor LCM Brown entered the meeting at 9.40am.

Olivia Haddon provided supporting information. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number FIN/2015/108

MOVED by Chairperson MP Webster, seconded by Cr LA Cooper:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- a) **thank Olivia Haddon for her presentation and receive the submission from Pita Rikys regarding Māori freehold land rates.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 28 October 2015, Finance and Performance Committee - Item 5.1 supporting information from Olivia Haddon

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.

9 Māori Land Rates

Cr ME Lee entered the meeting at 9.54am.

Cr JG Walker entered the meeting at 10.05am.

Note: Changes to the original recommendation a) and an additional recommendation c) were made with the agreement of the meeting.

Resolution number FIN/2015/109

MOVED by Cr LA Cooper, seconded by Deputy Chairperson RI Clow:

That the Finance and Performance Committee agree that it's preference is to consult alongside the Annual Plan 2016/2017 on an amendment to the:

- a) **Māori freehold land rates remission and postponement policy to:**
 - i) **remit rates for marae and urupa that exceed the 2 hectare limit for non-rateability**
 - ii) **increase the adjustment for the number of owners up to the 10 per cent maximum, where properties have significant barriers to development such as owners being deceased or not succeeded to**
 - iii) **adjust rates to the equivalent of those that would have been charged, had the property been valued excluding any potential use that is unlikely to be achieved within Māori ownership; and**
- b) **rates remission and postponement policy (remission scheme for fixed charges) to:**
 - i) **remit fixed rates where the land would otherwise be treated as a single rating unit except they are in separate ownership.**
- c) **policies referred to in a) and b) above and that further detailed and specific policy changes be sought from Māori (including Māori landowners and the Independent Māori Statutory Board) as part of the consultation process and that these be assessed by officers and be reported back to the committee for consideration in the post review policies and/or to initiate other actions and responses by Council.**

CARRIED

10 Rural Rates Review

Cr WB Cashmore and Member G Wilcox declared an interest in this item and left the room at 10.11am.

Cr WD Walker entered the meeting at 10.47am.

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

That the Finance and Performance Committee agree that its preference is to:

- a) not consult on the proposal to reallocate rates within the farm/lifestyle sector.

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

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Mayor LCM Brown	Cr CE Brewer	
Cr CM Casey	Cr LA Cooper	
Deputy Chairperson RI Clow	Cr CE Fletcher	
Cr C Darby	Cr DA Krum	
Deputy Mayor PA Hulse	Cr CM Penrose	
Cr ME Lee	Cr D Quax	
Cr WD Walker	Cr SL Stewart	
Cr J Watson	Member K Macdonald	
Cr GS Wood	J Walker	
	Chairperson MP Webster	

The motion was declared LOST by 9 votes to 10.

Resolution number FIN/2015/110

MOVED by Cr CM Penrose, seconded by Cr CE Fletcher:

That the Finance and Performance Committee agree that its preference is to:

- a) consult on the proposal to reallocate rates from large farm/lifestyle properties over the entire rating base.**

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

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cr CE Brewer	Cr CM Casey	
Mayor LCM Brown	Deputy Chairperson RI Clow	
Cr LA Cooper	Cr C Darby	
Cr CE Fletcher	Deputy Mayor PA Hulse	
Cr DA Krum	Cr ME Lee	
Cr CM Penrose	Cr WD Walker	
Cr D Quax	Cr J Watson	
Cr SL Stewart	Cr GS Wood	
Member K Macdonald		
Cr JG Walker		
Chairperson MP Webster		

The motion was declared CARRIED by 11 votes to 8.

CARRIED

Resolution number FIN/2015/111

MOVED by Cr CE Fletcher, seconded by Cr CM Penrose:

That the Finance and Performance Committee agree that its preference is to:

- b) consult on an amendment to the rates remission and postponement policy to remit the difference in rates between what a property is charged for its smaller individual blocks, and what it will be charged if it was rated as a single combined property.**

CARRIED

Cr WB Cashmore and Member G Wilcox returned to the meeting at 11.00am.

Member K MacDonald left the meeting at 11.01am.

The meeting adjourned at 11.01am and reconvened at 11.07am.

11 Annual review of Uniform Annual General Charge

Cr AJ Anae entered the meeting at 11.07am.

MOVED by Chairperson MP Webster, seconded by Cr ME Lee:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- a) agree that it does not support consultation on changes to the Uniform Annual General Charge.

MOVED by Cr GS Wood, seconded by Cr CE Fletcher by way of amendment:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- a) agree that consultation on the quantum of the Uniform Annual General Charge occur over the range of \$385 to \$800.

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

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cr CE Brewer	Cr AJ Anae	
Cr WB Cashmore	Mayor LCM Brown	
Cr LA Cooper	Cr CM Casey	
Cr CE Fletcher	Deputy Chairperson RI Clow	
Cr DA Krum	Cr C Darby	
Cr CM Penrose	Deputy Mayor PA Hulse	
Cr D Quax	Cr ME Lee	
Cr SL Stewart	Member G Wilcox	
Chairperson MP Webster	Cr JG Walker	
Cr GS Wood	Cr WD Walker	
	Cr J Watson	

The amendment was declared LOST by 10 votes to 11.

MOVED by Cr C Darby, seconded by Cr CM Casey by way of amendment:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- a) agree that consultation on the quantum of the Uniform Annual General Charge occur over three options:
- i) \$350
 - ii) \$397 (current inflated)
 - iii) \$450

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

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cr AJ Anae	Cr CE Brewer	
Mayor LCM Brown	Cr WB Cashmore	
Cr CM Casey	Cr LA Cooper	
Deputy Chairperson RI Clow	Cr CE Fletcher	
Cr C Darby	Deputy Mayor PA Hulse	
	Cr DA Krum	
	Cr ME Lee	
	Cr CM Penrose	
	Cr D Quax	
	Cr SL Stewart	
	Member G Wilcox	
	Cr JG Walker	
	Cr WD Walker	
	Cr J Watson	
	Chairperson MP Webster	
	Cr GS Wood	

The amendment was declared LOST by 5 votes to 16.

Resolution number FIN/2015/112

MOVED by Cr LA Cooper, seconded by Cr CE Brewer:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- a) agree that consultation on the quantum of the Uniform Annual General Charge occur over the range of \$350 to \$650.**

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

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cr CE Brewer	Cr AJ Anae	
Mayor LCM Brown	Cr CM Casey	
Cr WB Cashmore	Deputy Chairperson RI Clow	
Cr LA Cooper	Deputy Mayor PA Hulse	
Cr C Darby	Cr ME Lee	
Cr CE Fletcher	Member G Wilcox	
Cr DA Krum	Cr JG Walker	
Cr CM Penrose		
Cr D Quax		
Cr SL Stewart		
Cr WD Walker		
Cr J Watson		
Chairperson MP Webster		
Cr GS Wood		

The motion was declared CARRIED by 14 votes to 7.

CARRIED

12 Interim transport levy structure

MOVED by Cr WB Cashmore, seconded by Chairperson MP Webster:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- a) agree that it does not support consultation on changes to the interim transport levy.

Note: Changes to the original recommendations were made with the agreement of the meeting.

Resolution number FIN/2015/113

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson RI Clow, seconded by Cr CM Casey:

That the Finance and Performance Committee agree its preferred options for consultation are the following:

- a) **an increase in the share of the interim transport levy met by businesses from 14.7 per cent to 32.7 per cent for 2016/2017 and 32.3 per cent for 2017/2018**
- b) **share the business interim transport levy amongst business ratepayers on the basis of capital value rather than via a fixed charge.**

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

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cr CE Brewer	Cr AJ Anae	
Mayor LCM Brown	Cr WB Cashmore	
Cr CM Casey	Cr CM Penrose	
Deputy Chairperson RI Clow	Member G Wilcox	
Cr LA Cooper	Chairperson MP Webster	
Cr C Darby		
Cr CE Fletcher		
Deputy Mayor PA Hulse		
Cr DA Krum		
Cr ME Lee		
Cr D Quax		
Cr SL Stewart		
Cr JG Walker		
Cr WD Walker		
Cr J Watson		
Cr GS Wood		

The motion was declared CARRIED by 16 votes to 5.

CARRIED

13 Budget review

Resolution number FIN/2015/114

MOVED by Cr C Darby, seconded by Cr AJ Anae:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- a) **receive the Budget Review report.**

CARRIED

14 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

12.25pm

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 FINANCE AND
PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....