
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, Auckland on Wednesday, 30 November 2016 at 9.34am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Ross Clow	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Desley Simpson, JP	
Members	Cr Dr Cathy Casey	
	Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore	Until 11.13am, Item 9
	Cr Linda Cooper, JP	
	Cr Chris Darby	
	Cr Hon Christine Fletcher, QSO	
	Mayor Hon Phil Goff, JP	Until 11.13am, Item 9
	Cr Richard Hills	
	IMSB Member Terrence Hohneck	
	IMSB Member Tony Kake (alt)	Until 12.15pm, Item 9
	Cr Denise Lee	From 9.42am, Item 5.1
	Cr Mike Lee	From 10.06am, Item 9
	Cr Daniel Newman, JP	
	Cr Dick Quax	
	Cr Greg Sayers	From 10.31am, Item 9
	Cr Sharon Stewart, QSM	
	Cr Sir John Walker, KNZM, CBE	
	Cr Wayne Walker	
	Cr John Watson	From 9.35am, Item 1

ABSENT

Cr Alf Filipaina
IMSB Member David Taipari
Cr Efeso Collins
Cr Penny Hulse

1 Apologies

Cr J Watson entered the meeting at 9.35am.

Resolution number FIN/2016/150

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson D Simpson, seconded by Cr L Cooper:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- a) **accept the apologies from Cr A Filipaina, Cr E Collins and IMSB Member D Taipari for absence, from Cr P Hulse for absence on council business, from Cr M Lee for lateness and from Mayor P Goff and Deputy Mayor B Cashmore for early departure.**

CARRIED

2 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

There were no minutes for confirmation.

4 Petitions

There were no petitions.

5 Public Input

5.1 Public Input - Penny Bright - Various matters

Cr D Lee entered the meeting at 9.42am.

Penny Bright was in attendance to present to the committee regarding implementation of the Public Records Act and value-for-money in-house service provision.

Supporting information was tabled. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number FIN/2016/151

MOVED by Cr C Casey, seconded by Cr C Fletcher:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- a) **thank Penny Bright for her presentation regarding implementation of the Public Records Act and value-for-money in-house service provision and for her attendance.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 30 November 2016 - Finance and Performance Committee - Item 5.1 Public Input - Penny Bright tabled information

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 Annual Budget 2017/2018 - Mayoral Proposal on items for Public Consultation

MOVED by Mayor P Goff, seconded by Chairperson R Clow:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- a) **note** that the mayoral proposal places high priority on:
 - i) achieving rating stability in the 2017/18 year to restore public confidence in the council's financial management and prudence
 - ii) commencing the implementation of a revenue strategy that creates the financial headroom for the council to accelerate capital investments in transport and housing infrastructure without recourse to unacceptably high increases in general rates.
- b) **note** that rating stability can be achieved by:
 - i) capping general rates increases at 2.5 per cent in 2017/18
 - ii) increasing the Uniform Annual General Charge in line with the general rates increase
 - iii) pausing implementation of the Long-term Differential Strategy, which relates to business and residential rates, for one year
 - iv) not making changes to the share of the Interim Transport Levy (ITL) paid by residential and business ratepayers.
- c) **note** that the Annual Plan 2017/18 public consultation document **may** include the following items, **pending decisions made at the 13 December 2016 Finance and Performance Committee meeting:**

Rating policy changes

 - i) the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC), including the mayor's proposal that the Uniform Annual General Charge only increase in line with the general rates increase
 - ii) pausing implementation of the Long-term differential strategy – which relates to business and residential rates – for one year
 - iii) introduction of a visitor levy to fund visitor related expenditure of Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED)
 - iv) introduction of growth infrastructure targeted rates, and the associated changes to the council's Revenue and Financing Policy
 - v) the expansion and establishment of business improvement districts
 - vi) waste management targeted rates

Other budget changes

 - vii) mass transit network

- viii) introduction of a Living wage over three years
- ix) homelessness

Budget changes for information

- x) the rural fire service, reflecting the anticipated enactment of the Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) Bill
 - xi) changes to the implementation of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan
 - xii) Housing Infrastructure Fund
 - xiii) Skypath implementation.
- d) **note** that efficiency targets for council business units and council controlled organisations will be identified as part of the budget refresh scheduled for February 2017.

*Cr M Lee entered the meeting at 10.06am.
Cr G Sayers entered the meeting at 10.31am.
Mayor P Goff left the meeting at 11.13am.
Deputy Mayor B Cashmore left the meeting at 11.13am.
Cr W Walker left the meeting at 11.21am.
Cr J Watson left the meeting at 11.24am.
Cr J Watson returned to the meeting at 11.31am.
Cr W Walker returned to the meeting at 11.35am.*

The meeting adjourned at 11.38am and reconvened at 11.50am. Cr C Fletcher was not present.

Resolution number FIN/2016/152

MOVED by Cr D Newman, seconded by Cr S Stewart:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- a) **grant Cr D Quax an extension of three minutes to complete his address.**

CARRIED

*IMSB Member T Kake left the meeting at 12.15pm.
Cr C Fletcher returned to the meeting at 12.21pm.*

The Chairperson granted Cr M Lee an extension of two minutes to complete his address.

*Cr G Sayers left the meeting at 12.31pm.
Cr G Sayers returned to the meeting at 12.43pm.*

Resolution number FIN/2016/153

MOVED by Cr D Quax, seconded by Cr C Fletcher:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- a) **grant Cr D Newman an extension of two minutes to complete his address.**

CARRIED

Resolution number FIN/2016/154

MOVED by Mayor P Goff, seconded by Chairperson R Clow:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- a) **note that the mayoral proposal places high priority on:**
 - i) **achieving rating stability in the 2017/18 year to restore public confidence in the council's financial management and prudence**

- ii) commencing the implementation of a revenue strategy that creates the financial headroom for the council to accelerate capital investments in transport and housing infrastructure without recourse to unacceptably high increases in general rates.
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CARRIED

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 1.8.6, Cr D Quax requested that his dissenting vote against b) ii), c) iii), viii) and ix) be recorded and Cr C Fletcher requested that her dissenting vote against c) iii) be recorded.

10 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There were no extraordinary items.

1.10pm

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

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AT A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND
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DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....