Kōmiti ā Pūtea, ā Mahi Hoki / Finance and Performance Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Finance and Performance Committee held in the Reception Lounge, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Tuesday, 10 December 2019 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson
Cr Desley Simpson, JP
Cr Shane Henderson
Cr Josephine Bartley
IMSB Member Renata Blair
Cr Dr Cathy Casey
Deputy Mayor Cr Bill Cashmore
Cr Fa’anana Efeso Collins
Cr Pippa Coom
Cr Linda Cooper, JP
Cr Angela Dalton
Cr Chris Darby
Cr Alf Filipaina
Cr Hon Christine Fletcher, QSO
Mayor Hon Phil Goff, CNZM, JP
Cr Richard Hills
Cr Tracy Mulholland
Cr Daniel Newman, JP
Cr Greg Sayers
Cr Sharon Stewart, QSM
IMSB Chair David Taipari
Cr Wayne Walker
Cr John Watson

Deputy Chairperson
From 9.47am, Item 7

Members
From 9.33am

ABSENT

Member
Cr Paul Young
A minute’s silence was observed to acknowledge the Whakaari/White Island tragedy.

Cr P Coom joined the meeting at 9.33am.  
Cr L Cooper joined the meeting at 9.33am.  
Cr R Hills joined the meeting at 9.33am.  
Cr C Darby joined the meeting at 9.33am.

1 Apologies

Resolution number FIN/2019/125  
MOVED by Cr D Simpson, seconded by Cr S Henderson:  
That the Finance and Performance Committee:  
a) accept the apologies from Cr P Young for absence.  

Note: An apology was subsequently received from Cr G Sayers for lateness.

2 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Petitions

There were no petitions.

4 Public Input

There was no public input.

5 Local Board Input

There was no local board input.

6 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

Mayor P Goff entered the meeting at 9.33am.
7 Mayoral Proposal for the Annual Budget 2020/2021

Cr J Watson joined the meeting at 9.33am.
Cr W Walker joined the meeting at 9.38am.
Cr G Sayers joined the meeting at 9.38am.
Cr D Newman joined the meeting at 9.41am.
IMSB Chair D Taipari joined the meeting at 9.43am.
Cr J Bartley joined the meeting at 9.47am.
Cr E Collins left the meeting at 9.47am.

Resolution number FIN/2019/126

MOVED by Mayor P Goff, seconded by Cr D Simpson:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

a) receive the Mayoral Proposal for the Annual Budget 2020/2021.

b) note the key matters included in the proposal as follows:

i) a $2.7 billion investment in capital assets and operating expenditure of $4.4 billion

ii) 3.5 per cent increase in average general rates and the Uniform Annual General Charge

iii) continuation of reduction in the business differential

iv) no changes to Regional Fuel Tax, Water Quality Targeted Rate, Natural Environment Targeted Rate, Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate (judicial review outcome pending)


vi) progressively extending the living wage to contracted cleaners over the next three years with expenditure of up to $1.3 million in 2020/2021

vii) continued support in the council’s coordination and facilitation role in tackling homelessness in Auckland at $500,000 per annum for the next three years

viii) initial response to increased urgency of climate action ahead of the next 10-year Budget, including:

A) up to $6.3 million for decarbonising the council’s fleet over the next five years funded from existing budget

B) $9 million for phasing out gas boilers in council aquatic centres over the next five years, with $1.5 million in 2020/2021

C) these two measures will reduce the council’s emissions by nearly 20 per cent

D) $2.7 million for planting an additional half a million trees over the next three years, totalling a million and a half trees this term

E) $900,000 for foundation work for climate change interventions.

ix) $4.13 million per annum to increase the subsidy for child fares across public transport services (excluding exempt ferry services).
A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

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The motion was declared CARRIED by 20 votes to 1.

8 Annual Budget 2020/2021 - consultation material overview

Cr E Collins returned to the meeting at 11.02 am.

MOVED by Cr S Henderson, seconded by Cr D Simpson:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

a) agree to recommend to the Governing Body that consultation material for the Annual Budget 2020/2021:
   i) is based on year three of the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 updated for subsequent decisions and new information
   ii) includes content to support the development of local board agreements
   iii) includes the summary of the draft Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority Operational Plan 2020/2021 as agreed between the Maunga Authority and the council.

b) agree to recommend to the Governing Body that ward councillors be consulted with the ‘Have your say events’ dates prior to them being confirmed

The meeting adjourned at 11.05am and reconvened at 11.11am.

Cr C Fletcher and IMSB Chair D Taipari were not present.

Note: changes were made to the original motion and incorporated under clause b) with the agreement of the meeting.
Resolution number FIN/2019/127

MOVED by Cr S Henderson, seconded by Cr D Simpson:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

a) agree to recommend to the Governing Body that consultation material for the Annual Budget 2020/2021:
   i) is based on year three of the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 updated for subsequent decisions and new information
   ii) includes content to support the development of local board agreements
   iii) includes the summary of the draft Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority Operational Plan 2020/2021 as agreed between the Maunga Authority and the council.

b) note the resolution from the Finance and Performance Committee on 22 May 2019 to request staff to ensure Have Your Say events and engagement format are approved by ward councillors as well as local boards before being finalised.

CARRIED

9 Rates and Fees Issues for Annual Budget 2020/2021 Consultation

Note: amended wording of the original recommendation were made by staff in clauses a) i) and ii) and agreed to by the meeting.

Cr C Fletcher returned to the meeting at 11.14am.
IMSB Chair D Taipari returned to the meeting at 11.16am.

Resolution number FIN/2019/128

MOVED by Cr D Simpson, seconded by Cr S Henderson:

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

a) recommend to the Governing Body that it agree to consult as part of the draft Annual Budget 2020/2021 on
   i) increasing the waste management base service targeted rate to $141.03 (including GST) primarily to cover the increased cost of recycling as a result of changes in the international market price of recyclable material
   ii) increasing the standard refuse rate and the large refuse rate in the former Auckland City and Manukau City council areas to $144.16 and $67.75 (including GST) respectively subject to the decision of the Strategic Procurement Committee on the waste collections contracts procurement at its meeting on 10 December 2019 with these proposed new contracts providing significant savings over the long-term compared to 10-year Budget projections
   iii) replacing the three yearly $130 fee (including GST) for the first swimming pool fencing inspection with a targeted rate of $44 per year (including GST) and amending the remaining swimming pool fencing inspections fees as set out in Table 3 in this report
   iv) introducing a Clevedon water and wastewater connection targeted rate
   v) introducing business improvement district (BID) targeted rate for Central Park Henderson
vi) introducing business improvement district (BID) targeted rate for One Warkworth, subject to local board support

vii) expanding the BID targeted rate boundary for Glen Innes

viii) expanding the BID targeted rate boundaries for Manukau Central and Manurewa, subject to support from the relevant local boards

ix) changing regulatory fees and deposits as specified in Attachment C of the agenda report.

x) introducing an entry fee of $20 (including GST) for international visitors to the Auckland Botanic Gardens

xi) increasing the high impact event permit fee from $1,100 to $1,500 (including GST)

b) note that at its meeting on 10 September 2019 the Environment and Community Committee recommended that the Governing Body include in the consultation document for the Annual Budget 2020/2021 the proposed changes to the:

i) Retrofit Your Home scheme and the associated targeted rate

ii) legacy Waitākere City Council septic tank pump-out service and the associated targeted rate.

CARRIED

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 1.8.6, the following councillors requested that their dissenting votes be recorded as follows:

- Cr D Newman against clause a) x)
- Cr W Walker against clause a) x)

10 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

11.40am 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: .............................................