

Tira Kāwana / Governing Body

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Governing Body held in the Reception Lounge, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Tuesday, 25 May 2021 at 3.15pm.

PRESENT

Mayor	Hon Phil Goff, CNZM, JP	
Deputy Mayor	Deputy Mayor Cr Bill Cashmore	
Councillors	Cr Josephine Bartley	
	Cr Dr Cathy Casey	
	Cr Fa'anana Efeso Collins	Via electronic link
	Cr Pippa Coom	
	Cr Angela Dalton	
	Cr Chris Darby	
	Cr Alf Filipaina	
	Cr Christine Fletcher, QSO	
	Cr Shane Henderson	
	Cr Richard Hills	
	Cr Tracy Mulholland	
	Cr Daniel Newman, JP	
	Cr Greg Sayers	
	Cr Desley Simpson, JP	
	Cr Sharon Stewart, QSM	
	Cr Wayne Walker	
	Cr John Watson	
	Cr Paul Young	

ABSENT

Cr Linda Cooper

1 Affirmation

His Worship the Mayor will read the affirmation.

2 Apologies

Resolution number GB/2021/36

MOVED by Mayor P Goff, seconded by Cr T Mulholland:

That the Governing Body:

- a) **accept the apology from Cr L Cooper for absence.**

CARRIED

Electronic Attendance

Resolution number GB/2021/37

MOVED by Mayor P Goff, seconded by Cr T Mulholland:

That the Governing Body:

- a) **approve electronic attendance under Standing Order 3.3.3 for:**
 - **Cr E Collins**

CARRIED

3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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 Adoption of the recommendations from the 25 May 2021 Finance and Performance Committee relating to Recovery Budget (10-year Budget 2021-2031) Mayor's final proposal

The recommendation was moved and put in parts.

Resolution number GB/2021/38

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

That the Governing Body:

- a) **agree that the final Recovery Budget (10-year Budget 2021-2031) package be based on updated consultation budget as outlined in attachment C of the agenda report, which includes:**
 - ii) **financial levers that support continued delivery of key services and strong investment in new and renewed assets, including:**
 - A) **\$90 million ongoing savings for Auckland Council.**
 - B) **\$70 million annual asset recycling target for the first three years, with additional targets in subsequent years to reflect timing changes for asset recycling opportunities not realised in 2020/2021.**
 - C) **additional borrowing as represented by the debt to revenue ratio of up to 290 per cent for the first three years, gradually returning to 270 per cent, with an intention to maintain council group's current credit rating and a strong commitment to long-term financial prudence.**

CARRIED

Resolution number GB/2021/39

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

That the Governing Body:

- a) **agree that the final Recovery Budget (10-year Budget 2021-2031) package be based on updated consultation budget as outlined in attachment C of the agenda report, which includes:**
 - i) **financial levers that support continued delivery of key services and strong investment in new and renewed assets, including:**
 - D) **5 per cent average general rates increase for 2021/2022 and 3.5 per cent annual average general rates increase thereafter.**

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

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cr J Bartley	Cr C Fletcher	
Cr C Casey	Cr G Sayers	
Deputy Mayor BC Cashmore	Cr S Stewart	
Cr E Collins	Cr W Walker	
Cr P Coom	Cr J Watson	
Cr A Dalton		
Cr C Darby		
Cr A Filipaina		
Mayor P Goff		
Cr S Henderson		
Cr R Hills		
Cr T Mulholland		
Cr D Newman		
Cr D Simpson		
Cr P Young		

The motion was declared CARRIED by 15 votes to 5.

CARRIED

Resolution number GB/2021/40

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

That the Governing Body:

- a) **agree that the final Recovery Budget (10-year Budget 2021-2031) package be based on updated consultation budget as outlined in attachment C of the agenda report, which includes:**
- ii) **a package of new climate actions totalling \$152 million above existing spending to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impact of climate change.**
 - iii) **a more focused approach to providing infrastructure to support growth in partnership with the central government and private sector, prioritising Auckland Housing Programme and Tamaki, North West, Drury and City Rail Link stations.**
 - iv) **a three-year transition towards a more sustainable investment approach to delivering community services that is less reliant on council assets and focuses more on provision through alternative ways such as partnerships, digital channels and multi-use facilities.**
 - v) **extending the Natural Environment Targeted Rate from 2028 to 2031 to continue the natural environment protection programmes to lock in the benefits realised from past efforts in pest control and ensure ongoing protection for indigenous biodiversity within the region.**
 - vi) **over next year, scoping work programmes which will provide greater protection to notable trees including actions from Council itself and from the government in terms of restoring provisions for comprehensive protection for notable trees.**
 - vii) **extending the Water Quality Targeted Rate from 2028 to 2031 and increasing it by 5 per cent in 2021/2022 and then 3.5 per cent annually thereafter, to improve water quality in other areas of the city, in particular the Eastern Isthmus and Manukau Harbour catchments.**
 - viii) **additional operational funding of \$100 million over 10 years for improving public transport services, particularly ferry and new bus services, funded by \$50 million additional operational funding from Auckland Council and \$50 million operational efficiency from Auckland Transport. Matching funding will be sought from Waka Kotahi.**
 - ix) **additional capital funding of \$182 million over 10 years to Auckland Unlimited to ensure necessary renewal of regional venues.**
 - x) **operational funding of \$11 million over three years to Auckland Unlimited to support Auckland hosting FIFA Women's World Cup 2023.**
 - xi) **continuation of \$150 million funding to support Māori outcomes over 10 years.**
 - xii) **continuation of \$2.067 million in annual grant funding to Auckland Citizen Advice Bureau for the first three years.**
 - xiii) **continuation of \$298,000 in annual operational funding to Mangere Mountain Education Trust for the first three years, noting that further consideration on integrating with Tūpuna Maunga Authority will be given once the authority's education strategy is developed.**

- xiv) providing \$100,000 per annum in grant funding to the Hibiscus Coast Youth Centre for the first three years, noting that a changing approach to delivering community services may influence the funding needed in the outer years.

CARRIED

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

- Cr S Henderson, against clause a) iv)
- Cr D Newman, against clause a) iv)
- Cr W Walker, against clause a) iv) and a) i) B)

9 Adoption of the recommendations from the 25 May 2021 Finance and Performance Committee relating to Recovery Budget (10-year Budget 2021-2031): Other proposals

Resolution number GB/2021/41

MOVED by Cr S Henderson, seconded by Mayor P Goff:

That the Governing Body:

- a) agree that the Recovery Budget, 10-year Budget 2021-2031 provides for:
- i) the transfer of ownership and a change in use for Bledisloe House through entering into a development agreement for a long-term ground lease of 125 years.
 - ii) long-term leases on the following council-owned development sites in the city centre waterfront precinct, on which Panuku plans to partner with private developers to develop:
 - A) North Wharf – site 14
 - B) Jellicoe Street – site 19
 - C) Silo 6 – site 12
 - D) Wynyard Point – Block A and B
 - E) 44-56 Hamer Street – Sealink ferry terminal
 - F) 101 Pakenham Street West – Lysaght Building
 - iii) the sale of the following council-owned buildings:
 - A) 2 The Strand, Takapuna
 - B) 3 Victoria Road, Devonport
- b) agree that the Recovery Budget, 10-year Budget 2021-2031 includes:
- i) The Council Controlled Organisation Accountability Policy (Attachment A of the agenda report)
 - ii) The Auckland Airport Shareholding Policy (Attachment B of the agenda report)
 - iii) The Local Board Funding policy (Attachment C of the agenda report)
- c) note the draft level of service measures and targets in Attachment D of the agenda report to be included in the Recovery Budget, 10-year Budget 2021-2031 following further review and confirmation.

CARRIED

10 Adoption of the recommendations from the 25 May 2021 Finance and Performance Committee relating to the Paremoro Public Transport Targeted Rate

Resolution number GB/2021/42

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

That the Governing Body:

- a) **agree not to include the Paremoro Public Transport Targeted Rate as part of the Recovery Budget, 10-year Budget 2021-2031 to fund a new bus service from Paremoro to Albany.**

CARRIED

11 Adoption of the recommendations from the 25 May 2021 Finance and Performance Committee relating to Changes to the Urban Rating Area and Rating of Farm and Lifestyle Properties within the Urban Rating Area

Resolution number GB/2021/43

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

That the Governing Body:

- a) **agree that it align the Urban Rating Area with the Rural Urban Boundary in the Unitary Plan and charge urban rates for all land within the Rural Urban Boundary except land located in Warkworth and land zoned Future Urban but including the Future Urban zoned Ockleston Landing and Halls Farm consented developments.**
- b) **agree that it charge farm and lifestyle properties located in the Urban Rating Area urban residential rates.**
- c) **agree that it transition the rates change over three years for clauses a) and b) above.**

CARRIED

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

- Cr C Fletcher, against entirety
- Cr T Mulholland, against entirety
- Cr D Newman, against the inclusion of Hingaia
- Cr G Sayers, against entirety
- Cr S Stewart, against entirety
- Cr W Walker, against entirety
- Cr J Watson, against entirety

12 Adoption of the recommendations from the 25 May 2021 Finance and Performance Committee relating to Other Rates and Fees Issues for the Recovery Budget (10-year Budget 2021-2031)

Resolution number GB/2021/44

MOVED by Mayor P Goff, seconded by Deputy Mayor BC Cashmore:

That the Governing Body:

- a) agree, as part of the final Recovery Budget, 10-year Budget 2021-2031 to:
- i) introduce the Electricity Network Resilience Targeted Rate to be set on Vector's utility assets of \$10.5 million for 2021/2022, to be adjusted annually for council rate of inflation, to fund enhanced maintenance of our trees that present a risk to the Vector electricity network and additional investment in tree planting activity
 - ii) extend the duration of the City Centre Targeted Rate and investment programmes it funds until 2030/2031, to align with the timeframe of the Recovery Budget, 10-year Budget 2021-2031
 - iii) increase the waste management standard refuse and large refuse targeted rates to \$150.06 and \$70.53 respectively for 2021/2022
 - iv) increase the rubbish bin tag and rubbish bag prices as set out in Table 1 of this report
 - v) adjust the waste management standard refuse and large refuse targeted rates, the rubbish bin tag prices and rubbish bag prices for the remainder of the 10-year budget period to reflect any further changes in costs
 - vi) increase the Waitākere Rural Sewerage Targeted Rate to \$296.75 for 2021/2022, 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 and adjust the targeted rate for the remainder of the 10-year budget period to reflect any further changes in costs
 - vii) reinstate interest on the following loan repayment targeted rates:
 - A) Riverhaven Drive targeted rate
 - B) Retro-fit Your Home targeted rate
 - C) Kumeū Huapai Riverhead wastewater targeted rate
 - D) On-site wastewater systems (septic tank) upgrades targeted rate
 - E) Point Wells wastewater targeted rate
 - F) Jackson Crescent wastewater targeted rate
 - viii) adjust for cost inflation the waste management targeted rates (those other than standard refuse and large refuse), local board swimming pool entry targeted rates, Swimming/Spa Pool Compliance Targeted Rate and the City Centre Targeted Rate
 - ix) remove the Clevedon wastewater and water connection targeted rate
 - x) that stormwater services and management of drainage assets in the Te Arai and Okahukura drainage districts be undertaken in a joint management arrangement with the relevant communities, with the provision of those services to be funded from a targeted rate on the benefiting properties in the Te Arai and Okahukura drainage districts as set out in this report

- xi) that stormwater services and management of drainage assets in the Glorit drainage district be undertaken by a private management arrangement with the community and affected landowners, with funding provided directly by the benefiting landowners
 - xii) adopt the changes to the Business Improvement District (BID) Targeted Rates proposed by the business associations, including the extension of the boundaries for the Manurewa and Dominion Road BIDs
 - xiii) agree to the changes to fees and charges as set out in this report
- b) having considered the feedback from local boards relating to the reinstatement of the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate as set out in this report, confirm its recommendation to the Governing Body from its meeting on 22 April 2021 (resolution FIN/2021/28):

“agree to recommend to the Governing Body at its meeting on 25 May 2021, subject to consideration of local board feedback, that it agree as part of the Recovery Budget 2021-2031 that:

- i) expenditure on visitor attraction and major events be reduced from \$29 million to around \$14.5 million; and the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate be suspended until 30 June 2022.”

CARRIED

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

- Cr C Fletcher, against clause b)
- Cr G Sayers, against clause a) x) and clause b)
- Cr W Walker, against clause b)
- Cr J Watson, against clause b)

13 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

3.28pm

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 GOVERNING BODY HELD
ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....