
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, 7 June 2022 at 8.25pm.

PRESENT

Mayor	Hon Phil Goff, CNZM, JP	
Deputy Mayor	Deputy Mayor Cr Bill Cashmore	
Councillors	Cr Josephine Bartley	Via electronic link
	Cr Dr Cathy Casey	Via electronic link
	Cr Fa'anana Efeso Collins	
	Cr Pippa Coom	
	Cr Linda Cooper, JP	
	Cr Angela Dalton	
	Cr Chris Darby	
	Cr Alf Filipaina, MNZM	Via electronic link
	Cr Christine Fletcher, QSO	Via electronic link
	Cr Shane Henderson	
	Cr Richard Hills	
	Cr Tracy Mulholland	Via electronic link
	Cr Daniel Newman, JP	Via electronic link
	Cr Greg Sayers	Via electronic link, from 8.28pm, Item 8
	Cr Desley Simpson, JP	
	Cr Sharon Stewart, QSM	Via electronic link
	Cr Wayne Walker	Via electronic link
	Cr John Watson	Via electronic link
	Cr Paul Young	

1 Affirmation

His Worship the Mayor will read the affirmation.

Note: a roll-call was conducted that ascertained the following members were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting: ✓

Member		Member	
Mayor P Goff	✓	Cr S Henderson	✓
Deputy Mayor BC Cashmore	✓	Cr R Hills	✓
Cr J Bartley	✓	Cr T Mulholland	✓
Cr C Casey	✓	Cr D Newman	✓
Cr E Collins	✓	Cr G Sayers	
Cr P Coom	✓	Cr D Simpson	✓
Cr L Cooper	✓	Cr S Stewart	✓
Cr A Dalton	✓	Cr W Walker	✓
Cr C Darby	✓	Cr J Watson	✓
Cr A Filipaina	✓	Cr P Young	✓
Cr C Fletcher	✓		

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

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 Referred from the Audit and Risk Committee - Risk management approach for the Annual Budget 2022/2023

Resolution number GB/2022/43

MOVED by Cr A Dalton, seconded by Cr L Cooper:

That the Governing Body:

- a) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the Risk management approach for the Annual Budget 2022/2023 report (Attachment A of the agenda report) referred from the Audit and Risk Committee**
- b) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the advice from the Audit and Risk Committee that an appropriate approach is being taken to manage the key financial risks associated with the Annual Budget 2022/2023, provided that the Governing Body is able to reach agreement on a budget that addresses the financial pressures in a sustainable and financially prudent manner.**

CARRIED

Cr G Sayers entered the meeting at 8.28pm.

9 Referred from the Extraordinary Finance and Performance Committee meeting relating to Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023

Resolution number GB/2022/44

MOVED by Cr A Filipaina, seconded by Cr C Casey:

That the Governing Body:

- a) **whakaae / agree the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (Attachment A of the agenda report to the Finance and Performance Committee, 7 June 2022) and Summary of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 (Attachment B of the agenda report to the Finance and Performance Committee, 7 June 2022).**
- b) **whakaae / agree to include the Summary of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2022/2023 in the Annual Budget 2022/2023.**

CARRIED

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

- Cr G Sayers
- Cr S Stewart
- Cr W Walker

10 Referred from the Extraordinary Finance and Performance Committee meeting relating to Annual Budget 2022/2023: Mayoral Proposal

Resolution number GB/2022/45

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

That the Governing Body:

- a) **agree to the Annual Budget 2022/2023, which is based on the updated consultation budget with \$2.8 billion capital expenditure, \$5.1 billion operating expenditure and a 3.5 per cent increase in average general rate as planned, and includes:**
 - i) **a package of further climate action to reduce emissions and support adaptation, including:**
 - A) **over \$1 billion expenditure over 10 years towards improving bus services, decarbonising ferry services, providing for walking and cycling, and increasing tree canopy in communities which need it most.**
 - B) **a Climate Action Targeted Rate providing for \$574 million over 10 years to fund climate action, with the remainder funded by \$128 million in fare revenue from additional services and \$354 million in government co-funding.**
 - C) **applying consistent principles for the Climate Action Targeted Rate programme to determine further climate action if additional government funding becomes available from the Climate Emergency Response Fund.**
 - D) **the targeted rate is**
 - 1) **based on capital value with 25.8 per cent to be raised from business properties and 74.2 per cent from non-business, rising by 3.5 per cent each year, the same as the Water Quality Targeted Rate.**
 - 2) **is differentiated within the business and non-business sectors on the same basis as the general rate.**
 - E) **a political governance and oversight group for the Climate Action Targeted Rate be established for the duration of the fund to provide direction in line with the purpose and principles of the targeted rate and to monitor and report on progress.**
 - F) **note that Council has approved in principle a congestion charging system which is being considered for legislation by the Government, and that the Regional Fuel Tax and Climate Action Targeted Rate will be reviewed with a view to phasing out the Regional Fuel Tax as revenue becomes available from the congestion charge.**
 - ii) **a grant of \$750,000 to Coastguard New Zealand in the 2022/2023 financial year and request acknowledgement of Auckland Council funding for coastguard services in the Auckland region for the 2022/2023 year.**
- b) **agree the following approach to addressing growing operating cost pressures caused by COVID-19 and economic conditions such as high inflation and interest rates, to ensure Auckland Council continues to act in a financially prudent way, including fully funding depreciation by 2027/2028.**
 - i) **note that Auckland Council and council-controlled organisations will continue to work to achieve savings and asset recycling targets included**

in existing budgets and that the Value for Money programme and reviews will continue to be progressed under the oversight of the Value for Money Committee.

- ii) agree to apply \$127 million better-off funding from the Government in 2022/2023.
- iii) agree to defer \$230 million of capital expenditure over the next three years (2022/2023 – 2024/2025) while ensuring critical and high-risk projects as well as projects strongly supporting growth and climate action are maintained.
- iv) agree to approve the use and ongoing improvement of the prioritisation framework consulted on and the general approach to service prioritisation.
- v) agree that staff begin investigating service optimisation opportunities of around \$30 million for consideration by the new Council as part of the Annual Budget 2023/2024.
- vi) agree that staff begin considering further cost reductions from service prioritisation of around \$50 million for decision-making by the new Council as part of the 10-year Budget 2024-2034.
- vii) agree that staff report to the Value for Money Committee on scoping the strategic opportunities for cost reductions.
- viii) note options available to the new Council to respond to future operating cost pressures include varying degrees of capital deferrals, operating cost reductions and higher rates settings.
- ix) note further opportunities associated with Three Water Reform and optimising financial return from Ports of Auckland.
- x) agree to continue to advocate for the return of GST charged on rates to the council, in alignment with previous submissions to the New Zealand Productivity Commission and a Local Government New Zealand remit that was passed with 92 per cent support of the sector.
- xi) note that final decisions beyond 2022/2023 rest with the new Council in consultation with the public as appropriate.

CARRIED

Note: It was agreed the voting record from the Finance and Performance Committee meeting held on 7 June 2022 would be noted when voting on this item. The voting record is as follows:

Note: Under Standing Order 1.8.6, the following members requested that their votes be recorded as follows:

- Cr C Fletcher supports subclauses a) i) A) and B) and subclause a) ii)
- Cr T Mulholland supports subclause a) i) B); does not support a budget rates increase of 3.5%
- Cr D Newman against clause a)
- Cr G Sayers supports subclause a) ii) and subclause b) x)
- Cr S Stewart against subclause a) i) and subclause a) ii)
- Cr W Walker supports subclauses a) i) A) and B) and subclause a) ii)
- Cr J Watson supports clause a) i) A) and B) and clause a) ii)

Note: Under Standing Order 1.8.3, the following members requested that their abstentions be recorded as follows:

- Cr G Sayers, subclause a) i)
- Cr D Simpson, subclause a) i) D) 1)

11 Referred from the Extraordinary Finance and Performance Committee meeting relating to Annual Budget 2022/2023: Kerbside refuse charging policy review

Resolution number GB/2022/46

MOVED by Cr R Hills, seconded by Cr P Coom:

That the Governing Body:

- a) **agree to amend the Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 to move to a regionwide rates-funded refuse collection service with a choice of three bin sizes to accommodate different household needs**

CARRIED

Note: It was agreed the voting record from the Finance and Performance Committee meeting held on 7 June 2022 would be noted when voting on this item. The voting record is as follows:

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

- Cr G Sayers
- Cr W Walker
- Cr J Watson

12 Referred from the Extraordinary Finance and Performance Committee meeting relating to Annual Budget 2022/2023: Other Fees and Charges

Resolution number GB/2022/47

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

That the Governing Body:

- a) **agree to adopt as part of the Annual Budget 2022/2023 standardised charging for the waste management targeted rates as set out below:**
- i) **allowing residential multi-unit developments (MUDs) across Auckland with 10 or more units to opt out of council's refuse, recycling and/or food scraps services and respective targeted rate charges where the service(s) cannot be provided by the council as per the standards specified in Attachment A of the report to the Finance and Performance Committee, 7 June 2022, effective from 1 July 2023 with the exception of ii) below**
- ii) **maintaining the existing opt-out arrangements for MUDs within the former Auckland City Council (ACC) area where:**
- A) **an approved opt-out as per the current policy is already in place, or**
- B) **an application for opt-out as per the current policy is received by the council on or before 30 June 2022**
- C) **applying the waste management targeted rates as applicable on a per SUIP basis to all residential and lifestyle properties with less than 10**

SUIPs across Auckland where a service is provided or available, effective from 1 July 2022 with the exception of iv) below

- iii) maintaining the number of waste management targeted rate charges as per the current policy for the following multi-SUIP properties with less than 10 SUIPs within the former ACC, until the property changes owners:
 - A) properties with a residential or lifestyle land use that are already receiving fewer waste management targeted rate charges than their number of SUIPs
 - B) properties with a residential or lifestyle land use that request to reduce their number of charges on or before 30 June 2022
- iv) allowing all properties with a land use that is not residential or lifestyle to opt out of the standard refuse and/or the recycling service and respective targeted rate charges at their request, effective from 1 July 2023
- v) applying a minimum targeted rate charge to cover the costs of council's regional initiatives including the annual inorganic collection, the resource recovery network and subsidy for providing affordable waste services on Hauraki Gulf Islands (HGI), to all eligible rateable SUIPs across Auckland that are not currently paying this minimum charge, effective from 2023/2024.
- b) agree to adopt as part of the Annual Budget 2022/2023 a food scraps targeted rate as set out in this report, to fund the food scraps collection service to the following areas, to be applied to all residential (including lifestyle) SUIPs to which the service is made available:
 - i) the former Waitākere City Council (WCC) area
 - ii) the former North Shore City Council (NSCC) area excluding those areas where the service is already available.
- c) agree to adopt as part of the Annual Budget 2022/2023 the updated waste management targeted rates as set out in this report.
- d) agree to recommend to the Governing Body to adopt as part of the Annual Budget 2022/2023 amending the rating policy to:
 - i) to rate rural zoned land on Waiheke that is located inside the Rural Urban Boundary as rural or farm/lifestyle
 - ii) rate as residential separate rating units used as an access way to residential properties
 - iii) include the proposed Climate Action Targeted Rate.
- e) agree to adopt as part of the Annual Budget 2022/2023 changes to fees and charges as set out in Attachment C of the report to the Finance and Performance Committee, 7 June 2022.

CARRIED

13 Referred from the Extraordinary Finance and Performance Committee meeting relating to Rating of Whenua Māori: Adoption of Rates Remission and Postponement policies

Resolution number GB/2022/48

MOVED by Deputy Mayor BC Cashmore, seconded by Cr E Collins:

That the Governing Body:

- a) **whakaae / agree to adopt the Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment A to the report to the Finance and Performance Committee, 7 June 2022, to be effective and replace the existing policy from 1 July 2022**
- b) **whakaae / agree to adopt the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B to the report to the Finance and Performance Committee, 7 June 2022, to be effective and replace the existing policy from 1 July 2022.**
- c) **whakaae / agree that officers be requested to report to the Finance and Performance Committee on options for making papakāinga on general land owned by iwi eligible for remission under Part 2 of the Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy and to consider further remissions to this type of development.**

CARRIED

14 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

8.33pm

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:.....