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## Emergency Committee

# OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Emergency Committee held in the Reception Lounge, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Wednesday, 15 February 2023 at 10.06am.

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### TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

<b>Mayor</b>	Wayne Brown	
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	Cr Desley Simpson, JP	Via electronic link
<b>Councillors</b>	Cr Andrew Baker	Via electronic link
	Cr Josephine Bartley	Via electronic link
	Cr Angela Dalton	Via electronic link
	Cr Chris Darby	Via electronic link
	Cr Julie Fairey	Via electronic link
	Cr Christine Fletcher, QSO	Via electronic link
	Cr Lotu Fuli	Via electronic link
	Cr Shane Henderson	Via electronic link
	Cr Richard Hills	
	IMSB Member Tony Kake, MNZM	Via electronic link, Until 12.35pm, Item 8
	Cr Mike Lee	Via electronic link
	Cr Kerrin Leoni	Via electronic link
	Cr Daniel Newman, JP	Via electronic link
	Cr Greg Sayers	Via electronic link
	Cr Sharon Stewart, QSM	Via electronic link
	IMSB Chair David Taipari	Via electronic link
	Cr Ken Turner	Via electronic link
	Cr Wayne Walker	Via electronic link
	Cr John Watson	Via electronic link
	Cr Maurice Williamson	Via electronic link

### TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

<b>Member</b>	Cr Alf Filipaina, MNZM
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**Note:** In accordance with resolution number [GB/2023/3](#) passed by the Governing Body on 10 February 2023, the in-person quorum for this meeting was two (2). All other members attended the meeting via electronic link.

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

Member		Member	
Mayor W Brown	✓	IMSB Member T Kake	✓
Deputy Mayor D Simpson	✓	Cr M Lee	✓
Cr A Baker	✓	Cr K Leoni	✓
Cr J Bartley	✓	Cr D Newman	✓
Cr A Dalton	✓	Cr G Sayers	✓
Cr C Darby	✓	Cr S Stewart	✓
Cr J Fairey	✓	IMSB Chair D Taipari	✓
Cr A Filipaina		Cr K Turner	✓
Cr C Fletcher	✓	Cr W Walker	✓
Cr L Fuli	✓	Cr J Watson	✓
Cr S Henderson	✓	Cr M Williamson	✓
Cr R Hills	✓		

## 1 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

There were no apologies.

## 2 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## Te Mihi | Acknowledgement

His Worship the Mayor made the following acknowledgement in relation to the recent flooding and Cyclone Gabrielle:

*"I want to start by acknowledging the incredible effort of the people of Auckland in the face of two major weather events in the last fortnight.*

*First, the flooding on the 27th of January, and now the cyclone Gabrielle over the last three days. Your resilience, courage and determination in the face of these challenges have been truly inspiring.*

*I also want to extend my sincerest gratitude to the emergency management centre and all the emergency responders who have been on the job 24/7 over the last two weeks. Their tireless work and dedication have been exceptional, and I will never forget their huge contribution.*

*I also want to acknowledge the efforts of all the councillors and local board members who have been in the front and centre of their communities during this time, helping, supporting and encouraging those in need. Your concern and support have been evident throughout, and I thank you all.*

*Finally, I want to assure councillors that lessons have been learned from the recent events, particularly regarding communication from my office on the 27th of January. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to our communities.*

*My thoughts go out to people in other regions and their councils as cyclone Gabrielle moves down the country.*

*Thank you."*

### 3 Ngā Kōrero a te Marea | Public Input

There was no public input section.

### 4 Ngā Kōrero a te Poari ā-Rohe Pātata | Local Board Input

There was no local board input section.

### 5 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

## 6 Draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2023/2024

Resolution number ECCCC/2023/1

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Cr A Dalton:

**That the Emergency Committee:**

- a) **whakaae / agree the Draft Tūpuna Maunga Operational Plan 2023/2024 and a summary of the draft plan (for inclusion in the consultation material for the Annual Budget 2023/2024).**

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

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cr A Baker	Cr C Fletcher	
Cr J Bartley	Cr M Lee	
Mayor W Brown	Cr G Sayers	
Cr A Dalton	Cr S Stewart	
Cr C Darby	Cr K Turner	
Cr J Fairey	Cr W Walker	
Cr L Fuli	Cr M Williamson	
Cr S Henderson		
Cr R Hills		
IMSB Member T Kake		
Cr K Leoni		
Cr D Newman		
Deputy Mayor D Simpson		
IMSB Chair D Taipari		
Cr J Watson		

The motion was declared CARRIED by 15 votes to 7.

**CARRIED**

## 7 Annual Budget 2023/2024 Communications and Engagement Plan

MOVED by Cr A Baker, seconded by Deputy Mayor D Simpson:

**That the Emergency Committee:**

- a) **whakaae / agree the proposed communications and engagement plan for the Annual Budget 2023/2024 set out in this report, noting:**
- public consultation will run from midday on Tuesday 28 February 2023 until 11pm on Tuesday 28 March 2023
  - feedback can be provided through a range of channels; written, in person, telephone and digital
  - various events and community forums will be held across the region (either in-person or virtually) to allow Aucklanders to have their views heard and provide feedback
  - an independent, representative survey (non-statutory) on priority topic(s) will be run separately to the consultation feedback. The quantitative market research survey will be run by an industry leading market research agency and peer reviewed by the University of Auckland

- v) webinar information sessions will be available throughout the consultation period to give the public an opportunity to listen to and ask questions of elected members and/or subject matter experts
  - vi) recorded councillor panel discussions will be available for Aucklanders to listen to/view, to understand what the budget means for their area
  - vii) post consultation, regional and local briefing reports will be prepared to provide a summary of public feedback received across all channels for decision makers
  - viii) there will be a joint hui between the Tūpuna Maunga Authority and council to consider feedback on the draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2023/2024 ahead of adoption of the final plan
  - ix) a summary of the final decisions made will be made publicly available and widely communicated in July 2023
- b) whakaae / agree to delegate to the following elected members and council officers the responsibility to hear feedback at the Have Your Say events for consultation on the Annual Budget 2023/2024:
- i) the mayor and councillors
  - ii) local board chairs and local board members
  - iii) staff approved by the Group Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution number ECCCC/2023/2

MOVED by Cr J Bartley, seconded by Cr D Newman:

- x) staff being requested that hearings form part of the discussion around communications and engagement process of the 10-year Budget (Long-term Plan)

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

<b><u>For</u></b>	<b><u>Against</u></b>	<b><u>Abstained</u></b>
Cr A Baker	Cr S Henderson	Mayor W Brown
Cr J Bartley	Cr M Williamson	
Cr A Dalton		
Cr C Darby		
Cr J Fairey		
Cr C Fletcher		
Cr L Fuli		
Cr R Hills		
IMSB Member T Kake		
Cr M Lee		
Cr K Leoni		
Cr D Newman		
Cr G Sayers		
Deputy Mayor D Simpson		
Cr S Stewart		
IMSB Chair D Taipari		
Cr K Turner		
Cr W Walker		
Cr J Watson		

The amendment was declared **CARRIED** by 19 votes to 2.

**CARRIED**

The substantive motion was put.

Resolution number ECCCC/2023/3

MOVED by Cr A Baker, seconded by Deputy Mayor D Simpson:

**That the Emergency Committee:**

- a) **whakaae / agree the proposed communications and engagement plan for the Annual Budget 2023/2024 set out in this report, noting:**
- i) **public consultation will run from midday on Tuesday 28 February 2023 until 11pm on Tuesday 28 March 2023**
  - ii) **feedback can be provided through a range of channels; written, in person, telephone and digital**
  - iii) **various events and community forums will be held across the region (either in-person or virtually) to allow Aucklanders to have their views heard and provide feedback**
  - iv) **an independent, representative survey (non-statutory) on priority topic(s) will be run separately to the consultation feedback. The quantitative market research survey will be run by an industry leading market research agency and peer reviewed by the University of Auckland**
  - v) **webinar information sessions will be available throughout the consultation period to give the public an opportunity to listen to and ask questions of elected members and/or subject matter experts**
  - vi) **recorded councillor panel discussions will be available for Aucklanders to listen to/view, to understand what the budget means for their area**
  - vii) **post consultation, regional and local briefing reports will be prepared to provide a summary of public feedback received across all channels for decision makers**
  - viii) **there will be a joint hui between the Tūpuna Maunga Authority and council to consider feedback on the draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2023/2024 ahead of adoption of the final plan**
  - ix) **a summary of the final decisions made will be made publicly available and widely communicated in July 2023**
  - x) **staff being requested that hearings form part of the discussion around communications and engagement process of the 10-year Budget (Long-term Plan)**
- b) **whakaae / agree to delegate to the following elected members and council officers the responsibility to hear feedback at the Have Your Say events for consultation on the Annual Budget 2023/2024:**
- i) **the mayor and councillors**
  - ii) **local board chairs and local board members**
  - iii) **staff approved by the Group Chief Financial Officer.**

**CARRIED**

## 8 Annual Budget 2023/2024: Adoption of consultation material

An updated copy of the consultation document including the audit opinion for the Auckland International Airport Limited (AIAL) section and page numbers and references for both the consultation document and supporting information was circulated prior to the meeting.

A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as minutes attachment.

*Cr C Fletcher left the meeting at 11.46am.*

*Cr C Fletcher returned to the meeting at 11.54am.*

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Deputy Mayor D Simpson:

That the Emergency Committee:

- a) whakaae / agree, in light of further information received since the Governing Body agreed items for consultation on 15 December 2022, to amend the proposal for an \$8 million reduction in regional contestable grants to a \$3 million reduction in regional grants, which would result in the total amount of proposed cost reductions across the group for consultation being \$125 million instead of \$130 million.
- b) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that changes to the regional grants proposal and the overall group savings target and savings proposal have been included in the consultation material for adoption today.
- c) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that additional service implications of the proposed reduction to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited's (TAU) funding have been identified and included in the consultation materials, including no council funding of TAU's economic development activity and a material reduction in TAU's visitor attraction activities.
- d) whakaae / agree that information relating to the potential financial impacts of the recent storm events be included in the Consultation Document and Supporting Information for the Annual Budget 2023/2024, including:
  - i) the need to reprioritise capital investment to address urgent asset renewals, and
  - ii) a proposal to include \$20 million of additional operating expenditure for a storm response fund, noting that funding this may require an additional average general rates increase of 1 per cent for 2023/2024.
- e) whai / adopt the Supporting Information for the Annual Budget 2023/2024, which includes supporting information relating to the proposal to amend our 10-year Budget 2021-2031.
- f) whai / adopt the Consultation Document for the Annual Budget 2023/2024, which includes the proposal to amend our 10-year Budget 2021-2031.
- g) whakaae / agree to delegate responsibility to the mayor and the group chief financial officer to approve any final edits required to the Consultation Document and Supporting Information for the Annual Budget 2023/2024 and amendment to our 10-year Budget 2021-2031 in order to finalise the documents for uploading online and physical distribution.

Resolution number ECCCC/2023/4

MOVED by Cr J Fairey, seconded by Cr S Henderson an amendment by way of replacement to clause f):

- f) whai / adopt the Consultation Document for the Annual Budget 2023/2024, which includes the proposal to amend our 10-year Budget 2021-2031, with the following changes:



- i) removal of the feedback form question related to the ratepayer status of the submitter (“Do you pay rates to Auckland Council?”)
- ii) removal of the feedback question relation to the income level of the submitter (“What is your yearly household income before tax?”)

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

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cr J Bartley	Cr A Baker	Mayor W Brown
Cr A Dalton	Cr C Fletcher	
Cr C Darby	Cr D Newman	
Cr J Fairey	Cr G Sayers	
Cr L Fuli	Deputy Mayor D Simpson	
Cr S Henderson	Cr S Stewart	
Cr R Hills	Cr K Turner	
IMSB Member T Kake	Cr W Walker	
Cr M Lee	Cr J Watson	
Cr K Leoni	Cr M Williamson	
IMSB Chair D Taipari		

The motion was declared CARRIED by 11 votes to 10.

CARRIED

The substantive motion was put.

Resolution number ECCCC/2023/5

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Deputy Mayor D Simpson:

**That the Emergency Committee:**

- a) **whakaae / agree, in light of further information received since the Governing Body agreed items for consultation on 15 December 2022, to amend the proposal for an \$8 million reduction in regional contestable grants to a \$3 million reduction in regional grants, which would result in the total amount of proposed cost reductions across the group for consultation being \$125 million instead of \$130 million.**
- b) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that changes to the regional grants proposal and the overall group savings target and savings proposal have been included in the consultation material for adoption today.**
- c) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that additional service implications of the proposed reduction to Tātaki Auckland Unlimited’s (TAU) funding have been identified and included in the consultation materials, including no council funding of TAU’s economic development activity and a material reduction in TAU’s visitor attraction activities.**
- d) **whakaae / agree that information relating to the potential financial impacts of the recent storm events be included in the Consultation Document and Supporting Information for the Annual Budget 2023/2024, including:**
  - i) **the need to reprioritise capital investment to address urgent asset renewals, and**
  - ii) **a proposal to include \$20 million of additional operating expenditure for a storm response fund, noting that funding this may require an additional average general rates increase of 1 per cent for 2023/2024.**

- e) whai / adopt the Supporting Information for the Annual Budget 2023/2024, which includes supporting information relating to the proposal to amend our 10-year Budget 2021-2031.
- f) whai / adopt the Consultation Document for the Annual Budget 2023/2024, which includes the proposal to amend our 10-year Budget 2021-2031, with the following changes:
  - i) removal of the feedback form question related to the ratepayer status of the submitter (“Do you pay rates to Auckland Council?”)
  - ii) removal of the feedback question relation to the income level of the submitter (“What is your yearly household income before tax?”)
- g) whakaae / agree to delegate responsibility to the mayor and the group chief financial officer to approve any final edits required to the Consultation Document and Supporting Information for the Annual Budget 2023/2024 and amendment to our 10-year Budget 2021-2031 in order to finalise the documents for uploading online and physical distribution.

**CARRIED**

Note: Under Standing Order 1.8.3, Cr C Fletcher requested that her dissenting vote be recorded.

#### **Attachments**

- A 15 February 2023, Emergency Committee: Item 8 - Annual Budget 2023/2024: Adoption of consultation material, Updated consultation document containing the audit opinion
- B 15 February 2023, Emergency Committee: Item 8 - Annual Budget 2023/2024: Adoption of consultation material, Updated Supporting Information document
- C 15 February 2023, Emergency Committee: Item 8 - Annual Budget 2023/2024: Adoption of consultation material, Table of changes to Consultation document

*IMSB Member T Kake retired from the meeting at 12.35pm.*

## **9 Changes to Financial Policies: Approval of consultation material**

Resolution number ECCCC/2023/6

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Cr R Hills:

**That the Emergency Committee:**

- a) whakaae / agree to adopt for consultation the:
  - i) Proposal, Supporting Information, and draft policy for amendment of the Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy, in Attachments A, B and C of this report
  - ii) Proposal and draft policy for amendment of the Revenue and Financing Policy in Attachments D and E of this report
- b) tautapa / delegate authority and responsibility for agreeing any required minor editorial changes and the correction of minor errors to the above documents to the Deputy Mayor and the Group Chief Financial Officer.

**CARRIED**

**10 Te Whakaaro ki ngā Take Pūtea e Autaia ana | Consideration of Extraordinary Items**

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

12.38pm

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 EMERGENCY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....