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# Komiti mō te Tahua Pūtea / Budget Committee

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Budget Committee held in the Reception Lounge, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Thursday, 16 May 2024 at 10.02am.

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### TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

<b>Mayor</b>	Wayne Brown	
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Cr Greg Sayers	
<b>Members</b>	Cr Andrew Baker	
	Cr Josephine Bartley	
	Cr Angela Dalton	
	Cr Chris Darby	
	Cr Julie Fairey	
	Cr Alf Filipaina, MNZM	
	Cr Christine Fletcher, QSO	
	Cr Lotu Fuli	
	Cr Shane Henderson	
	Cr Richard Hills	
	Houkura Member Tony Kake, MNZM	From 10.04am
	Cr Mike Lee	
	Cr Kerrin Leoni	
	Cr Daniel Newman, JP	
	Deputy Mayor Desley Simpson, JP	
	Cr Sharon Stewart, QSM	
	Houkura Chair David Taipari	Via electronic link In person from 11.13am, Item 9
	Cr Ken Turner	
	Cr Wayne Walker	
	Cr John Watson	
	Cr Maurice Williamson	

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## Acknowledgement - Te Kāhui Whaihanga New Zealand Institute of Architects

Cr C Darby announced the following winners in the Institute of Architects – 2024 Auckland Architecture Awards, as follows:

### **Auckland Council**

- Winner - Public Architecture: Kaipātiki Eco Hub by Athfield Architects.  
The new three-million-dollar community facility at 17 Lauderdale Road, Birkdale is owned by Kaipātiki Local Board and has been leased to board-funded environmental group Kaipātiki Project who have run over 60 volunteer sessions and hosted over 20 events since moving into the EcoHub in October.
- Winner - Heritage: Auckland Domain Wintergarden Restoration and Seismic Upgrade by Salmond Reed Architects.  
One of the finest botanical structures in Aotearoa New Zealand, it has been repaired with traditional materials and meticulously researched sympathetic new materials to reduce maintenance and enhance sustainability credentials. Its faithful restoration will ensure an important part of the city's architectural heritage will continue to delight for generations to come.

### **Eke Panuku**

- Winner - Planning & Urban Design: Hayman Park Playground by Athfield Architects Limited and Wraight and Associates  
Eke Panuku led the build of Hayman Park playground, Manukau - New Zealand's tallest play tower.
- Winner - Housing - Multi Unit: Kōtuitui Terraces by Crosson Architects  
On part of the land Auckland Council / Eke Panuku sold for regeneration

### **Tāmaki Regeneration Company (TRC) and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited**

- Winner - Planning & Urban Design: Tāmaki Employment Precinct Masterplan by Isthmus Group and Furlong Kain in association  
Auckland Council, and the Maungakiekie- Tāmaki and Ōrākei Local Boards were key engagement partners on this plan. "In 2019 the Tāmaki Regeneration Company partnered with Auckland Unlimited and collaborated with local businesses, landowners, Local Boards, mana whenua, and key stakeholders to produce a long-term strategy to revitalise employment opportunities in the suburb of Tāmaki."

### **Kainga Ora**

- Winner - Planning & Urban Design: Te Mātāwai by MODE  
Te Mātāwai (139 Greys Ave) is Kāinga Ora's first single-site supported housing development in Aotearoa.

*Houkura Member T Kake entered the meeting at 10.04am.*

## 1 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

There were no apologies.

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

Cr C Darby, Cr K Turner and Cr W Walker advised the meeting that they or family members had interests in Auckland Airport Shares. There was no action required as there was no financial interest.

## 3 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

There were no petitions.

## 4 Ngā Kōrero a te Marea | Public Input

There was no public input.

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

There was no local board input.

## 6 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

## 7 Long-term plan 2024-2034: Overview to decision-making

Resolution number BCCCC/2024/4

MOVED by Cr C Fletcher, seconded by Cr W Walker:

**That the Budget Committee:**

- a) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the contents of this report, which sets the context for the other reports and decisions relating to the Long-term Plan 2024-20-34 on today's agenda.**

**CARRIED**

## 8 Long-term Plan 2024-2034: Local Board feedback and advocacy

Resolution number BCCCC/2024/5

MOVED by Deputy Mayor D Simpson, seconded by Cr R Hills:

**That the Budget Committee:**

- a) **kohuki / consider feedback and advocacy initiatives from local boards when making recommendations to the Governing Body on the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.**

**CARRIED**

## 9 Long-term Plan 2024-2034: Mayoral Proposal

Documents were tabled in support of the item. Copies have been placed on the official minutes and are available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachments.

Note: changes were made to the original recommendation, amending clause a) viii), a) ix) and clause c); and adding new clause a) xvi), as a chairperson recommendation.

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Deputy Chairperson G Sayers:

That the Budget Committee:

- a) agree to recommend to the Governing Body that the budgets for the final Long-term Plan 2024-2034 be based on the central proposal that was consulted on and updated as set out in the final Mayoral Proposal and supporting staff advice, requiring overall rates increases for the average value residential property of 6.8 per cent, 5.8 per cent, and 7.9 per cent respectively in the first three years and then no more than 3.5 per cent each year after that, including:
  - i) a boosted transport package providing for:
    - A) a \$70 million increase in operating funding for Auckland Transport in 2024/2025 from current levels to maintain and enhance public transport services,
    - B) \$14 billion capital programme that includes an increase of \$600 million to make public transport faster, more reliable and easier to use,
    - C) proceeding with the proposed \$50 weekly public transport cap for buses, trains and inner harbour ferries, noting that further work will continue on Auckland Transport's fare strategy.
  - ii) the establishment of a regional wealth fund, the Auckland Future Fund (AFF), to improve council's financial and physical resilience initially capitalised with council's shareholding in Auckland International Airport Limited, with an amendment to the Airport Shareholding Policy to enable the sale of those shares by the fund manager to achieve the purposes of the fund, noting that:
    - A) the purposes of the fund will be to protect the real value of council's intergenerational assets so they can continue to benefit future generations, and to provide an enhanced return to the council to fund services and infrastructure.
    - B) the fund will be established as a trust with strict protections requiring it to be managed and applied with the intent of maintaining or increasing the real value of its capital over the medium term, and council will also seek legislative protection as set out in the Mayoral Proposal.
    - C) the CCO Accountability Policy will be amended to provide for this trust which will be a substantive council-controlled organisation.
    - D) \$20 million of the enhanced returns from the Auckland Future Fund in 2024/2025 will be set aside in a reserve fund to fix and finish community projects in legacy Manukau City and Auckland City areas.
    - E) work will progress over the next 12 months to identify opportunities to make further capital contributions to the fund.
    - F) the Chief Executive will undertake preparatory work to enable the Auckland Future Fund trust to be established and commence operations as soon as possible after 1 July 2024, including developing policies to reflect these decisions for inclusion in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.

- iii) proceeding with the enhanced status quo approach to the Port of Auckland Limited (retain ownership of port land and operations) noting that since consultation:
  - A) projected financial returns are significantly improved.
  - B) work has progressed on a Tripartite Relationship Accord between Auckland Council, Port of Auckland Limited and the unions representing port workers, and an associated Plan to Make the Most of Auckland's port and waterfront, each of which will be reported to Governing Body for consideration and approval.
- iv) providing for the transfer of Captain Cook and Marsden Wharves and the associated land from Port of Auckland Limited to Auckland Council within two-five years, noting that any final decisions to transfer will be subject to the relevant consents for work on Bledisloe North being granted.
- v) a master-planning exercise for the central wharves will be undertaken to better accommodate public space, cruise facilities and ferry services while maintaining port operations.
- vi) anticipating legislative change for balance sheet separation of Watercare by 1 July 2025 which will enable Watercare to maintain its capital programme while keeping its price increases at 7.2 per cent for next three years.
- vii) proceeding with an amendment of the Local Board Funding Policy as consulted on to take effect from 1 July 2025, with new funding to bring 18 local boards to within 5 per cent of funding equity within four years.
- viii) resuming the Natural Environment Targeted Rate at the previously planned level to raise around \$32.6 million in 2024/2025, and increasing by 3.5% a year from FY26, including \$200,000 for dealing with Caulerpa;
- ix) funding the full programme of water quality stormwater projects of \$779 million, by setting the Water Quality Targeted Rates so that it covers the annual programme operating and interest costs in each year, and financing the capital expenditure through debt;
- x) discontinuing the Long Term Differential Strategy and holding the business differential at the current level of around 31 per cent each year, and updating the Revenue and Financing Policy to reflect this;
- xi) extending the Water Quality, Natural Environment and Climate Action Transport Targeted Rates to 2033/2034 and setting the business differential for these rates at around 31 per cent in line with the differential applied to the general rate.
- xii) operating expenditure cost reductions from across the council group of \$27.8 million for 2024/2025, \$47 million for 2025/2026 and \$67 million for 2026/2027 above existing targets.
- xiii) asset sales target of \$300 million over 10 years including policy changes consulted on to improve the process.
- xiv) \$415 million of housing and growth infrastructure to support the Auckland Housing Programme, with an additional \$1,030 million to be included if central government confirms that this can be supported by the Housing Acceleration Fund.
- xv) \$21 million of additional funding for Māori outcomes across the 10 years starting in 2027/2028.

- xvi) progressing a range of value for money initiatives to deliver better for Aucklanders, including fit-for-purpose technology, Group Shared Services, a refreshed Procurement Strategy and the planned review of major contracts. Noting that the review of the Full Facilities Contracts will investigate greater abilities for local boards to have the power to request local procurement in their local areas.
- b) agree the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct will be kept as is – per option one of the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for the North Harbour Stadium proposal – which includes allocation of \$33 million of essential renewals invested over the next ten years – as work also progresses as follows:
  - i) agree to work progressing under option three – to change operational management – as per the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for the North Harbour Stadium proposal, subject to (iii) and (iv) below;
  - ii) note that current operational and capex funding will continue until any new model is agreed between the Governing Body and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited Trust Board;
  - iii) agree that clarity needs to be sought on the future vision and role of North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct, as well as the process going forward to identify the most appropriate ownership, funding, governance, and operational management model, along with any possible improvements for the precinct;
  - iv) request that the Chairs and Deputies (or their nominees) of the Upper Harbour Local Board and Hibiscus and Bays Local Board co-lead a locally-led working group to progress clause iv) above, and report back to the Governing Body by 31 August 2024 on a process and timeframe for this. The membership, stakeholder involvement, terms of reference and reporting structures are to be determined by the co-leads;
  - v) request that the working group engage with Tātaki Auckland Unlimited Trust Board as owner of the stadium;
  - vi) direct Auckland Council's Chief Executive to establish cost-effective resourcing and support to the process in ii), iv) and v) above;
  - vii) thank the local boards for their advocacy.
- c) agree to continue to advocate for legislation to enable a Bed Night Visitor Levy to fund destination marketing and major events activity which will generate economic benefits for the region and country without increasing the burden on ratepayers, noting that if a Bed Night Visitor Levy is not expected to be in place for FY26 then the council will reconsider options as part of the 2025-2026 Annual Plan process for how it will fund destination marketing and major events activity. This could include general rates funding or the use of proceeds from the sale of the Auckland Film Studios until a more permanent source of funding is in place.

*Houkura Chair D Taipari entered the meeting in person at 11.13am.*

Questions continued.

The meeting adjourned at 11.52am and reconvened at 12.04pm.

Houkura Chair D Taipari was not present.

Questions continued.

*Houkura Chair D Taipari returned to the meeting at 12.07pm.*

The meeting adjourned at 12.33pm and reconvened at 1.02pm.

Cr C Darby, Cr D Newman, Houkura Chair D Taipari and Cr W Walker were not present.

Questions continued.

*Cr C Darby returned to the meeting at 1.05pm.*

*Cr D Newman returned to the meeting at 1.05pm.*

*Cr W Walker returned to the meeting at 1.06pm.*

*Houkura Chair D Taipari returned to the meeting at 1.11pm.*

Note: Further changes to the chair's recommendation were made, amending clause a) v) and adding new clause a) xvii), as a chairperson recommendation.

Debate on the motion commenced.

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Deputy Chairperson G Sayers:

That the Budget Committee:

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    - C) the CCO Accountability Policy will be amended to provide for this trust which will be a substantive council-controlled organisation.
    - D) \$20 million of the enhanced returns from the Auckland Future Fund in 2024/2025 will be set aside in a reserve fund to fix and finish community projects in legacy Manukau City and Auckland City areas.



- E) work will progress over the next 12 months to identify opportunities to make further capital contributions to the fund.
- F) the Chief Executive will undertake preparatory work to enable the Auckland Future Fund trust to be established and commence operations as soon as possible after 1 July 2024, including developing policies to reflect these decisions for inclusion in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
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  - xvii) investigating, as part of the review of the full facilities maintenance contracts, giving local boards the ability to deliver local procurement.
- b) agree the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct will be kept as is – per option one of the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for the North Harbour Stadium proposal – which includes allocation of \$33 million of essential renewals invested over the next ten years – as work also progresses as follows:
- i) agree to work progressing under option three – to change operational management – as per the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for the North Harbour Stadium proposal, subject to (iii) and (iv) below;
  - ii) note that current operational and capex funding will continue until any new model is agreed between the Governing Body and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited Trust Board;
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  - iv) request that the Chairs and Deputies (or their nominees) of the Upper Harbour Local Board and Hibiscus and Bays Local Board co-lead a locally-led working group to progress clause iv) above, and report back to the Governing Body by 31 August 2024 on a process and timeframe for this. The membership, stakeholder involvement, terms of reference and reporting structures are to be determined by the co-leads;
  - v) request that the working group engage with Tātaki Auckland Unlimited Trust Board as owner of the stadium;
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MOVED by Cr A Filipaina, seconded by Cr J Watson an amendment by way of replacement for clause a) i) and a) ii):

That the Budget Committee:

- a) agree to recommend to the Governing Body that the budgets for the final Long-term Plan 2024-2034 include the following, and otherwise be based on the central proposal that was consulted on and updated as set out in the final Mayoral Proposal and supporting staff advice, requiring overall rates increases for the average value residential property of 6.8 per cent, 7.4 per cent, and 6.2 per cent respectively in the first three years and then no more than 3.5 per cent each year after that:
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    - C) proceeding with the proposed \$50 weekly public transport cap for buses, trains and inner harbour ferries, noting that further work will continue on Auckland Transport's fare strategy.
  - ii) continue to, over the next 12 months, investigate the establishment of a regional wealth fund, the Auckland Future Fund (AFF), to improve council's financial and physical resilience, noting that:
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    - C) \$20 million of the enhanced returns from the Auckland Future Fund in 2025/2026 will be set aside in a reserve fund to fix and finish community projects in legacy Manukau City and Auckland City areas.
    - D) work will progress over the next 12 months to identify further opportunities for the capitalisation of the fund.
    - E) the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 will provide for a transfer of council's shareholding in Auckland International Airport Limited, subject to the Governing Body deciding to transfer the shares if the fund is established.

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

The motion was declared LOST by 6 votes to 17.

The meeting adjourned at 2.53pm and reconvened at 3.00pm.

Cr M Lee, Cr S Henderson, Houkura Chair D Taipari and Cr J Watson were not present.

*Cr S Henderson returned to the meeting at 3.00pm.*

*Cr J Watson returned to the meeting at 3.01pm.*

*Cr M Lee returned to the meeting at 3.02pm.*

*Houkura Chair D Taipari returned to the meeting at 3.03pm.*

Debate continued.

The original motion was put.

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Deputy Chairperson G Sayers:

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  - vi) direct Auckland Council's Chief Executive to establish cost-effective resourcing and support to the process in ii), iv) and v) above;
  - vii) thank the local boards for their advocacy.
- c) agree to continue to advocate for legislation to enable a Bed Night Visitor Levy to fund destination marketing and major events activity which will generate economic benefits for the region and country without increasing the burden on ratepayers, noting that if a Bed Night Visitor Levy is not expected to be in place for FY26 then the council will reconsider options as part of the 2025-2026 Annual Plan process for how it will fund destination marketing and major events activity. This could include general rates funding or the use of proceeds from the sale of the Auckland Film Studios until a more permanent source of funding is in place.

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

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

The motion was declared CARRIED by 22 votes to 1.

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

- Cr Bartley against clause a) ii)
- Cr Darby against clause a) ii) D)
- Cr A Filipaina against clause a) ii)
- Cr L Fuli against clause a) ii)
- Cr Leoni against clause a) ii)
- Cr J Watson against clauses a) i) C) and a) ii)
- Cr W Walker against clauses a) i) C) and a) ii) and a) xiii)

#### Attachments

- A 16 May 2024, Budget Committee: Item 9 - Long-term Plan 2024-2034: Mayoral Proposal, Memo - Fairer funding for local boards in the Mayoral Proposal
- B 16 May 2024, Budget Committee: Item 9 - Long-term Plan 2024-2034: Mayoral Proposal, draft Auckland Council (Auckland Future Fund) Bill

## 10 Long-term Plan 2024-2034: Other rates and fees matters

Resolution number BCCCC/2024/6

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson G Sayers, seconded by Cr S Henderson:

**That the Budget Committee:**

- a) **whakaae / agree to recommend to the Governing Body as part of the final Long-term Plan 2024-2034 that it:**
  - i) **adopt the changes to the waste management targeted rate charges as specified in this report, to ensure cost recovery for the relevant services**
  - ii) **adopt the extension of the refuse targeted rate to the former districts of North Shore City, Waitākere City and Papakura District, from 1 July 2024 and Franklin District and Rodney District in 2025/2026, as specified in this report, to be applied to**
    - A) **all residential and lifestyle Separately Used and Inhabited Parts (SUIPs) to which the service is made available**
    - B) **all other SUIPs to which a council refuse bin is assigned as per council records**
  - iii) **continue to provide recycling services to schools without charge**
  - iv) **adopt a broader description of the bus programme funded by the Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate to reduce the need to reconsult each year via the annual budgeting process for minor changes to the bus programme, noting that consultation on delivery of bus services is undertaken in the Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP)**
  - v) **adopt the changes to the Electricity Network Resilience Targeted Rate as set out in this report, to allow for engineering solutions to protect trees that have significant public interest and to cover cost increases**
  - vi) **adopt the updated Rodney drainage district land class boundaries and targeted rates for the Okahukura Drainage District and Te Arai Drainage District, as specified in this report**
  - vii) **adopt the expansion of the Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) Targeted Rate from 2024/2025, subject to this being supported by the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board**



- viii) increase the Waitākere Rural Sewerage Targeted Rate from \$296.75 to \$336.80 (inclusive of GST) per year for 2024/2025, 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 to maintain cost recovery.
  - ix) adjust the City Centre Targeted Rate, the Mangere-Otahuhu Pool Entry Targeted Rate, the Otara-Papatoetoe Pool Entry Targeted Rate and the Swimming/spa Pool Compliance Targeted Rate by the forecast rates of cost inflation as specified in this report
  - x) agree to the changes to fees and charges set out in this report.
- b) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that officers are reporting to the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board at their 21 May meeting on a proposal to not set the Hunters Corner BID targeted rate for 2024/2025 due to potential non-compliance with the BID Policy, and that officers will advise the Governing Body at its 27 June 2024 meeting on the local board's decision and recommendation with regard to the targeted rate.

**CARRIED**

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

- Cr Sayers - clause a) x)
- Cr Walker

## 11 Long-term Plan 2024-2034: Franklin Local Board Paths Targeted Rate recommendation

Note: amendments were made to the original recommendation, adding new clauses c) i), c) ii), c) iii), c) iv) and d), as a Chairperson's recommendation.

Resolution number BCCCC/2024/7

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

**That the Budget Committee:**

- a) kohuki / consider the recommendation from the Franklin Local Board to include the Franklin Local Board Paths Targeted Rate in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
- b) whakaae / agree to recommend to the Governing Body that the Franklin Local Board Paths Targeted Rate is included in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.
- c) tonono / request that staff, through the Chief Executive, report to the Franklin Local Board on a delivery approach that enables the programme to commence from 1 July 2024 and includes mechanisms and resource to:
  - i) enable effective local board governance and decision making over the programme and programme delivery, including regular and clear reporting of revenue and expenditure by delivery area and/or project;
  - ii) enable strong community participation in project delivery (including health and safety for volunteers) where community participation enables better programme outcomes;
  - iii) support and enable procurement, delivery and/or partnerships with businesses, philanthropic organisations, developers and other delivery agencies including, but not limited to, Auckland Transport, New Zealand Transport Agency, Outdoor Access Commission and Nga Haerenga NZ Cycle Trails;
  - iv) provide regular public communication on programme and project progress

- d) **tono / request Auckland Transport to undertake a review of the design manual to allow for construction of rural pathways using materials and construction methods to support and enable the effective and efficient delivery of the programme in line with clause c) above.**

**CARRIED**

**12 Long-term Plan 2024-2034: Summary of Budget Committee workshops and briefings and related confidential information released into Open - 16 May 2024**

Resolution number BCCCC/2024/8

MOVED by Deputy Mayor D Simpson, seconded by Houkura Chair D Taipari:

**That the Budget Committee:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive the Summary of Budget Committee workshops and briefings – 16 May 2024.**

**CARRIED**

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

3.53pm

The chairperson thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....