
Komiti mō te Tahua Pūtea / Budget Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Budget Committee held in the Reception Lounge, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Wednesday, 28 May 2025 at 10.03am.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Mayor	Cr Greg Sayers	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Shane Henderson	
Members	Cr Andrew Baker	Via electronic link From 10.55am, Item 9
	Cr Josephine Bartley	
	Mayor Wayne Brown	
	Cr Angela Dalton	
	Cr Chris Darby	Via electronic link From 10.06am, Item 6
	Cr Julie Fairey	
	Cr Alf Filipaina, MNZM	Until 12.06pm, Item 9
	Cr Christine Fletcher, QSO	From 10.17am, Item 8
	Cr Lotu Fuli	From 11.06am, Item 9
	Cr Richard Hills	Via electronic link From 10.06am, Item 6
	Houkura Member Tony Kake, MNZM	Via electronic link From 10.07am, Item 7 Until 11.11am, Item 9 From 10.06am, Item 6
	Cr Mike Lee	
	Cr Kerrin Leoni	
	Cr Daniel Newman, JP	Via electronic link From 10.07am, Item 7
	Deputy Mayor Desley Simpson, JP	
	Cr Sharon Stewart, QSM	From 10.04am, Item 1
	Cr Ken Turner	From 10.04am, Item 1
	Cr Wayne Walker	
	Cr John Watson	
	Cr Maurice Williamson	From 10.04am, Item 1
	Houkura Member Glenn Wilcox (Alt)	

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Members	Houkura Chair David Taipari
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1 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number BCCCC/2025/4

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

That the Budget Committee:

a) **whakaae / accept the apologies from the following members:**

Absence

Houkura Chair D Taipari

Lateness

Cr L Fuli – on council business

Cr D Newman

Early Departure

Cr A Filipaina – on council business

Cr D Newman

CARRIED

Electronic Attendance

Resolution number BCCCC/2025/5

MOVED by Cr A Dalton, seconded by Cr J Bartley:

That the Budget Committee:

a) **whakaae / approve electronic attendance under standing order 3.3.3 for:**

- Cr A Baker (SO 3.3.3.b))
- Cr Chris Darby (SO 3.3.3.b))
- Cr R Hills (SO 3.3.3.b))
- Houkura Member Tony Kake (SO 3.3.3.a))
- Cr D Newman (SO 3.3.3.a))

CARRIED

Cr S Stewart entered the meeting at 10.04am.

Cr K Turner entered the meeting at 10.04am.

Cr M Williamson entered the meeting at 10.04am.

2 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of 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.

Cr R Hills joined the meeting at 10.06am.
Cr C Darby joined the meeting at 10.06am.
Cr M Lee entered the meeting at 10.06am.

7 Annual Plan 2025/2026: Overview of decision-making

Houkura Member T Kake joined the meeting at 10.07am.
Cr D Newman joined the meeting at 10.07am.

Resolution number BCCCC/2025/6

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

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 Annual Plan 2025/2026 on today's agenda.**

CARRIED

8 Annual Plan 2025/2026: Local Board feedback and advocacy

Cr C Fletcher entered the meeting at 10.14am.

Resolution number BCCCC/2025/7

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

That the Budget Committee:

- a) **kohuki / consider feedback and advocacy initiatives from local boards when making decisions on the Annual Plan 2025/2026.**

CARRIED

9 Annual Plan 2025/2026: Mayoral Proposal

Note: changes were made to the original recommendations, adding new clause f), as a Chair's recommendation.

Cr A Baker joined the meeting at 10.55am.

Cr L Fuli entered the meeting at 11.06am.

Houkura Member T Kake left the meeting at 11.11am.

Cr D Newman entered the meeting in-person at 11.22am.

Cr A Filipaina retired from the meeting at 12.06pm.

Resolution number BCCCC/2025/8

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

That the Budget Committee:

- a) **agree to recommend to the Governing Body that the Annual Plan for 2025/2026 be based on year two of the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 with relevant updates as outlined in the final Mayoral Proposal and supporting staff advice, and final financial projections, including the planned:**
 - i) **rates increase for the average value residential property of 5.8%;**
 - ii) **significant level of investment across all major investment areas;**
 - iii) **\$47 million operating expenditure savings target.**
- b) **agree to recommend to the Governing Body that a short-term approach be taken to closing the \$7 million shortfall in funding for destination marketing and major events as indicated in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for 2025/2026 that includes:**
 - i) **additional funding from the City Centre Targeted Rate (\$2.5 million);**
 - ii) **\$500,000 contribution from the Mayoral Office budget (underspend from current year);**
 - iii) **ongoing work with the industry to identify opportunities for incentivised voluntary contributions to fund specific events and/or contribute to a Major Events Fund;**
 - iv) **Tātaki Auckland Unlimited using reserves to bridge the remaining gap while work continues with industry.**
- c) **note that a Mayoral Tourism Forum will be established to support ongoing joint-advocacy on a long-term sustainable funding solution (levy) for tourism related activity, provide advice and input on shorter-term funding initiatives like a ring-fenced Major Events Fund, the trial of a commission-based model, and ways the council can better utilise its regulatory tools to support hospitality across the region.**
- d) **agree to recommend to the Governing Body the Fix and Finish fund established through the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 be administered as a contestable fund guided by the eligibility criteria set out in staff advice, to be administered and managed by staff with final allocation decisions made by the Governing Body by 29 July 2025.**
- e) **note further direction provided in the proposal relating to dog control issues, Group Shared Services, the implementation of CCO reform, particularly the urgent focus on critical priority areas (specifically, Mangawhau), and advice on options to support transport changes to be provided to the Governing Body to support decision-making in June 2025.**

- f) **request that the Chief Executive report back on options for increasing compliance activity which could include the use of warranted community volunteers and/or appropriate businesses, including what bylaws can be included within that scope.**

CARRIED

Note: Under Standing Order 1.8.6, the following members requested their opposition be recorded on the following:

- Cr C Fletcher – opposition to clause d)
- Cr Walker – opposition to clause a) i) and clause b)

Note: The committee expressed its thanks to Cr G Sayers for his chairing of the Budget Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12.19pm and reconvened at 12.30pm.

Cr C Fletcher was not present.

10 Annual Plan 2025/2026: Other rates and fees matters

Cr C Fletcher returned to the meeting at 12.33pm.

Resolution number BCCCC/2025/9

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Houkura Chair D Taipari:

That the Budget Committee:

- a) **whakaae / agree to recommend to the Governing Body that the Funding Impact Statement (FIS) in the final Annual Plan 2025/2026:**
- i) **include the waste management targeted rate charges as specified in Table 2 and Table 3 of this report, to ensure cost recovery for the relevant services**
 - ii) **provide for the extension of the refuse targeted rate to the former Franklin District and Rodney District from 2025/2026, as specified in Table 1 in this report, to be applied to:**
 - A) **all residential and lifestyle Separately Used or Inhabited Parts (SUIPs) to which the service is made available**
 - B) **all other SUIPs to which a council refuse service is provided as per council records**
 - iii) **include a Grey Lynn Business Improvement District (BID) Targeted Rate to fund the new Grey Lynn BID programme, subject to the BID programme and associated targeted rate being supported by the Waitemātā Local Board**
 - iv) **provide for the Hunters Corner BID Targeted Rate to not be set for 2025/2026, subject to this being supported by the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board**
 - v) **provide for the Mangere East Village BID Targeted Rate to not be set for 2025/2026, subject to this being supported by the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board**

- vi) provide for the Onehunga BID Targeted Rate to be set based on a BID grant of \$410,000 for 2025/2026, subject to it being supported by the Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board
- vii) include adjustment to some targeted rates by the forecast rates of cost inflation as specified in Table 4 of this report
- b) whakaae / agree to recommend to the Governing Body to agree to the changes to fees and charges set out in this report.
- c) tuhi tīpkoa / note the extension of council's waste management services will result in associated targeted rate charges (in accordance with current rating policy) to the commercial areas in the former Manukau City where the service isn't presently available.

CARRIED

Note: Under Standing Order 1.8.6, the following members requested their opposition against clause a) ii) be recorded on the following:

- Cr M Lee
- Cr K Turner
- Cr W Walker
- Cr J Watson

11 Annual Plan 2025/2026: Summary of Budget Committee workshops, briefings and related information - 28 May 2025

Resolution number BCCCC/2025/10

MOVED by Chairperson G Sayers, seconded by Cr L Fuli:

That the Budget Committee:

- a) whiwhi / receive the Summary of Budget Committee workshops, briefings and information – 28 May 2025.

CARRIED

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

13 Te Mōtini ā-Tukanga hei Kaupare i te Marea | Procedural motion to exclude the public

Resolution number BCCCC/2025/11

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

That the Budget Committee:

- a) whakaae / agree to exclude the public from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

C1 CONFIDENTIAL: Q Theatre - request for additional funding

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.	s7(2)(b)(ii) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. In particular, the report contains sensitive information that could destabilise existing and future funders of Q Theatre.	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.

The text of these resolutions is made available to the public who are present at the meeting and form part of the minutes of the meeting.

CARRIED

12.58pm The public was excluded.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available.

3.08pm The public was re-admitted.

RESTATEMENTS

It was resolved while the public was excluded:

C1 CONFIDENTIAL: Q Theatre - request for additional funding

Resolution number BCCCC/2025/12

MOVED by Deputy Mayor D Simpson, seconded by Chairperson G Sayers:

- a) whakaae / agree to recommend to the Governing Body that it whakaae / approve an increase of \$475,000 per annum to the funding for Q Theatre Limited for the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 financial years to be included in the Annual Plan 2025/2026 using unallocated funding from the Community Wellbeing department previously allocated to ad-hoc non contestable requests, subject to Q Theatre Limited agreeing to provide a report each year confirming all reasonable efforts are being taken to improve its financial position and reduce its reliance on council funding from 2027/2028 and beyond
- b) whakaae / agree to recommend to the Governing Body that it whakaae / approve changes to the council's current funding agreement with Q Theatre Limited to:
 - i) include the appointment of a council observer at board meetings, and delegate the appointment of the observer to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor
 - ii) amend reporting requirements to council to include information on steps being taken to improve its financial position, and
 - iii) receive an annual Asset Management Plan, inclusive of planned maintenance and renewals, with subsequent half yearly reporting against this plan
- c) whakaae / agree to recommend to the Governing Body that it tono / request Tātaki Auckland Unlimited explore strategic partnership opportunities with Q Theatre Limited for the potential mutual benefit and strengthening of the medium to long-term viability of Q Theatre.
- d) whakaae / agree that the decisions be released into the open, but the report, presentation and any attachments remain confidential until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

3.08pm

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

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AT A MEETING OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HELD
ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....