



EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES – FURTHER DELIBERATIONS ON THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 24 JUNE 2024 COMMENCING AT 3 PM

The Council Meeting was live streamed to the Westland District Council YouTube Channel and presentations are made available on the council website.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Chairperson:	Her Worship the Mayor
Deputy Mayor & Southern Ward Member:	Cr Cassin
Northern Ward Members:	Cr Neale (for part meeting), Cr Burden, Cr Phelps
Hokitika Ward Members:	Cr Baird, Cr Davidson, Cr Gillett
Southern Ward Members:	Cr Manera
Iwi Representatives:	Kw Madgwick

NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES

Kw Tumahai

Moved Cr Baird, seconded Cr Burden and **Resolved** that the apology Kw Tumahai be received and accepted.

STAFF PRESENT

S. Baxendale, Acting Chief Executive; T. Cook, Group Manager Regulatory, Planning and Community Services; L. Crichton, Group Manager Corporate Services, Risk and Assurance; D. Maitland; Executive Assistant, E. Rae, Strategy and Communications Advisor (via zoom); P. Coleman, Governance Administrator; L. Truman, Finance Manager; E. Bencich, Operations Manager

2. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Interest Register had been circulated.

There were three changes noted to the Interest Register.

Cr Baird removed West Coast Cycle and Tours, Destination Westland and Love Hokitika.

3. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI STAFF REPORTS

- **Adoption of the Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/2025 and Rating Policy 2024/2025**

Lynley Truman, Finance Manager spoke to this item and advised the purpose of this report is to present the final draft Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/2025 (Annual Plan) and amended Rating Policy 2024/2025 (Rating Policy) for adoption.

- The Rates (increase) affordability benchmark – the increase is 2.3% higher than predicted in the Long Term Plan for the 2024-2025 year.
- Residential rate users who are using their properties for commercial purposes should be charged commercial rates, this can only happen if Council are aware of the change in use of the property. Changes that are known must be applied before July 1st, 2024.

Moved Deputy Mayor Cassin, seconded Cr Baird and **Resolved** that:

1. The report be received.
2. The resolution of 15 May 2024 to include *Option 4: Preserve the assets* in the Land Transport budget be revoked, and Council adopt the resolution of 5 June 2024 to include *Option 3: Do the minimum* for the Land Transport budget in the Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/2025.
3. Council adopts the Rating Policy 2024/2025 as attached as **Appendix 1**.
4. Council adopts the final Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/2025 as attached in **Appendix 3**.
5. Council directs the Acting Chief Executive to make these documents available to the public.

- **Rates Resolution 2024-2025**

Lesley Crichton, Group Manager Corporate Services and Risk Assurance spoke to this item and advised the purpose of this report is to set the rates for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Moved Cr Baird , seconded Cr Gillett and **Resolved** that:

1. The report be received.
2. Council adopts all the rates described and quantified in the Rates Resolution 2024-25.
3. Council instructs the Acting Chief Executive to strike the rates for the year ended 30 June 2025 in accordance with the Annual Plan 2024/2025.

Her Worship the Mayor thanked everyone involved in the preparation in the draft Annual Plan.

**DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 27 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM**

MEETING CLOSED AT 3.12 PM

Confirmed by:

**Her Worship the Mayor
Chair**

Date: 27 June 2024