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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**STRATEGY FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING**

**Komiti Rautaki me te Kaupapahere**  
held  
**9.30am, Thursday, 19 February 2026**

at  
**Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond**

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**Present:** Councillor K Maling (Chair), Deputy Mayor B Maru, Councillors C Butler, J Ellis, M Greening (Zoom), J Gully, M Hume, M Kininmonth, D McNamara, P Morgan (Zoom), T Neubauer, T Walker and D Woods

**In Attendance:** Motueka Community Board Member (L Lusk), Golden Bay Community Board Member (A Downard-Wilke), Chief Executive Officer (L Rae), Kaihautū (R Thomas), Group Manager Strategy and Finance (S McLean), Manager Three Waters (R Kirby), Senior Governance Advisor (K McLean) and Governance Officer (K Latham)

**1 OPENING KARAKIA, WELCOME**

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Moved Councillor Ellis/Councillor Kininmonth  
SFP26-02-1

That the apologies from Mayor T King and Councillor K Ferneyhough be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

**3.1 Peter Verstappen - Wakefield Community Hub**

Peter Verstappen spoke on behalf of the Waimea South Community Facility Charitable Trust regarding the Trust's concerns about pausing the Wakefield Community Hub project.

**3.2 Richard Johns - Finances**

Richard Johns spoke about finances regarding the Dam, cycleways, rates, remuneration,

productivity, accountability and the Chief Executive Officer Review Subcommittee.

### **3.3 Richard Martin- Wakefield Community Council**

Richard Martin and Nathan Dunn presented on behalf of the Wakefield Community Council regarding the Wakefield Community Hub project. In response to a question, Mr Martin confirmed that the group felt let down by the Council.

## **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Chairperson Maling declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.2 – Deferred Zoning Plan Change 79 Decision Report. He noted that he had been an Elected Member on the Hearings Panel.

Councillor Neubauer declared a conflict of interest in item 8.2 – Deferred Zoning Plan Change 79 Decision.

## **5 LATE ITEMS**

Nil

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Nil

## **7 REPORTS**

### **7.1 Chair's Report**

Chairperson Maling took the report as read.

#### **Moved Councillor Ellis/Councillor Butler SFP26-02-2**

**That the Strategy Finance and Performance Committee**

- 1. receives the Chair's Report RSFP26-02-3; and**
- 2. acknowledges the lodgement by Ngāti Kui of its new Iwi Environmental Management Plan (IEMP) Ngā Kanohi Kārearea (2025).**

**CARRIED**

### **7.2 Financial Report**

Financial Strategy and Planning Manager, Matthew McGlinchey and Team Leader Management Accounting, Paul Egan, presented the report and answered questions.

**Action:** Matthew McGlinchey to confirm the net debt cap for December 2025 and circulate to Councillor Greening.

**Action:** Matthew McGlinchey to report back to the March meeting through the financial report regarding the insurance and NEMA payments.

#### **Moved Councillor Butler/Councillor Morgan SFP26-02-3**

**That the Strategy Finance and Performance Committee**

- 1. receives the Financial Report Year to Date December 2025 report RSFP26-02-1.**

**CARRIED**

### 7.3 Programme and Projects Activity Report

Programme Delivery Manager, Russell McGuigan, presented the report and answered questions.

- Action:** Jamie McPherson to circulate the funding stream for the Great Taste Trail to Councillor McNamara.
- Action:** John Ridd to provide further information regarding the Reserves Programme to Councillor McNamara.
- Action:** Officers to circulate the Plan Change 81 letter that was sent to the Ministers.
- Action:** Officers to include a column with a paragraph providing an overview of project overspend and underspend in the programme and projects activity report, going forward.
- Action:** Officers to provide further information regarding the cadet funding amount in the report to Councillor Greening.
- Action:** Steve Manners to confirm why no dollar figures were provided for the Digital Innovation Programme (DIP) and circulate the explanation to Councillor Ellis.
- Action:** Steve Manners to include in the report going to the Information Forum regarding the DIP, covering metrics, baseline improvements, efficiency gains, tracked financial performance against forecast and the expected benefits to Council from this investment.
- Action:** Officers to provide additional information regarding the Environmental Policy Projects and circulate to all Elected Members and provide updates through upcoming reports.

**Moved Councillor McNamara/Councillor Ellis**  
**SFP26-02-4**

**That the Strategy Finance and Performance Committee**

1. receives the Programme and Projects Activity Report RSFP26-02-2.

**CARRIED**

## 8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

### 8.1 Procedural motion to exclude the public

**Moved Deputy Mayor Maru/Councillor Walker**  
**SFP26-02-5**

**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:**

### 8.2 Deferred Zoning Plan Change 79 Decision

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.	48(1)(d) - To deliberate in private in a procedure where a right of appeal lies to a Court against the final decision.	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.
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### 8.3 Enterprise Activities Report

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)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	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.

**CARRIED**

### RESTATEMENTS

It was resolved while the public was excluded:

#### 8.2 Deferred Zoning Plan Change 79 Decision

4. agrees that this report and attachments be made publicly available when the adopted decision for Plan Change Plan Change 79 - Deferred Zoning is publicly notified; and

#### 8.3 Enterprise Activities Report

2. agrees that the report remain confidential at this time.

The meeting concluded at 1.08pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on 19 March 2026.

That the minutes of the Strategy Finance and Performance Committee meeting held on Thursday, 19 February 2026, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.