
MINUTES
of the
EXTRAORDINARY
TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING
Kaunihera Katoa

Held
1.16pm, Thursday, 19 March 2026

At
Tasman District Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

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

In Attendance: Golden Bay Community Board Chair (G Knowles), Chief Executive Officer (L Rae), Group Manager Strategy and Finance (S McLean), Group Manager – Customer and Community (J Ridd), Group Manager Three Waters (R Kirby), Kaihautū (R Thomas), Governance Manager (R Byrne) and Senior Governance Advisor (K McLean)

1 OPENING KARAKIA, WELCOME

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Councillor Walker/Councillor Neubauer
CN26-03-1

That an apology be accepted from Councillor D Woods.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 REPORTS

5.1 Annual Plan 2026/2027 Changes from the Long Term Plan - updated

Group Manager Strategy and Finance, Sue McLean, Strategic Planning and Enterprise Manager, Dwayne Fletcher and Financial Strategy and Planning Manager, Matthew McGlinchey, presented a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions.

An alternative to the officer's recommendation was moved by Mayor King and seconded by Councillor Maling, with the below changes:

- Clause 6 – amended from 9.4% to 9.9% and \$321 million to \$320 million
- Clause 7.6 – additional clause added
- Clause 9 – amended from 6% to 3% and 18% to 21%.

An amendment to the motion was moved by Councillor Neubauer and seconded by Councillor Greening, with the below changes:

- Clause 11.2 – amended with the removal of 'uniform fixed amount' and inclusion of 'proportion of capital value'.

The amendment was put by division.

Moved Councillor Neubauer/Councillor Greening

That the Tasman District Council

11.2 assessed as a proportion of capital value per rating unit;

LOST

Cr Greening called for a division.

Butler	For
Ellis	Against
Ferneyhough	Against
Greening	For
Gully	Against
Hume	For
King	Against
Kininmonth	For
Maling	Against
Maru	Against
McNamara	Against
Morgan	For
Neubauer	For
Walker	Against

LOST 6/8

The substantive motion was put by division.

Moved Mayor King/Councillor Maling

CN26-03-2

That the Tasman District Council

- 1. receives the Annual Plan 2026/2027 Changes from the Long Term Plan - updated RCN26-03-14; and**

2. approves selling approximately \$350,000 of unencumbered Emission Trading Scheme credits to help reduce the rates requirement for the Annual Plan year 2026/2027, subject to market conditions; and
3. delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to take all steps required to give effect to Council's decision to sell the unencumbered Emission Trading Scheme credits; and
4. notes the variance between the proposed Annual Plan 2026/2027 budgets, compared with Year 3 of the Long Term Plan 2024-2034, listed in Sections 8 of the agenda report; and
5. approves the proposed budget changes for 2026/2027 set out in Attachment 2 to the agenda report, with additional capital budget reduction of \$7.6m and expenditure reductions resulting in 0.5% saving; and
6. notes that the net impact of cost increases and other changes to the Annual Plan results in a rate revenue increase of 9.9% (excluding growth) and end of year net debt of \$320m for 2026/2027; and
7. notes that this rates increase would be consistent with the Government's proposed 'rates cap' as it is comprised of:
 - 7.1 2.3% as a Weather Recovery rate;
 - 7.2 5.3%. for the provision of three waters services;
 - 7.3 2.3% for the rest of the business (i.e. below the proposed 4% 'rates cap');
 - 7.4 -0.5% reduction in cost across 3 Waters and Rest of Business;
 - 7.5 noting the 0.5% reduction will impact both Three Waters and the Rest of Business percentage increase figures above, and that the revised figures will be presented in the consultation document;
 - 7.6 noting that the changed depreciation figure will impact the above figures and that the revised figures will be presented in the consultation document; and
8. agrees to consult on the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 changes, because the changes from Year 3 of the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 are significant or material; and
9. agrees to consult on a proposed reduction to the planned increase in funding depreciation from roading by 3%, i.e. from 24.0% to 21% for 2026/2027; and
10. agrees to consult on the introduction of a 2025 Weather Event Recovery Rate; and
11. agrees that the proposed 2025 Weather Event Recovery Rate will be:
 - 11.1 a District-wide targeted rate;
 - 11.2 assessed as a uniform fixed amount per rating unit;
 - 11.3 set at a level to fund the Council's 2025 weather event recovery costs over five years; and
12. agrees to consult on amendments to the Council's Revenue & Financing Policy to enable the setting of a new rate; and
13. agrees that in accordance with section 23(2) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, that the proposed 2025 Weather Event Recovery Rate is in accordance with

the Long Term Plan 2024-2034, which provides that rates may be increased to service loans used to fund emergency event recovery in the years following an emergency event; and

14. agrees to consult on the next steps options for the Tapawera Community Hub project, with a preference option of pausing and deferring this project to the next Long Term Plan; and
15. agrees to propose to charge \$60 per property file prepared with a 50% discount for homeowners and a bulk users discount of 60 files for \$3,000, which is to be paid for in batched lots of 60 in the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges; and
16. agrees to consult on the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/2027; and
17. notes that staff will bring an Annual Plan consultation document for consideration at the Council meeting on 02 April 2026.

CARRIED

Cr Greening called for a division.

Butler	For
Ellis	For
Ferneyhough	For
Greening	Against
Gully	For
Hume	Against
King	For
Kininmonth	For
Maling	For
Maru	For
McNamara	Against
Morgan	Against
Neubauer	For
Walker	For

CARRIED 10/4

Attachment 1 Annual Plan Rates Options and Impacts Presentation

6 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

7 CLOSING KARAKIA

The meeting concluded at 2.39pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on Enter date .