

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL PLAN AND LONG TERM PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING NO. APLTP24-5
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1484 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA
ON MONDAY, 26 AUGUST 2024 AT 9.30AM**

1 KARAKIA

Whakatau mai te wairua	Settle the spirit
Whakawātea mai te hinengaro	Clear the mind
Whakarite mai te tinana	Prepare the body
Kia ea ai ngā mahi	To achieve what needs to be achieved.
Āe	Yes

2 PRESENT

Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour (Chairperson), Mayor J Denyer, Cr R Joyce (via Zoom), Cr T Coxhead, Cr G Dally, Cr M Grainger, Cr A Henry, Cr M Murray-Benge, Cr L Rae, Cr A Sole, Cr D Thwaites and Cr A Wichers

3 IN ATTENDANCE

J Holyoake (Chief Executive Officer), R Davie (Deputy CEO/General Manager Strategy and Community), A Curtis (General Manager Regulatory Services), A Henderson (General Manager Corporate Services), C Crow (General Manager Infrastructure Group), J Fearn (Chief Financial Officer), E Watton (Strategic Policy and Planning Programme Director), M Leighton (Policy and Planning Manager), S Bedford (Finance Manager), K McGinity (Senior Policy Analyst), R Gallagher (Senior Policy Analyst), C McGirr (Policy Analyst), I Kruis (Solid Waste Planning and Behaviour Change Lead), K Little (Operations Manager), J Rickard (Community and Strategic Relationships Manager), N Rutland (Environmental Planning Manager), P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager), N Ryburn (Environmental Consents Manager), P van den Burg (Infrastructure Engineer Water), J Abraham (Asset Management Team Leader), D Crowe (Head of People and Capability), C Nepia (Strategic Kaupapa Māori Manager), C McLean (Director Transportation), L Carnie (Community Outcomes Advisor), C Leitao (Financial Accountant/Business Partner), A Badenhorst (Infrastructure Growth and Delivery Manager), J Field (Reserves and Facilities Assets Manager) P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor), H Wi Repa (Governance Systems Advisor) and R Leahy (Senior Governance Advisor)

4 APOLOGIES

Nil

5 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

8 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

9 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

10 REPORTS

10.1 DELIBERATIONS ON THE LONG TERM PLAN 2024-34 AND RELATED MATTERS

The Committee considered a report dated 26 August 2024 from the Senior Policy Analyst, who provided an overview of what was sought through the report.

The recommendations were taken in parts, to allow the Committee to work through each of the Issues and Options Papers individually.

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.1

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

1. That the Senior Policy Analyst's report dated 26 August 2024, titled 'Deliberations on the Long Term Plan 2024-34 and related matters', be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of **high** significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.2

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr A Wichers

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3. That the Committee receives all written and verbal feedback from the special consultative procedure 17 May – 17 June 2024, as set out in **Attachments 1 – 4** and the consultative procedure 17 June – 14 July 2024, as set out in **Attachment 5** to this report.

CARRIED

4a KEY PROPOSAL 1: PROJECT TIMING AND RATES AFFORDABILITY

The Senior Policy Analyst and Finance Manager spoke to this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- Staff would follow up on the Operational Expenditure (OPEX) differences for a covered pool in Katikati verses one in Ōmokoroa.
- Staff will add more specific details around Option 2d, 2e and 2f as follows:
 - 2d - reduce the operational spend from Dave Hume Pool across the 10 years from 600k per annum to 300k per annum;
 - 2e - reduce the operational spend for Te Puke Swimming Pool to align with planned capital programme removing 1,208,000 in 2027/2028, and reducing to 514k in 2028/2029; and
 - 2f - ensure this option aligns with the commentary regarding the Economic Development Issues and Options Paper.
- The only Service Contracts that were able to be flatlined were those that had not yet been finalised, which was Tourism Bay of Plenty and Priority One.
- The Chief Executive Officer would be undertaking a review of staffing costs alongside the Three Waters changes, noting the impacts that this would have on Council.

Reasons for decision:

- Responds to submitter comments (37% submitters); and
 - Reduced impact on ratepayers over the 10 years.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.3

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

4. That in relation to the Consultation Document's key proposals (as set out in **Attachment 6 and Tabled Item 1**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

- a) Key proposal 1: Project timing and rates affordability

Option 2

That Council amend or remove projects to reduce rates impacts. The specific projects to be removed from the Long Term Plan are:

- a. Project 293201-A – Network Upgrades – JOG – Katikati Bypass
- b. Project LTP25/34-10 – Maketu Community Hub
- c. Project 354001-A – Transportation – Ōmokoroa Ferry Infrastructure

And additional savings be made from:

- d. Reduce the operational spend for Dave Hume Pool across the 10 years
- e. Reduce the operational spend for Te Puke Swimming Pool
- f. Reduce the Economic Development Activity budget for years 1, 2 and 3.

CARRIED

4b KEY PROPOSAL 2: REDUCE ROADING AND WALKWAY/CYCLEWAY PROJECTS TO REDUCE IMPACT ON RATES

The Senior Policy Analyst spoke to this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- There was no intention to remove Reserve Funding from the Community Boards, but rather encourage the Boards to spend their Reserve Account by removing their Roothing Budget, noting that this would also help reduce rates.
- In relation to the Funding Assistance Rate (FAR), a review of the Community Board Roothing Allocation Policy would be undertaken to ensure that the criteria applied was clear and maximised the FAR rate.

Reasons for decision:

- Responded to the majority of submissions received during the LTP 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation;
- Enabled retaining of 13.6% rates increase as proposed through the 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation; and
- Enables staff to concentrate on other transport projects.

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.4

Moved: Cr D Thwaites

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

4. That in relation to the Consultation Document's key proposals (as set out in **Attachment 6 and Tabled Item 1**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

- b) Key proposal 2: Reduce roading and walkway/cycleway projects to reduce impact on rates

Option 1

That Council agrees to make no changes to the draft roading, and walkway/cycleway project budgets as consulted on through the Long Term Plan 2024-34 and identified below:

Project description	Proposed change
Rural Roding (minor upgrades of roading)	Reduce Year One (2024/25) budget to \$0
Waihī Beach Community Roding Funding	Reduce Year One (2024/25) budget to \$0 and make use of existing Community Board Roding Reserve funds, as intended. Revert to current funding arrangements from Year Two (2025/26) onwards.
Katikati Community Roding Funding	
Ōmokoroa Community Roding Funding	
Te Puke Community Roding Funding	
Maketu Community Roding Funding	
Walking and cycling	Reduce the proposed budget from \$1.5m to \$500,000 for Years 2025 to 2034.
Public Transport Infrastructure such as bus shelters and bus bays	Reduce the proposed budget for Year One (2024/25) to \$0. Revert to current funding arrangements from Year Two (2025/26) onwards (\$109,000)
Seal Extension – sealing of gravel roads	Reduce the proposed budgets from \$2, to \$1.5m for Years 2025 to 2034.

CARRIED

10.13am Cr Rae entered the hui.

4c KEY PROPOSAL 3: ROADING RATE DIFFERENTIAL

This Key Proposal was provided as Tabled Item 1.

The Senior Policy Analyst spoke to this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- The definition of a Hair Salon was dependent on the zone that the activity took place. This was determined through the Revenue and Financing Policy.
- If a house was in a commercial zone as a rateable property, even if they are a residential house, they would be captured, as this was not determined on land use.

- A scoping workshop was needed prior to undertaking a Rating Review, noting that staff were beginning to progress this in its early stages.

Reasons for decision:

- 59% of submitters support the option to increase the differential from 2.0 to 4.0;
- Recognises the impact of heavier vehicles on roads; and
- Reduces the roading rate average increase for Residential and Rural zoned properties.

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.5

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

4. That in relation to the Consultation Document's key proposals (as set out in **Attachment 6 and Tabled Item 1**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

- c) Key proposal 3: Roading rate differential

Option 1

That the Committee recommend to Council to confirm the roading rate differential as follows:

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| • Residential zoned areas | 1.0 |
| • Rural zoned areas | 1.0 |
| • Commercial/industrial zoned areas | 4.0 |
| • Post-harvest zoned areas | 4.0 |

CARRIED

4d KEY PROPOSAL 4: TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Senior Policy Analyst took this Issues and Options Paper as read.

Reasons for decision:

- Supported by 77%;
 - Integrates planning of town centre development into our work programme;
 - Provides transparency to ratepayers of what projects are being progressed and when;
 - Removal of the town centre rate reduced rates by approximately 0.2%, but this would likely be partially offset by the individual projects identified;
 - Can utilise existing Town Centre Plans;
 - Can be delivered in a timeframe that works for Council and the community, does not need to wait for funds to accumulate or for it to be an individual Town Centre's turn;
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- Can be extended to smaller centre; and
 - No rates impact as using existing reserve funds.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.6

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

4. That in relation to the Consultation Document's key proposals (as set out in **Attachment 6 and Tabled Item 1**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

d) Key proposal 4: Town centre development fund

Option 1

That the Council permanently discontinues collection of the Town Centre Fund and replace the approach with project specific funding, with projects to be identified through Council processes.

CARRIED

10.45am The hui adjourned.

10.59am The hui reconvened.

4e KEY PROPOSAL 5: FUTURE COMMUNITY FACILITIES FUND

The Senior Policy Analyst was in attendance via Zoom to speak to this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- Following feedback from the community, it was noted that the recommended option would allow the time for Council to take the community with them through the development of the fund.

Reasons for decision:

- Provides Council and the community more time to consider the investment framework and the funding impacts, also using submission feedback to help shape options available;
 - Potential to achieve increased community support by taking the time to work with the community on the details and gain a better understanding of what could be achieved and what our alternative options are;
 - Manages the impact of the fund on overall rates via a stepped increase over two years (as opposed to the initial proposal of \$50 in Year 2);
 - Provides certainty to the community and funders that we will be contributing funding toward community facilities;
 - Signals to the community the potential increased costs in the future;
 - Would enable Council to leverage philanthropic funding more successfully;
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- Clear plan in place to respond to known (and unknown) community facility proposals coming up over the next 10 years; and
- Could consider increased or decreased rate through the Annual Plan process, depending on feedback from the community on the process and criteria and on further financial analysis of how the fund would work.
- Council would likely make case by case decisions over the next few years.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Dally

Seconded: Mayor Denyer

- e) Key proposal 5: Future community facilities fund

Amended Option 3

That Council continues to progress the community facilities fund with an amended timeframe as follows:

- Implement a \$50 fixed fee per property in Year Three (2026/2027) and beyond.
- Allow more time to develop the process and criteria with the community: Use Year One and Year Two (2024/2025 and 2025/2026) to work with the community on developing the fund process and criteria.

The motion was voted on and lost.

LOST 4/7

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.7

Moved: Cr A Wichers

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

4. That in relation to the Consultation Document's key proposals (as set out in **Attachment 6 and Tabled Item 1**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

- e) Key proposal 5: Future community facilities fund

Option 3

That Council continues to progress the community facilities fund with an amended timeframe as follows:

- Implement a stepped change to fee introduction for a community facilities fund:
 - Include a \$25 fixed fee per property in Year Three (2026/2027);
 - Increase to \$50 in Year Four (2027/2028) and beyond.

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- Allow more time to develop the process and criteria with the community: Use Year One and Year Two (2024/2025 and 2025/2026) to work with the community on developing the fund process and criteria.

CARRIED

4f KEY PROPOSAL 6: PUKEHINA DEVELOPMENT RATE

The Policy Analyst spoke to this Issues and Options Paper.

Reasons for decision – Issue 1:

- Provides clarity to the community and is legally compliant if Council is not planning to develop a wastewater scheme in Pukehina; and
- More equitable, as residents no longer pay for a service that do not receive currently.

Reasons for decision – Issue 2:

- Meets desire of some of the community;
 - Allows for beneficial use of the reserve in the area that contributed to it; and
 - Makes use of the reserve, as there are no plans for a Pukehina wastewater system at this point.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.8

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr G Dally

4. That in relation to the Consultation Document's key proposals (as set out in **Attachment 6 and Tabled Item 1**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

f) Key proposal 6: Pukehina development rate

Issue 1 - Future of the Pukehina Development Rate:

Option 1

Permanently stop collecting the Pukehina Development Rate (Council's preferred option in the consultation document).

CARRIED

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.9

Moved: Cr G Dally

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

4. That in relation to the Consultation Document's key proposals (as set out in **Attachment 6 and Tabled Item 1**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

f) Key proposal 6: Pukehina development rate

Issue 2 – Use of the existing Pukehina Development Rate Reserve:

Option 1

Repurpose the money already collected for existing projects in the Pukehina community that need funding (Council's preferred option in the consultation document).

CARRIED

11.13am Cr Joyce entered the hui via Zoom.

4g KEY PROPOSAL 7: TE PUNA STATION ROAD

The Senior Policy Analyst and Director Transportation spoke to this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- The "temporary prohibition" was opened ended, to allow time for a review of the impacts on Clarke Road and the neighbouring roading networks to be undertaken.
- The cost of the options were provided through the consultation document.
- The upgrade of Te Puna Road/Te Puna Station Road would progress in accordance with Councils Roding Programme, however Councillors would be provided with updates due to the high level of community interest.
- The Heavy Vehicle Ban on Clarke Road could take longer, depending on when Council undertook a review of the Heavy Vehicle and Traffic Bylaw.

Reasons for decision:

- Responds to the majority of submission points that supported Councils preferred option;
- Road users would be less exposed to the risk of future slips or deterioration of existing slips;
- Lowest cost option;
- Responds to submission made by Pirirākau;
- Responds to concerns relating to heavy traffic on Clarke Road; and
- Maintains optionality for the future.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Coxhead

Seconded: Cr Murray-Benge

4. That in relation to the Consultation Document's key proposals (as set out in **Attachment 6 and Tabled Item 1**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

g) Te Puna Station Road

Key proposal 7: Option 2

That Council reinstate Te Puna Station Road to one way traffic.

The motion was voted on and a division was called and recorded as follows:

For: Cr Coxhead, Cr Grainger, Cr Murray-Benge and Cr Dally

Against: Cr Joyce, Mayor Denyer, Cr Wichers, Cr Thwaites, Cr Rae, Cr Sole, Deputy Mayor Scrimgeour and Cr Henry.

LOST 4/8

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.10

Moved: Cr A Henry

Seconded: Cr R Joyce

4. That in relation to the Consultation Document's key proposals (as set out in **Attachment 6 and Tabled Item 1**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

g) Te Puna Station Road

Key proposal 7: Option 1

That Council agrees the following:

- a) to continue with the temporary prohibition on Te Puna Station Road to vehicular traffic and relocate the shared path to the western side, away from the riverbank while continuing to assess the most appropriate mechanism for the long term future and potential closure of Te Puna Station Road; **AND**
- b) to review the impacts the temporary prohibition on Te Puna Station Road to vehicular traffic is having on Clarke Road and consider ways in which these can be addressed including review of the Traffic and Parking Enforcement Bylaw 2019 to consider a heavy vehicle ban.

CARRIED

Cr Coxhead, Cr Dally and Cr Murray-Benge voted against the motion and requested for their vote against to be recorded.

5a SOLID WASTE

The Operations Manager and Solid Waste Planning and Behaviour Change Lead spoke to this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- The \$1 Million specified for the investigation of a Waste Transfer Station in Ōmokoroa were estimated funds for this investigation, which initially included the purchase of land. This funding was not rates funded, as it came from the Waste Management and Minimisation Levy and therefore had no rates impact.

Reasons for decision:

- Ensures consultation with the community on next steps regarding waste infrastructure;
- Aligns with Waste Management Minimisation Plan actions and objectives;
- Allows for time to complete further planning around network and infrastructure requirements and potential design to inform costs;
- Collaborative work with other Councils in the subregion for waste infrastructure investment;
- Able to represent and incorporate Western Bay's communities' needs; and
- Allow for commitment to invest and leverage Central Government funding.

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.11

Moved: Cr D Thwaites

Seconded: Cr A Henry

5. That in relation to the issues and options arising from community feedback (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

- a) Solid waste

Option 1

That Council supports the commitment to waste infrastructure growth in the subregion in principle but agrees to defer the matter and any consideration of funding for implementation to the Long-Term Plan 2027-37 process. This is subject to stakeholder engagement and discussions, and a business case process followed by community consultation.

CARRIED

5b COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Community and Strategic Relationships Manager spoke to this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- The submission from the Te Puke Community Board was acknowledge, including the funds that they were willing to commit. It was noted that the additional funds required for this community-led project was not yet determined.

Reasons for decision:

- Responds to key submission points without changing levels of services;
- Ensures relationships with service providers can be enhanced and service delivery more clearly understood before funding is committed;
- Enables Western Bay Museum to move forward with their redevelopment project, recognising that Council as the building owner and through its service delivery agreement with Western Bay Museum has a role to play in ensuring the building is fit for purpose; and
- The funding for the museum redevelopment concept plan will enable Western Bay Museum to apply for external funding for the project.

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.12

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr T Coxhead

5. That in relation to the issues and options arising from community feedback (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

- b) Community building:

Option 1

That Council acknowledges the submissions received and in response to key requests:

- a) Works with the Daily Charitable Trust to prepare a brief for the Mayor on the Te Puke Lunches in Schools Programme;
 - b) Continues to work with key partners Colab, Te Puke EDG and EPIC Te Puke, alongside the Te Puke Community Board, on delivery of local priorities for community and economic development, including for community input into the Te Puke Spatial Plan;
 - c) Declines funding for Aquatic Survival Skills Trust at this time, and undertakes to explore future opportunities once the programme is up and running with Bay Venues;
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- d) Approves funding of \$10,000 for Western Bay Museum from existing budgets to support development of a concept plan for the museum redevelopment; and
 - e) Makes no changes to the targeted rate for Katikati Community Centre and undertakes to work with the Community Centre to ensure services are promoted and accessible for Waihi Beach residents.

CARRIED

5c COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Chief Executive Officer took this Issues and Options Paper as read.

Reasons for decision:

- **Flexibility:** Allows Council to tailor communication and engagement strategies to suit the specific needs and characteristics of each community or issue. This flexibility can result in more effective and appropriate engagement.
 - **Responsiveness:** Council can be more responsive to emerging issues and adapting strategies as circumstances change, which could enhance the effectiveness of the engagement process.
 - **Political understanding:** Elected members understand the communication and engagement rationale and so can support Council's approach when out in the community.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.13

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

5. That in relation to the issues and options arising from community feedback (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

- c) Community engagement:

Option 1

That Council continues to endorse the communications and engagement approach for all key community engagement processes on a case-by-case basis.

CARRIED

5d ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Community and Strategic Relationships Manager took this Issues and Options Paper as read.

Reasons for decision:

- Maintains the existing level of service for economic development; and
 - Encourages staff to build relationships with organisations to understand more about their work and how that could add value to council's economic development activity.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.14

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr A Sole

5. That in relation to the issues and options arising from community feedback (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

d) Economic development:

Option 1

That Council continues to fund economic development, noting the resolutions made in Key Proposal 1 (Project Timing and Rates Affordability Issues and Options Paper). In response to submissions requesting funding:

- continues with the current service delivery contract with Film Bay of Plenty;
- acknowledges the submissions from Focus Katikati Economic Development Group and Te Puke EDG in relation to promotion and enhancement of local tourism, and undertakes to discuss opportunities with Tourism Bay of Plenty for future planning work; and
- acknowledges the submission from Tauranga Māori Business Association and undertakes to work with Priority One, Toi Kai Rawa and the Māori Business Association to understand roles and responsibilities, and needs to grow the capacity and capability of Māori businesses.

CARRIED

Cr Thwaites voted against the motion and requested for his vote against to be recorded.

12.32pm The hui adjourned.

1.00pm The hui reconvened.

5e PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The Environmental Planning Manager and Strategic Policy and Planning Director took this Issues and Options Paper as read. Staff responded to pātai as below:

- Council was not budgeting for \$25.4 Million of non-capital expenditure being spent on Climate Change Planning. This figure was from a submission and not Council.
- Majority of Councils Climate Change Planning budget was spent on the Natural Hazard Planning work which was a requirement of the Resource Management Act and Natural Policy Statements.
- Councils Natural Hazards Planning Coalition (specifically with Tauranga City Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council) was to ensure the ability to work collaborative in relation to commissioning models around Coastal Inundation and Rainfall Intensity. It was noted that this was largely to assist with Councils growth planning endeavours and infrastructure renewal obligations.

Reason for decision:

- There is only one practicable option available.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.15

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

5. That in relation to the issues and options arising from community feedback (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

- e) Planning for the future:

Option 1

That in response to submissions received Council

- a) Acknowledges submissions on housing, and continues implementation of its Housing Action Plan and priority projects.
- b) Acknowledges submissions on responding to Climate Change and ensures these submissions are considered when refreshing Council's Climate Change Strategic Framework.
- c) Acknowledges submissions on spatial planning, structure planning and district plan, and ensure these submissions are considered through upcoming planning processes.
- d) Acknowledges submissions on water reform and continue to meet legislative requirements in regard to water service delivery in consultation with community where appropriate.

CARRIED

1.08pm Cr Joyce entered the hui.

5f RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

The Reserves and Facilities Manager spoke to this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- The submission in relation to the Ōmokoroa Beach Area that related to priorities in Ōmokoroa would be referred to the appropriate staff member, noting that the different elements of the submission had been addressed through the appropriate Issues and Options Papers.
- Clarification was sought on a submission received from Whakamarama Community Incorporated relating to the sealing of part of Whakamarama Road. Staff undertook to reflect this request in the decision document and confirmed any request for seal extension would be considered in line with Councils Seal Extension Prioritisation Policy.
- The resolution passed at the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting held 20 June 2024 reads as below:
 - That in relation to the proposed dog exercise area in Ōmokoroa the Strategy and Strategy and Policy Committee approves the following option:
 - Option 5 – That the Strategy and Policy Committee defers its decision on a dog exercise area in Ōmokoroa until such a time it can be considered through concept planning of the proposed future 'Ōmokoroa Active Reserve' at the corner of Prole Road and Ōmokoroa Road, or other opportunities that might be identified, noting that this excludes Options 3 and 4 being; Links View Drive and Precious Reserve.
 - That the Strategy and Policy Committee notes the indicative costs for implementation of the concept plans in relation to [Option 3] or [Option 4] are already budgeted for with the balance being sought from external funding sources.

Reason for decision:

- No financial impact on the Long Term Plan 2024-34.

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.16

Moved: Cr G Dally

Seconded: Cr L Rae

5. That in relation to the issues and options arising from community feedback (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

- f) Recreation and open space:

Option 1A

That Council acknowledges the submissions received and agrees not to provide any additional funding for the following requests:

- a) Development of 5-6 new netball courts and a playground at Moore Park which are estimated at \$700K and \$510K respectively, instead refers the ongoing discussion to the next review of the Katikati/Waihi Beach Ward Reserve Management Plan scheduled for 2027.
- b) *Te Puke Gymsport* for \$250,000 per year over three years 2024-2026 to support their proposed facility on Centennial Park, Te Puke and undertake to investigate other funding opportunities which may include the future community facilities fund.
- c) Te Puna Quarry Park Society request for \$50,000.00 to seal the roadway from the main carpark up to the amphitheatre in Te Puna Quarry Park.
- d) The Te Puke Community Board's request for the demolition and replacement of the Commerce Lane toilets in Te Puke for a cost of \$500,000.

AND

Option 2

That Council acknowledges the submissions received and agrees to defer the following to alternative Council processes:

- a) Submissions 411, 369, 449, 433, 530, 584 and 592 be deferred to the next review of the Katikati/Waihi Beach Ward Reserve Management Plan scheduled for 2027.

CARRIED

5g REPRESENTATION

The Deputy Chief Executive/General Manager Strategy and Community who took this Issues and Options Paper as read.

Reason for decision:

- Council is currently progressing its Representation Review and these submissions can be included as part of that process.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.17

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Mayor J Denyer

5. That in relation to the issues and options arising from community feedback (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:
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g) Representation:

Option 1

That in response to submissions received Council

- a) acknowledges submissions on the representation review and responses provided **AND**
- b) acknowledges submissions on elected member remuneration and responses provided.

CARRIED

5h REGULATORY SERVICES

The Environmental Consents Manager took this Issues and Options Paper as read.

Reason for decision:

- There is only one practicable option available.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.18

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Mayor J Denyer

5. That in relation to the issues and options arising from community feedback (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

h) Regulatory services:

Option 1

That Council acknowledges the submissions received.

Due to the nature of the submissions, there are no options provided and we note the submissions received.

CARRIED

5i WATER SUPPLY

The Infrastructure Engineer Water took this Issues and Options Paper as read.

Reason for decision:

- There is only one practicable option available.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.19

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Cr T Coxhead

5. That in relation to the issues and options arising from community feedback (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

- i) Water supply:

Option 1

That Council acknowledges feedback from submitters and continues to keep communities informed regarding the fluoridation of water supply in the district in line with legislative direction received from central government.

CARRIED

5j STORMWATER

The Asset Management Team Leader spoke to this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- Council intended to continue to work with the Waihi Beach Stormwater Liaison Group.

Reason for decision:

- There is only one practicable option available;
- It was great for Council to be working with the liaison group to utilise their local knowledge.

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.20

Moved: Cr T Coxhead

Seconded: Cr A Sole

5. That in relation to the issues and options arising from community feedback (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

- j) Stormwater:

Option 1

That Council acknowledges feedback from submitters on the stormwater activity and agrees to continue to work with landowners and/or leasees on a case-by-case basis.

CARRIED

5k WASTEWATER

The Asset Management Team Leader spoke to this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- It was noted that there was an expectation that Council would exceed the agreed discharge limit to Tauranga City Council (TCC), in relation to the Ōmokoroa, due to the population growth. Council was working with TCC to understand what that would mean, noting that it was still 10 years away from becoming an issue.
- With the completion of the Waihi Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade, Council would be compliant with consent conditions during peak season.

Reason for decision:

- There is only one practicable option available.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.21

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

5. That in relation to the issues and options arising from community feedback (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

k) Wastewater:

Option 1

That Council acknowledges feedback from submitters on the wastewater activity.

CARRIED

5l SUPPORT SERVICES

The Finance Manager and Head of People and Capability took this Issues and Options Paper as read.

- Staff agreed that they would note that there was a organisational review of personnel costs that would take place in alignment with the Local Waters Done Well outcomes.

Reason for decision:

- There is only one practicable option available.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.22

Moved: Cr T Coxhead

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

5. That in relation to the issues and options arising from community feedback (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

l) Support services:

Option 1

That Council acknowledges the submissions received.

Due to the nature of the submissions, there are no options provided and we note the submissions received.

CARRIED

5m TANGATA WHENUA RELATIONSHIPS AND ENGAGEMENT

The Strategic Kaupapa Māori Manager took this Issues and Options Paper as read.

Reasons for decision:

- No additional funding required beyond draft LTP;
- Alignment with Council strategic priorities & strategic plans of Tangata Whenua forums;
- Funding for Tangata Whenua priorities supported by submitters on this issue;
- Supports implementation of Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group cultural mitigation framework; and
- Supports the aspirations of our partners.

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.23

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Mayor J Denyer

5. That in relation to the issues and options arising from community feedback (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

m) Tangata Whenua relationships and engagement:

Option 1

That there are no changes made to the draft Long Term Plan budgets for project LTP25/34-29 in relation to the Waiāri Bridge Rest Area Restoration.

CARRIED

5n TRANSPORTATION

The Director Transportation spoke to this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- On a case-by-case basis Council did install additional street lighting if there was a need identified, noting the most recent request being processed was for 71 Ōmokoroa Road.
- Clarification was sought on a submission received from Whakamarama Community Inc relating to the sealing of part of Whakamarama Road. Staff undertook to reflect this request in the decision document and confirmed any request for seal extension would be considered in line with Councils Seal Extension Prioritisation Policy.
- It was noted that legislative changes may have an impact on Council's Speed Management Plan in relation to speed limits. Staff undertook to keep across any changes regarding this.

Reasons for decision:

- Enables retention of the 13.6% rates increase as proposed through the 2024-34 Long Term Plan Consultation; and
- Enables staff to concentrate on other transport projects.

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.24

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

5. That in relation to the issues and options arising from community feedback (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

n) Transportation

Option 1

That Council acknowledges the submissions received and agrees no changes to the draft Long Term Plan 2024-34 in response to these.

CARRIED

5o COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Operations Manager and Reserves and Facilities Manager spoke to this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- The intention of Council was to undertake a bylaw review in relation to natural burials, noting that there would be a review of the appropriate fees and charges
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once this service was costed out. The costs in relation to Natural Burials would not be 100% recoverable.

- The Bylaw Review was scheduled to take place in the current financial year, therefore moving it forward would be appropriate.
- The re-wording of Option 1 c was made due to the loan fund of \$300,000 already being spent in the last financial year.

Reasons for decision:

- Responds to key submission points; and
- Enables projects to continue.

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.25

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr G Dally

5. That in relation to the issues and options arising from community feedback (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

- o) Community facilities:

Option 1

That Council acknowledges the submissions received and in response to key requests:

- a) That Council continues with the Waihi Beach Library and Community Hub build.
- b) That Council continues with the timing of the development of natural burials in Te Puke being in the 2025/26 (\$210,330) and 2026/27 (\$180,960.) financial years.
- c) Council has loan funded \$300,000 for the Te Puke War Memorial Hall in 2024/25 financial year.
- d) Does not bring the funding for the Ōmokoroa Library and Service Centre forward and the approach be reviewed as part of the Annual Plan 2025/26.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.26

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

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- e) That Council does not investigate a new library service in the form of a mobile library that would provide library services to all of our outer communities across the district including Te Puna.

CARRIED

5p NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The Community and Strategic Relationships Manager and Community Outcomes Advisor took this Issues and Options Paper as read and responded to pātai as below:

- In relation to Sea Cleaners Trust, there had not been confirmation from the local councils, but there had been confirmation for philanthropic funding.

Reason for decision:

- No increase in spend.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.27

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr A Henry

5. That in relation to the issues and options arising from community feedback (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

- p) Natural environment:

Option 1

That Council:

- a) Acknowledges the submissions to environmental enhancement and in relation to the submission from Royal Forest and Bird, Council will explore opportunities for nature-based solutions for infrastructure through spatial plans, asset management plans and climate change adaptation plans.
- b) Declines additional funding for MOWS at this time, and undertakes to explore future opportunities to see where support may be provided at a later time.
- c) Declines to fund Sea Cleaners Trust at this time, and undertakes to explore future opportunities to see where support may be provided at a later time.

CARRIED

6a RATES REMISSION POLICIES

The Senior Policy Analyst spoke to this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- The proposed changes provided staff with additional decision making delegation, as well as changes to help streamline the process in bring decision making reports to Council.

Reasons for decision:

- Responds to the submission received through the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan consultation process; and
- Responds to feedback received from staff and elected members around the requirement for multiple applications within five years to go to Council for approval.

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.28

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

6. That in relation to the following matters released for consultation concurrently with the Long Term Plan (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

a) Rates Remission Policies:

Option 1

That Council amends the Water Rates Remission Policy 2021 and Remission of Rates Policy to reflect the proposed changes consulted on through the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan consultation process.

CARRIED

6b REVENUE AND FINANCING POLICY

The Senior Policy Analyst and Finance Manager took this Issues and Options Paper as read.

Reasons for decision:

Option 1

- Reflects the reality of how the activities are funded, and may reduce confusion;
 - Reduces some of the administration required of delivering four district-wide rates;
 - The relevant Council activities will continue to be funded from a component that is charged the same district-wide; and
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- Responds to the submitter that supported the proposal to combine these rates into the UAGC.

Option 2

- Acknowledges the wider public benefit of delivering the Resource Consent and Building Services activities;
- Recognises how closely tied to the economic conditions these activities are and therefore allowing that flexibility in funding; and
- No impact on service delivery for this activity.

Option 3

- Responds to the feedback of submitters, sets the expectation that user fees and charges should be the primary funding source for the Animal Services activity;
- Acknowledges that there is a wider public benefit of providing the Animal Services Activity;
- Allows for the user fees to be agreed and consulted on through the Annual Plan processes; and
- Allows for a steady increase in user fees over four years.

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.29

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

6. That in relation to the following matters released for consultation concurrently with the Long Term Plan (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

- b) Revenue and Financing policy:

Option 1A

That the Council combine the following district wide targeted rates into the UAGC:

- (a) Roading Charge (also known as the Roading Uniform Targeted Rate (UTR) which is a fixed amount on every property in our District);
- (b) District Library Charge;
- (c) Environmental Protection Rate; and
- (d) Western Bay Museum.

AND

Option 2A

That the Council make no change to the Revenue and Financing Policy as contained in **Attachment A** relating to Resource Consents and Building Services Activities.

AND

Option 3A

That the Council amends the Revenue and Financing Policy as contained in **Attachment A** as follows:

1. Change the Animal Services banding for the general rate funding source from moderate (40-75%) to low (15-45%); and
2. Apply a user fees and charges increase assumption of 10% from year two to four of the Long Term Plan, for Animal Services.

CARRIED

7a FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS 2024/25

The Financial Accountant/Business Partner and General Manager Corporate Services took this Issues and Options Paper as read.

Reasons for decision:

- Addresses any under collection of Financial Contributions and aligns to the 'growth pays for growth' principle;
 - Allows council to progress a Development Contributions framework that would allow for significant savings in any future consenting process e.g. when compared to special assessment under current rules;
 - Cost effective, if not further challenged;
 - A Development Contributions framework would replace requirements for District Plan changes that reflect aspects that attempt to mitigate against unintended consequences; and
 - Progressing to a new framework with stakeholder consultation would allow engagement and a collaborative approach to a new framework that may improve relationships and enhance sustainability.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.30

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr T Coxhead

7. That in relation to the following matter released for consultation consecutively with the Long Term Plan (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred option [for the reasons stated]:

- a) Financial Contributions 2024/25:
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Option 1

That Council maintains the current 2025 Financial Contribution Schedule) (pending approved changes in the project list) as per the consultation.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.31

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Cr L Rae

8. The Committee directs the Chief Executive to present the preferred options (as amended by resolutions 4, 5, 6 and 7) for adoption to Council at its meeting on 26 September 2024.

CARRIED

9a CHANGES TO PROPOSED FUNDING OF THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Financial Accountant/Business Partner took this Issues and Options Paper as read.

Reasons for decision:

- Ability to fund project through non-rates funded methods through subsidies and Financial Contributions;
 - Alignment of Long Term plan to Financial Contribution consultation; and
 - Reduction in loan funding requirements and decreased interest costs.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.32

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Mayor J Denyer

9. That in relation to the internal submissions (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:
- a) Changes to proposed funding of the capital programme:

Option 1

That Council approves changes to the Capital Programme Funding as contained in **Attachment A**.

CARRIED

9b STRUCTURE PLAN SCHEDULES AND MAPS UPDATE

The Infrastructure Growth and Delivery Manager took this Issues and Options Paper as read.

Reason for decision:

- There is only one practicable option available.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.33

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

9. That in relation to the internal submissions (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

- b) Structure plan schedules and maps update

Option 1

That the updated structure plan schedules and maps for Ōmokoroa, Waihi Beach, Te Puke and Katikati be adopted for inclusion in 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.

CARRIED

9c COMMUNITY HALLS

The Operations Manager took this Issues and Options Paper as read.

It was noted that the disadvantages outlined in the Issues and Options Paper did not accurately reflect the decision that had been made. Community Halls could be under insured if Council did not approve the recommended option.

Reasons for decision:

- Halls would have the money they need to cover insurances and planned maintenance;
 - Halls would be kept in better repair;
 - Hall Committees would be empowered to carry out their role;
 - Allows for targeted rates to be amended where required; and
 - A review of the insurance approach for halls ensures future consideration of the cost of maintaining the halls.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.34

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

9. That in relation to the internal submissions (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

- c) Community halls funding
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Option 1

That Council approves the proposed budget and community hall insurance costs for 2024-2027 (as set out in **Attachment B**) and requests a review of the most appropriate insurance approach for community halls be undertaken.

CARRIED

9d KATIKATI ARTS JUNCTION

Councillor Henry declared an interest in this item.

The Operations Manager took this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- The repairs required needed to be undertaken to avoid the building getting any worse. Staff would undertake an assessment of the land as soon as possible to understand whether the repairs were worth being completed or whether there was a better use for the land.
- At present, the building was watertight, and the repairs were in relation to the existing damage.
- It was clarified that the damage to the building was due to water and therefore the building would be safe for the time taken to complete the assessment.
- The rent for the building was based on the same rent model for all community groups within Council buildings.
- Following the assessment, a full options analysis would be brought back to Councillors prior to any decisions.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Sole

Seconded: Mayor Denyer

9. That in relation to the internal submissions (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

d) Katikati Arts Junction

Option 1

That Council agree to fund \$350,000 from general rates for repairs to the building located at 34-36 Main Road, Katikati, known as Katikati Arts Junction.

The motion was voted on and declared lost on voices.

It was noted that the disadvantage that related to Option 3 should read:

- “A low risk of the building falling into disrepair and becoming unusable while the decision is delayed.”

Reasons for decision:

- There will be no immediate cost to ratepayers; and
 - The assessment will provide Council with clear direction on the use of the land and inform future decision making.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.35

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

9. That in relation to the internal submissions (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

- d) Katikati Arts Junction

Option 3

That Council defers any decision around funding for repairs to the building located at 34-36 Main Road, Katikati, known as Katikati Arts Junction to the Annual Plan 2025/26, after an assessment on the highest and best use of this land (noting it is a local purpose reserve) is undertaken.

CARRIED

9e WAIHĪ BEACH STORMWATER RE-PRIORITISATION

The Asset Management Team Leader took this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- The projects that were being recommended to be re-prioritised, were the ones identified through the liaison group as being of the most benefit.
 - Under the new Dam Safety Guidelines, Council needed to hold a lot more water, or upgrade the dam, both of which were incredibly expensive.
 - Staff would send through the results of this decision to the Waihī Beach Stormwater Liaison Group, so they were aware early.
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Reasons for decision:

- Reduce the risk of a complete Dam Failure;
 - Compliance with Dam Safety Guidelines;
 - Align Waihī Beach stormwater projects with recent strategic priorities; and
 - Delivery of key projects for Waihī Beach stormwater management.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.36

Moved: Cr A Henry

Seconded: Cr R Joyce

9. That in relation to the internal submissions (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

e) Waihi Beach Stormwater Re-prioritisation

Option 1

That Council approves the re-budget of Waihi Beach stormwater projects including removal of the Waihi Beach Earth Dam as a priority and re-prioritisation of the improvements to One-Mile Creek;

AND

That Council approves the Re-prioritisation of Waihi Stormwater Projects as contained in **Appendix A**;

AND

That Council approves additional operational funding of \$100,000 per year for three years from 2024/25 (Year 1) to 2026/27 (Year 3) funded through the uniform targeted rate for a stormwater level of service review across the district.

CARRIED

9f MAKETU WASTEWATER DISPOSAL FIELD CAPITAL COST

The Asset Management Team Leader took this Issues and Options Paper as read and responded to pātai as below:

- Staff could guarantee that if a 'like for like' replacement was completed, Council would be compliant, as the current irrigation field was compliant while it was operational. It was noted that a better renewal plan would be put in place to ensure that it did not fail.
- The 10-year lifespan indicated was conservative, and Council hoped to extend this through good operational procedures such as planting to reduce traffic of heavy machinery.
- The cost estimate for the next option up was close to 10 times the amount being sought, noting that there would also be issues with these options not being compliant with the consent.

Reasons for decision:

- Quicker and cost effective to install;
- No consent variation required;

- Allows the cut and carry operation to be effective; and
 - Council will be compliant with Regional Council discharge consent conditions and reduced risk of prosecution by Regional Council.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.37

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Cr G Dally

9. That in relation to the internal submissions (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

f) Maketu wastewater disposal field capital cost:

Option 1

That Council approves \$1.2M funded through loans in the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years for a Like for Like (shallow trench subsurface pipes) replacement of the Maketu irrigation field.

CARRIED

9g WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER OPERATIONAL FUNDING

The Asset Management Team Leader took this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- The increase was \$11.7 Million over the next 10 years, with \$1 Million in Year One.
- The only reason for a decrease in electricity prices was due to some of the growth driven projects that were completed as soon as initial expected.
- The Stormwater Operational Expenditure (OPEX) increases were in relation to the number of ponds being completed and the compliance monitoring required for them.

Reasons for decision:

- **Compliance:** Ensures that we meet contractual, compliance, and regulatory requirements;
 - **Operational Continuity:** Maintains the current level of service;
 - **Infrastructure Maintenance:** Aligns the budget with actual maintenance costs, preventing overspending and ensuring timely upkeep; and
 - **Data Management:** Supports the increased costs and demands of information systems crucial for asset management.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.38

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

9. That in relation to the internal submissions (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

g) Wastewater and Stormwater Operational Funding

Option 1

That Council approve operational expenditure funding increase as set out in **Attachment A**.

CARRIED

3.10pm The hui adjourned.

3.26pm The hui reconvened.

9h WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS (CENTRAL)

The Infrastructure Engineer Water took this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- With the reconfiguration of the plant, including UV, staff were making provision for fluoridation should they ever be required to add it.

Reasons for decision:

- Council will be able to treat water to meet Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules and comply with the Water Services Act 2021;
- Increased resilience in Council's treatment processes and facilities; and
- Improved safety in chemical storage facilities.

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.39

Moved: Cr D Thwaites

Seconded: Cr L Rae

9. That in relation to the internal submissions (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

h) Water Treatment Plant Improvements (Central)

Option 1

That Council approves additional funding of \$400K in the 2025/26 Financial Year and a re-budget of \$592K into the 2024/25 Financial Year required for improvements to the Water Treatment Plants in the Central Supply Zone.

CARRIED

9i WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS (WESTERN)

The Infrastructure Engineer Water took this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- The water standards had significantly risen in relation to the new types of treatments being implemented and additional monitoring.
- Council was undertaking a robust resilient system to ensure that they could continue deliver to customers.
- The additional spending that Council was having to spend due to new regulations from Central Government would be included in the decision story.
- Staff noted that they could include the visual depiction that was currently used on the rates notice within the decision story.

Reasons for decision:

- Council will be able to treat water to meet Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules and comply with the Water Services Act 2021;
- Increased resilience in Council's treatment processes and facilities; and
- Improved safety in chemical storage facilities.

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.40

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr A Sole

9. That in relation to the internal submissions (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

i) Water Treatment Plant Improvements (Western)

Option 1

That Council approves additional funding of \$1M in the 2024/25 FY and a re-budget of \$860K into the 2024/25 and 2025/26 FY required for improvements to the Water Treatment Plants in the Western Supply Zone to comply with the drinking water quality assurance rules.

CARRIED

9j NO. 4 ROAD BRIDGE

The Director Transportation took this Issues and Options Paper as read and responded to pātai as below:

- Council was currently advertising a request for tender document, noting that a number of parties had lodge interest in that contract. Building consent exemption was being sought from Wester Bay of Plenty District Council and a resource

consent had been lodged with Bay of Plenty Regional Council. It was also noted that an application had been made to the Department of Conservation should any lizards be found during the process.

- The bridge was due to be opened at the end of February 2025 with completion early March 2025.
- Councils proportion of the cost was not loan funded, but would be funded from the current account which held surplus funds from previous years. Staff acknowledged comments made that projects like this, that were large one-off projects, could be loan funded.

Reasons for decision:

- Enables delivery of permanent bridge reinstatement;
- Enables Bailey bridge to be taken 'off-hire';
- Provides a more satisfactory road alignment for long commercial vehicles;
- Mitigates against risk of further erosion to riverbank;
- Takes advantage of Waka Kotahi FAR 51% + 20%; and
- Cheapest option over whole of life.

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.41

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr A Wichers

9. That in relation to the internal submissions (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

j) No. 4 Road Bridge

Option 1

That Council approves the new capital project for the No 4 Road Bridge Replacement with the indicative cost of \$6.6 million to be funded from NZTA subsidy and roading current account.

CARRIED

9k DAVE HUME POOL

The Reserves and Facilities Manager and Reserves and Facilities Assets Manager spoke to this Issues and Options Paper, noting that staff had meet with the Dave Hume Trust, who highlighted further points of concern. Following this feedback staff had provided an additional option, being Option 6.

Pātai were responded to as below:

- Completing the liner allowed for long term saving as it reduced the cost of on-going maintenance.
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- Staff understood that delaying the bulkhead, pool liners and improvements to the existing learn to swim pool, the Dave Hume Pool Trust could lose funding that they had already secured.
- The roof could be retro-fitted if the additional work was completed at this point.

It was noted that the fourth disadvantage point for Option 6 was not appropriate and would be removed.

Reasons for decision:

- No additional funding required;
- The existing learn-to-swim can have ~30 bathers instead of ten;
- Heating to the reception area and changing rooms could extend the summer season;
- Ensures there is greater funding certainty from third party investment secured the Dave Hume Pool Trust; and
- Inclusion of bulkhead will enable additional learn to swim programmes in line with Councils objectives.

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.42

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr A Henry

9. That in relation to the internal submissions (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

k) Dave Hume Pool

Option 6

That Council approve completion of the bulkhead, pool liners and make improvements to the existing learn to swim pool which will enable the pool to run for the extended summer season funded through existing budgets from the 23/24 financial year and Dave Hume Pool Trust secured funding AND for future operational costs for the Dave Hume Pool to be considered through the Annual Plan 2025/26. Pending the results of the further work, the roof project shall be referred to the Annual Plan 2025/26 to resolve additional budget requirements, if necessary.

CARRIED

10a RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

The Reserves and Facilities Manager and Reserves and Facilities Assets Manager spoke to this Issues and Options Paper and responded to pātai as below:

- The rationale for moving this project out was due to the current load of the work programme.

Reason for decision:

- Improved LTP project alignment with actual asset development.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.43

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr A Henry

10. That in relation to the re-budgets (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

a) Recreation and Open Space

Option 1

That Council Approves the Reserves and Facilities activity re-budgets as contained in **Appendix A**.

CARRIED

10b STORMWATER

The Asset Management Team Leader took this Issues and Options Paper as read.

Reasons for decision:

- Improved LTP project alignment with actual asset renewal requirements. Utilising the remaining life of assets as opposed to replacing an asset earlier than required; and
 - Aligning project budgets better with project delivery timelines.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.44

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr A Sole

10. That in relation to the re-budgets (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

b) Stormwater

Option 1

That Council approved the stormwater activity re-budgets as contained in Appendix A.

CARRIED

10c WASTEWATER

The Asset Management Team Leader took this Issues and Options Paper as read.

Reasons for decision:

- Improved LTP project alignment with actual asset renewal requirements. Utilising the remaining life of assets as opposed to replacing an asset earlier than required; and
 - Aligning project budgets better with project delivery timelines.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.45

Moved: Cr G Dally

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

10. That in relation to the re-budgets (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

c) Wastewater

Option 1

That Council approved the wastewater activity re-budgets as contained in **Appendix A**.

CARRIED

10d WATER SUPPLY

The Infrastructure Engineer Water took this Issues and Options Paper as read.

Reasons for decision:

- Projects completed to meet compliance requirements;
 - Reduce risk of project cost escalation from delayed completion;
 - That treatment processes are improved to meet required standards; and
 - To align with project timelines.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.46

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

10. That in relation to the re-budgets (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

d) Water Supply

Option 1

That Council approves the Water Supply Activity re-budgets as contained in Appendix A.

And

That Council reduces the overall Water Supply Activity budget by \$1,234,000 as contained in Appendix A.

CARRIED

10e TRANSPORTATION

The Director Transportation took this Issues and Options Paper as read and responded to pātai as follows:

- Staff were confident they could get through the work programme this year.

Reasons for decision:

- Improved LTP project alignment with project delivery; and
 - Improved alignment with developments.
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RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.47

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr A Sole

10. That in relation to the re-budgets (as set out in **Attachment 6**), the Committee resolves the following preferred options [for the reasons stated]:

e) Transportation

Option 1

That Council approved the Transportation activity re-budgets as contained in **Appendix A**.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.48

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr A Sole

11. That it be recommended to Council that the final Water Rates Remission Policy, Remission of Rates Penalties Policy and Revenue and Financing Policy be adopted inclusive of the amendments in accordance with the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan Committee resolutions of APLTP24-3 on 26 August 2024.
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12. That it be recommended to Council that the final Long Term Plan be adopted, inclusive of the amendments in accordance with the Long Term and Annual Plan Committee resolutions of APLTP24-3 dated 26 August 2024 and inclusive of any related consequential amendments arising from the decisions made though APLTP24-3 on 26 August 2024.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION APLTP24-5.49

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr T Coxhead

13. That the Committee directs the Chief Executive to prepare a decision document as the formal response to all submitters, for adoption by Council alongside the Long Term Plan 2024-34, and that the decision document will be in general accordance with the Long Term and Annual Plan Committee resolutions contained in the minutes of APLTP24-3, dated 26 August 2024, noting staff would undertake to reflect the Whakamarama Community Incorporated request in the decision document.

CARRIED

11 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT

Nil

The Meeting closed at 4.08pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record by Council on 26 September 2024.