

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING NO. CL25-7
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1484 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA
ON TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2025 AT 9.33AM**

1 KARAKIA

Whakatau mai te wairua
Whakawātea mai te hinengaro
Whakarite mai te tinana
Kia ea ai ngā mahi

Āe

Settle the spirit
Clear the mind
Prepare the body
To achieve what needs to be
achieved.
Yes

2 PRESENT

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

3 IN ATTENDANCE

M Taris (Interim Chief Executive), R Davie (Deputy CEO/GM Strategy and Community), A Henderson (General Manager Corporate Services), A Curtis (General Manager Regulatory Services), E Wentzel (Director Water Services), L Balvert (Communications Manager), R McLeod (Senior Communications and Engagement Specialist), R Garrett (Governance Manager), A King (Strategic Advisor: Legislative Reform and Special Projects), P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager), D Crowe (Head of People and Capability), R Spicer (Team Lead Capital Projects), C Davie (Director Transportation), A Badenhorst (Infrastructure Growth and Delivery Manager), H Wi Repa (Governance Systems Advisor) and P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor).

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Baddley (MartinJenkins)Via Zoom))

4 APOLOGIES

Nil

5 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

8 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

9 COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES FOR RECEIPT

9.1 MINUTES OF THE KATIKATI COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 2 APRIL 2025

RESOLUTION CL25-7.1

Moved: Cr A Henry

Seconded: Cr R Joyce

That the Minutes of the Katikati Community Board Meeting held on 2 April 2025 be received.

CARRIED

9.2 MINUTES OF THE TE PUKE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 3 APRIL 2025

RESOLUTION CL25-7.2

Moved: Cr A Wichers

Seconded: Cr G Dally

That the Minutes of the Te Puke Community Board Meeting held on 3 April 2025 be received.

CARRIED

9.3 MINUTES OF THE WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 7 APRIL 2025

RESOLUTION CL25-7.3

Moved: Cr A Henry

Seconded: Cr A Sole

That the Minutes of the Waihi Beach Community Board Meeting held on 7 April 2025 be received.

CARRIED

9.4 MINUTES OF THE ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 8 APRIL 2025

RESOLUTION CL25-7.4

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

That the Minutes of the Ōmokoroa Community Board Meeting held on 8 April 2025 be received.

CARRIED

9.5 MINUTES OF THE MAKETU COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2025

RESOLUTION CL25-7.5

Moved: Cr L Rae

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

That the Minutes of the Maketu Community Board Meeting held on 15 April 2025 be received.

CARRIED

10 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

10.1 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION CL25-7.6

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr T Coxhead

That the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee Meeting held on 13 March 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

10.2 MINUTES OF THE PROJECTS AND MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION CL25-7.7

Moved: Cr D Thwaites

Seconded: Cr A Sole

That the Minutes of the Projects and Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 20 March 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

10.3 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION CL25-7.8

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr L Rae

That the Minutes of the Community Committee Meeting held on 26 March 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

10.4 MINUTES OF THE STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION CL25-7.9

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

That the Minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting held on 27 March 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

10.5 MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 APRIL 2025

RESOLUTION CL25-7.10

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

That the Minutes of the District Plan Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

10.6 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 APRIL 2025

RESOLUTION CL25-7.11

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

1. That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 April 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record and the recommendations therein be adopted.
2. That the Chairperson's electronic signature be inserted into the confirmed minutes.

CARRIED

10.7 MINUTES OF THE STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2025

RESOLUTION CL25-7.12

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

That the Minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting held on 8 May 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

11 REPORTS

11.1 DELIBERATIONS ON THE FUTURE WATER SERVICES DELIVERY MODEL

Council considered a report dated 27 May 2025 from the Strategic Advisor: Legislative Reform and Special Projects. Supported by the General Manager Corporate Service, an overview of the report was provided.

The Councillors were advised that Sarah Baddley from MartinJenkins was available via Zoom to respond to any relevant pātai.

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- It was not that Western Bay was not “doing water well”, but rather, due to new legislation there was a new way in which Council was required to deliver waters.
- Cr Coxhead foreshadowed an amendment to the proposed resolutions, which sought the removal of recommendation 3. Staff clarified that although removal of recommendation 3 did not prevent them from completing the Water Services Delivery Plan, it would mean that staff would need to complete it under a set of assumptions that Council would need to re-consider. It was noted that this would create a challenge in relation to the timeframe, as Council would be heading into the interregnum period prior to elections.
- The further modelling that related to the internal business unit option undertaken by MartinJenkins was presented to Council at their workshop on 8 May 2025 and was included in the report attachments.
- The stormwater decision was quite granular, as through their Commitment/Partnership Agreement or Water Services Delivery Plan, Council could decide what parts of stormwater would be transferred to a new entity, and what would stay with Council. The Local Government Water Services Bill outlined requirements in relation to what aspects of stormwater must remain with Council.
- In relation to the ongoing review of the financials, as Council progressed any multi-council Council Controlled Organisations (CCO), Council would be undertaking reviews in conjunction with any partners as part of a wider arrangement.
- The options provided to Council at this point in time were the best available with the information staff had. Although the additional modelling undertaken confirmed that an internal business unit was technically feasible, it was deeply unfavourable and required significant rates increases year on year for at least three years.
- If Council decided to go with a CCO and changed their mind, there was a process and requirements within the Local Government Water Services Bill regarding the disestablishment of a CCO.
- If during the process Council wished to modify or amend their Water Services Delivery Plan, there was a process identified within the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024.
- There was a clear directive from the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) regarding their expectations, noting that they had signalled to mayors (over the last week) that their preference was ‘economies of scale’. If Council wished to go in a different direction, they would still need to meet the requirements.
- The Interim CEO confirmed that her recommendation to Council would be to become part of a multi-council CCO, as she believed it would happen eventually, and being involved from the onset allowed Council the ability to have input into the Terms of Reference. If Council joined at a later stage, they would not be able to determine the terms.

In order to have an open discussion and to allow development of an alternative recommendation or wording to the recommendation, the following motion was put and carried.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION CL25-7.13

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr R Joyce

That Standing Orders be suspended.

CARRIED

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- Stormwater had been modelled as being moved to a new entity.
- Stormwater referred to stormwater assets, rather than land that was used to manage stormwater. This granularity needed to be worked through, as it would be included or signalled within the Water Services Delivery Plan. The Plan had to signal Council's intention or ability to implement something, noting it was not the final document as to how stormwater would be delivered and managed.
- If Council did not resolve their future model, staff could continue to prepare the Water Services Delivery Plan, however the risk to Council was that if a decision was not made by 30 July, staff would need to do further work, meaning the decision would be put to the incoming Council. This would also mean that Council would not meet their 3 September 2025 DIA deadline.
- The Water Services Delivery Plan was set out within the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024, so the delay in legislation did not affect where Council was at this point. The legislation would impact the framework for any new entity in regard to how they would operate with the new regulations.
- The extra workshop that Council requested would need to be determined following the meeting, however it was noted that it would need to take place in July 2025.
- Council was reminded that one of the recommendations for consideration was around the establishment principles, which set the foundation for how Council would determine who they would work with, as well as ensure that the expectations of Council would be met.

The following tākupu was made by Councillors:

- There was a sense of uncomfortableness around resolving their future model for water services delivery at this point.
 - Councillors expressed support for changing the wording from 'future model' to 'preferred model'.
 - Councillors requested to receive the draft Water Services Delivery Plan with plenty of time, in order to have a full discussion on it. It was proposed that this could
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happen through a workshop to ensure that Councillors understood all aspects of the plan and ensure there was a level of comfort prior to making any decisions on it at the 30 July 2025 meeting.

- There was a query around the ability to include a 'cooling off period' within any contract following the establishment of a multi-council CCO.

Staff proposed some alternative wording that would replace recommendations 3 and 4, as shown in the agenda report.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLUTION CL25-7.14

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr R Joyce

That Council resume standing orders.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION CL25-7.15

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Cr T Coxhead

1. That the Strategic Advisor: Legislative Reform and Special Projects report dated 27 May 2025 titled 'Deliberations on the future water services delivery model' 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.
3. That Council agrees to proceed with the development of the Water Services Delivery Plan on the basis of a joint Council Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation, for Council consideration at a future meeting.
4. That Council maintains flexibility to determine which Councils would form part of any future WSCCO, and that this matter is the subject of further discussions.
5. That Council notes that decisions regarding the delivery of stormwater services (either all or in part) has not been decided and will be the subject of further discussions.
6. That Council adopts the establishment principles set out in this report and agrees to use the Department of Internal Affairs template for Commitment Agreements as a starting point.
7. That Council directs the Chief Executive Officer to take the necessary steps to progress consideration of a joint Council WSCCO including preparing a Commitment Agreement (on the basis of the establishment principles) with

potential partners in a joint Council WSCCO, including, if necessary, independent support and advice, for Council approval at a future meeting.

8. That Council receives the minutes and additional information presented by submitters at the hearings on 13 May 2025 (**Attachment 1**).
9. That Council receives the presentation and minutes from the Council Workshop on 15 April 2025 (**Attachment 3 and 4**) and the Council Workshop on 8 May 2025 (**Attachment 5, 6 and 7**).

CARRIED

Cr Rae voted against the motion and requested for her vote against to be recorded.

11.01am The hui adjourned.

11.25am The hui reconvened.

11.2 DELIBERATIONS AND ADOPTION OF THE 2025-26 DOG CONTROL AND HEALTH REGISTRATION FEES

Council considered a report dated 27 May 2025 from the Compliance and Monitoring Manager, who took the report as read.

RESOLUTION CL25-7.16

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr A Sole

1. That the Compliance and Monitoring Manager's report dated 27 May 2025 titled 'Deliberations and adoption of the 2025-2026 Dog Control and Health Registration Fees' be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That Council receives all feedback received through the consultation period, which ran from 20 March to 20 April 2025, as shown in **Attachment 2** of this report.
4. That Council adopts the 2025-26 Dog Control and Health Registrations fees and that they be approved for public notification in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996, as shown in **Attachment 1** of this report.
5. That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to make minor editorial changes to the documents if required.

CARRIED

11.3 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE QUARTERLY REPORT – 31 MARCH 2025

Council considered a report dated 27 May 2025 from the Chief Financial Officer. The General Manager Corporate Services provided an overview of the report and recommendations therein.

It was noted that although there was a surplus of \$37Million and staff had been talking to Councillors about the challenges that Council was facing, the area of focus had been general rates. Some of the items that the report showed as flowing through Council's revenue and expenditure related to non-cash items.

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- The Corporate Services activity included the interest related to all the internal funding requirements, which would be cleared out at year end. It was noted that the team was looking at a way to better represent this expenditure throughout the year, to avoid the variances.
- In terms of the rates revenue, the volumetric water charges were down on budget, due to volumes anticipated. This was reviewed and identified for the upcoming Annual Plan.
- Staff cost changes could be presented through the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee.
- Council's loans were taken out in line with asset life, or the maximum period allowed for that loan. The loans ranged between 10, 20 and 25 years.
- An update on the financials for the Heron Crescent Development would happen through the Projects and Monitoring Committee.
- The budgets for the Heron Crescent Development project and the Waihi Beach Library project were sitting in a future year, as the projects were completed ahead of schedule. The \$1.2Million referenced under 'Communities', on page 286 of the agenda, was the differential between the tender and what was budgeted for within the Long Term Plan (LTP).
- The commentary under 'Structure Plans' on page 286 referenced the road urbanisation stages as opposed to the planning stages.
- The Transportation subsidies being managed to a 3-year cycle meant that Council could draw down on those subsidies at any stage through the 3-year cycle. This applied to the entire Funding Assistance Rates (FARs) funding bucket, not just in relation to capital projects.
- When a loan funded project came in under budget, this was taken into account when staff were looking at Council's closing debt position for the year and setting the rates for the following year. All the Financial Contributions (FinCos) Models were updated for time and cost on any project, which was reflected through the pricing of the FinCos requirement.

RESOLUTION CL25-7.17

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

That the Chief Financial Officer's report dated 27 May 2025 titled 'Financial Performance Update Quarterly Report – 31 March 2025' be received.

CARRIED

11.4 WAIKATO LOCAL AUTHORITY SHARED SERVICES (CO-LAB) CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT

Council considered a report dated 27 May 2025 from the Financial Analyst. The General Manager Corporate Services provided an overview of the report and the recommendations therein.

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- In general, good practice for any governance board member was between 3-6 years, which was why the constitution initially included this term.
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RESOLUTION CL25-7.18

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Cr A Wichers

1. That the Financial Analyst's report dated 27 May 2025 titled 'Waikato Local Authority Shared Services (Co-Lab) Constitution Amendment' be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That Council approves the proposed amendment to the Waikato Local Authority Shared Services (Co-Lab) constitution.

CARRIED

11.5 MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEADING FOR DELIVERY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SMARTGROWTH LEADERSHIP GROUP

Council considered a report dated 27 May 2025 from the Strategic Policy and Planning Programme Director. The Deputy CEO/GM Strategy and Community provided an overview of the report and the recommendations therein.

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- As SmartGrowth was not an entity, it relied on its partner Councils and Tangata Whenua. The rationale for this sub-committee was to ensure that the delivery of the decisions being made at SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG) were being actioned.
- It was important for Councillors to remember that Council had adopted the SmartGrowth Funding and Implementation Plan, as required by the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD).
- Staff understood that the rationale for the Sub-Committee was due to moving away from sub-regional planning reference and recognising that partnership councils had work to now undertake. This was a “smaller engine” than SLG that ensured partner Councils were delivering on their respective actions, included within the Funding and Implementation Plan. Where there were joint actions, for example the ‘Commercial Centres Strategy’, the sub-committee could monitor the collaboration work that was being undertaken.
- The Sub-Committee did not have any more power than SLG, however it had the ability to be agile and meet more quickly due to being smaller.
- The proposed Sub-Committee would include one member from each of the partner Councils, and one Tangata Whenua representative.
- The Mayor confirmed that the Sub-Committee would be meeting publicly, and all agendas would be available online.
- Staff noted that nothing that was discussed at the Leading for Delivery Sub-Committee should be a surprise to Council, as everything that was being undertaken to progress Council’s obligations under the Future Development Strategy, was firmly reflected in Council’s Long Term Plan (LTP) as part of the Capital Programme and within the Planning Programme.
- In terms of SmartGrowth, this was the vehicle that the government preferred to have conversations with sub-regionally. Especially through a time of change, it was important to maintain those relationships, as they were going to SmartGrowth as government agencies.
- No review of the Committee was required following the elections, as the membership sat with the roles themselves rather than the people.
- The positions on the Sub-Committee were not paid positions.
- It was important to note that the nexus of SmartGrowth was being aware of the Resource Management Reform that was forthcoming, which would force Council into planning more regionally. In this regard, SmartGrowth had set Council up well as a sub-region, due to already having a Future Development Strategy or a spatial plan for the sub-region. This was a great foundation for future discussions as the Resource Management legislation emerged.

The following tākupu were made by Councillors:

- There were concerns that the Terms of Reference (TOR's) were vague, using the word 'driving' as an example, and seeking clarification on what this meant.

The Mayor committed to providing updates to Councillors through his future Mayor's reports to provide some comfort around the work that was being undertaken at the proposed Sub-Committee.

There was discomfort with the recommendation as it was felt there were no clear delegations or reporting lines and that the Terms of Reference were vague. For this reason, the following motion was put and carried.

ITEM TO LIE ON THE TABLE

RESOLUTION CL25-7.19

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

That the item of business being discussed, being item 11.5 'Membership of the Leading for Delivery Sub-Committee of the SmartGrowth Leadership Group', should lie on the table and not be further discussed at this meeting.

CARRIED

11.6 RECOMMENDATORY REPORT – RECONCILIATION OF KATIKATI COMMUNITY TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT FUND

Council considered a report dated 27 May 2025 from the Finance Manager. The Deputy CEO/GM Strategy and Community, supported by the GM Corporate Services, provided an overview of the report, including the background and recommendations therein.

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- The Audit, Risk and Finance Committee could report back on ensuring that this issue did not happen again within other areas.
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RESOLUTION CL25-7.20

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Cr T Coxhead

1. That the Finance Manager's report dated 27 May 2025 'Recommendatory Report – Reconciliation of Katikati Community Town Centre Development Fund' be received.
 2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
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3. That Council approves the historic overspend of the Katikati Town Centre Promotion Rate fund of \$160,381.74 being offset by the Katikati Town Centre Development fund to avoid the need for a rates charge back to the community
4. That Council consults with the Katikati Community Board before funds from the Katikati Town Centre Development Fund are committed by Council.

CARRIED

11.7 RECOMMENDATORY REPORT FROM THE KATIKATI COMMUNITY BOARD – KOTAHI LANE STRATEGIC LAND

Council considered a report dated 27 May 2025 from the Senior Governance Advisor. The report was taken as read.

Due to the staff comment in the report, the Mayor proposed an alternative recommendation as below.

RESOLUTION CL25-7.21

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr A Henry

1. That the Senior Governance Advisor's Report dated 27 May 2025 and titled 'Recommendatory Report from the Katikati Community Board – Kotahi Lane Strategic Land' be received.
2. That Council requests for staff to progress a strategic discussion and report back regarding the future of Council's land between Kotahi Lane and the Uretara Stream, noting that the suggestions from the Katikati Community Board would be more appropriately considered as part of a wider conversation and noting the intention in the Katikati Town Centre Plan 2022 for residential development, an upgraded car park and recreational facilities.

CARRIED

11.8 RECOMMENDATORY REPORT – ŌMOKOROA COMMUNITY BOARD – REQUEST FOR CCTV AT THE TRALEE STREET AND MARGARET DRIVE INTERSECTION ŌMOKOROA

Council considered a report dated 27 May 2025 from the Operations Manager. The General Manager Infrastructure Services took the report as read.

The Mayor was of the understanding that the maintenance costs were explicitly included for in the CCTV Management Plan, noting that the cameras depreciated on the basis that they had a lifespan of three to eight years. He felt this should cover the replacement of the cameras should they be broken or stolen, and recommended a change of wording for recommendation 3.

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- The outcomes of the CCTV Working Party, and the Facilities in the Community Fund would be reported on at a future meeting.
- The Councillors were provided with some background into how CCTV became a Council activity over the years. Due to the significant spend, if Council followed through, it was important to have rigid criteria to ensure the activity did not get out of control.

RESOLUTION CL25-7.22

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

1. That the Operations Manager's report dated 27 May 2025 titled 'Recommendatory Report – Ōmokoroa Community Board – Request for CCTV at the Tralee Street and Margaret Drive intersection Ōmokoroa', be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That Council approves up to \$25,000 from the Ōmokoroa Town Centre Development Fund for costs relating to the installation of a CCTV camera at the Tralee Street and Margaret Drive intersection.

AND

That Council agrees to include monitoring in the current contract and to cover the ongoing maintenance costs for the camera, as provided for in existing budgets for CCTV cameras purchased by Community Boards outside of the annual CCTV funding process and which includes the cost of periodic replacement if stolen or damaged.

CARRIED

11.9 MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Council considered a report dated 27 May 2025 from the Senior Executive Assistant – Mayor/CEO. The Mayor spoke to his report providing an overview of each item.

The Mayor provided Councillors with the below update on Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs:

- Leaving LGNZ created uncertainty around retaining Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs, however this did not seem to be the case.
 - The situation around Ministry of Social Development (MSD) funding had changed, and it was looking likely that Council would withdraw from MTJ.
 - Although this was disappointing, there was the opportunity to re-join when the framework improved in the future.
 - Acknowledgements were made to Davina and CoLab for all the mahi in support of this kaupapa, as well as the rangatahi who had assisted.
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- It was clarified that the Tuia Mentoring Programme would continue, as this was a different strand.

There were no updates to provide in relation to Regional Deals.

The Mayor and Interim CEO responded to pātai as follows:

- It was still appropriate for the Mayor to attend LGNZ events/meetings, as necessary.
- The decision made by Council was to end their membership with LGNZ, however non-members were still able to attend events/meetings.
- The MSD funding changes meant that the focus was no longer on youth education, employment and training, but rather focusing on 19-23 year-olds who were beneficiaries. There were a number of factors that Council needed to consider in relation to the MSD funding, these were:
 - Council was narrowed into a group that Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs would not have focussed on, which would have made it difficult to employ young people; and
 - There was a risk that if Council signed up but did not deliver, noting that the reporting was quite rigorous, Council would have to pay all the funding back.
- Council did not have the option to contract out to someone for the delivery.
- The cost of the Mayor attending the LGNZ events/meetings was covered through existing operational budgets.

RESOLUTION CL25-7.23

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

That the Senior Executive Assistant – Mayor/CEO's report dated 27 May 2025 title 'Mayor's Report to Council – 27 May 2025', be received.

CARRIED

12 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT

1.01pm The hui adjourned.

1.32pm The hui reconvened.

12.1 PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS UPDATE

Senior staff from the Infrastructure Services Team provided updates in relation to each of their areas, speaking to a [PowerPoint Presentation 1](#), which contained photo updates of each of the below projects:

- Centennial Park Subsoil Drainage;
- Uretara Stream Jetty Replacement;
- Maketu Cemetery – Wharekahu;
- Panepane Wharf Matakana Island;
- Dave Hume Pool – Bulkhead and liner project;
- Conway Reserve Playground;
- Waitekohekohe Reserve Suspension bridge;
- Te Tawa ki Tahataharoa – raising the stop-bank trail;
- Youngson Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade & Reservoir;
- Katikati Wastewater Treatment Plant – MBBR Upgrade;
- Te Matai Pump Station;
- Muttons Water Treatment Plant Upgrade – Filters;
- Athenree & Wharawhara Water Treatment Plant Upgrades;
- No. 1 Road Pavement Rehabilitation/Seal Widening;
- No. 4 Road Bridge Replacement;
- Boucher Avenue/No. 2 Road Pavement Rehabilitation/Water Services Upgrade;
- Heron Crescent;
- Waihi Beach Library;
- SH2/NZTA Temporary Roundabout;
- Ōmokoroa Urbanisation Stage 1 – (SH to Prole Road Roundabout);
- Ōmokoroa Urbanisation Stage 2 – (Prole Road to Railway Line);
- Prole Road Urbanisation including Wahi o Waipapa Wetland;
- Tangimoana (Heartwood Avenue) Pedestrian Bridge;
- Industrial Road and Pond; and
- Improvements Underway.

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- In terms of the Panepane Wharf design, there had been three years' worth of planning with both whānau on the island and ferry operators, prior to approval of the final design.
- The changing rooms at the Dave Hume Pool would be better insulated, as the pool would have a longer season.
- There had been flooding issues at the Wharawhara Water Treatment Plant due to a blocked drain. Staff had identified the issue and resolved to try and prevent any further flooding.
- The traffic calming measures on No.1 Road were a short-term solution, as Council planned to do a pavement rehabilitation project on the section of road later in

2025. Part of the rehabilitation project would include the implementation of traffic controls to help reduce the speed of vehicles and improve safety of the road. An important part of the pavement rehabilitation was the smoothing of the surface and removing of bumps and ruts, as this could be contributing to the noise and vibration issues currently being experienced by some residents.

- Part of the Boucher Avenue/No.2 Road Pavement Rehabilitation work was to undertake the full pavement rehabilitation in one go, so that the final product was one smooth surface.
- Temporary road patches were not supposed to be higher than the existing road, noting that Council had someone who checked they were compliant, and if they were not to standard, the contractor would be informed they needed to address the issue.
- Staff would see if it was possible to have one of the Heron Crescent units available for members of the community to view on opening day.
- The Tangimoana (Heartwood Avenue) Pedestrian Bridge was only designed as a pedestrian and one lane emergency vehicle bridge, however there was an opportunity to widen this during stage 2 of the project.
- Council staff worked with developers for Prole Road, to ensure that information was fed back to the appropriate staff to ensure that Council was developing their projects 'just in time' and were not building infrastructure too far ahead into the future.
- The contractors working on the SH2/NZTA Temporary Roundabout had accelerated their programme. Staff were expecting this to be completed by March 2026.

13 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

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RESOLUTION CL25-7.24

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter 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 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
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13.1 – Confidential Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee Meeting held on 13 March 2025	s7(2)(g) – the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege	s48(1)(a)(i) – the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
13.2 – Civic Financial Services Annual General Meeting – Nomination of Director	s7(2)(a) – the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	s48(1)(a)(i) – the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
13.3 – 2025 Statute Barred Rates Report	s7(2)(a) – the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	s48(1)(a)(i) – the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
CARRIED		

The Meeting closed at 2.37pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Council meeting held 26 June 2025.

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 Mayor J Denyer
CHAIRPERSON / MAYOR