

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL  
COUNCIL NO. CO26-5  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1484 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA  
ON THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 2026 AT 9.30AM  
(RECONVENED FRIDAY, 20 MARCH 2026 AT 12.30PM)**

**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 – NGĀ MEMA KEI KONEI**

Mayor J Denyer, Cr T Coxhead, Cr G Dally, Deputy Mayor M Murray-Benge, Cr R Joyce, Cr D Dinsdale, Cr L Rae, Cr A Sole, Cr S Beech and Cr G Elvin

**3 IN ATTENDANCE – I TAE AKE**

M Taris (Interim Chief Executive), B Singh (General Manager Infrastructure Services), A Curtis (General Manager Regulatory Services), M Potton (Acting General Manager Corporate Services), E Watton (Acting General Manager Strategy and Community), J Fearn (Chief Financial Officer), M Leighton (Policy and Planning Manager), P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager), E Venter (Legal Property Officer), J Rickard (Community and Strategic Relationships Manager), P Renouf (Commercial Business Analyst), K McGinity (Legislative Reform and Special Project Strategic Advisor), L Balvert (Communications Manager), R Garrett (Governance Manager), H Wi Repa (Governance Systems Advisor) and P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor).

**4 APOLOGIES – NGĀ WHAKAPAHĀ**

Nil

**5 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEM – NGĀ TAKE TŌMURI**

Nil

**6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – NGĀ TUKITUKINGA**

Nil

## **7 TRANSFER OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS – TE WHITINGA O TE AO MĀRAMA KI NGĀ TAKE MUNA**

Nil

## **8 PUBLIC FORUM – WĀHANGA TŪMATANUI**

### **8.1 JACKIE PEARCE – REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO PURCHASE PROPERTY**

Ms Pearce was in attendance to request Council to purchase her property at 18 Jenkinson Street, Waihī Beach. She noted the following points:

- There was a stormwater drain that ran alongside the lane on which her property had road frontage, which council staff acknowledged had not been maintained well in the past.
- She believed the lack of maintenance had caused blockages during heavy rainfall events, affecting her property's downstairs unit. This had resulted in the unit being unsafe and uninhabitable, causing Ms Pearce to lose rental income.
- She requested that her house be prioritised to receive a category three voluntary buyout.

She responded to pātai as follows:

- Her priority was to get rid of the property for a reasonable value.
- She had not been impacted by the January 2026 storm, noting that she believed the work council was currently undertaking on the drain was the reason for this.
- The issues she had outlined were in relation to past flooding events.
- When she purchased the property she was advised that there was a blocked drain at the back of the property that council were working to unblock. Ms Pearce was not aware of any flooding issues on the title prior to purchasing the property.
- She had been in discussions with council staff since 2013, so expressed frustration, and was not open to future solutions.

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### **8.2 DIANE LEACH – TE PUKE GARDENS**

Ms Leach was in attendance to speak to Council regarding the Te Puke Gardens. She referenced [Presentation 1](#), being a letter to Mayor and Councillors, Signatures for Council Submission and Photos of the Gardens were also referenced.

She requested that Council respond to the following points:

1. The visibility issues at roundabouts and pedestrian crossings caused by the dangerously long grasses.
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2. The maintenance programme, noting that although recent work was required to address the state of the gardens, there were now bare dirt patches.
3. Choice of plantings, noting many were not suitable for the growing conditions.
4. She had never heard the amount of angst and disappointment regarding the state of the town that she had of late, and wished to understand who was overseeing the maintenance programme.

She provided solutions that she wished Council to consider, including lawn in the median stripes instead of plants, and that the Community Board be given a budget to contract out the maintenance programme.

She responded to pātai as follows:

- She was not aware of specific planting around the historic trees that was put in as protection for the trees. She acknowledged that if the plants were to be removed and grass was to be laid, consideration would need to be given to the protection of the tree roots.
- The high grasses that were being used as traffic calming measures were one of the main frustrations expressed by residents.
- Part of her submission around allocating the Community Board with a budget to maintain the town centre was about contracting locals to undertake the work, similar to what used to be done with local townspeople.

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### 8.3 DARYL SCOTT - STREETScape DESIGN IN ŌMOKOROA

Mr Scott was in attendance to speak to Council regarding the streetscape design in Ōmokoroa. He noted the following points, taking the Councillors through [Presentation 2](#):

- He believed that through the growth and development that had taken place in Ōmokoroa over the last 20 years, there had been a degradation in regard to the streetscape designs in the village.
- He highlighted the changes between the developments in 2008 (which included landscaping, wide streets and open green spaces), compared to 2018-2022 (which had no street trees and narrow streets).
- There was a comparison between an Ōmokoroa development and a Central Otago subdivision which was considered low cost.
- He believed there was a need for an attractive gateway and entrance to Ōmokoroa, including planting and an entrance feature.
- He requested Council to ensure a mandate or direction was given to implement a well designed streetscape and gateway to Ōmokoroa.

He responded to pātai as follows:

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- He saw grass and trees being implemented in the entranceway, acknowledging that this would need to be in line with Council's Street Tree Policy.
- He believed that council wanted to do a good job, however did not feel that streetscape was considered a priority so was not done to a high standard.
- He would be hesitant in putting this job to the Community Board, as felt the community's role was identifying what they wanted for the community, but it was important that the design work was done by appropriate designers who understood the need.
- Many other councils had direction on how to design and maintain their streetscapes, acknowledging that there was an opportunity for Council to have something similar.

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## 9 REPORTS - NGĀ PŪRONGO

### 9.1 ANNUAL PLAN 2026/27 - ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT CONSULTATION DOCUMENT AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Council considered a report dated 19 March 2026 from the Policy and Planning Manager, who, with the support of the Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the report and recommendations therein. Tabled Item 1 was provided as an updated version of the Consultation Document, noting that the following changes had been made to what was shown as Attachment 1 of the report:

- On Page 6 of Tabled Item 1 under Transportation, there had been an additional paragraph added to the top, to address the overall budget increase for transportation in comparison to the Long Term Plan.
- On Pages 7, 10 and 11 of Tabled Item 1, there had been additional boxes added to the righthand side.

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- The additional paragraph for transportation was to provide clarity that the extra \$2.7 Million was a base level increase that was initially discussed with Councillors through a workshop. It was noted that this included capitalisation that had now been moved to operational funding, limited the debt funding, and addressed the decrease in the targeted rate for the previous financial year.
- The Annual Plan provided the annual budget for the upcoming financial year and outlined the differences between what had been agreed through the Long Term Plan and what was being planned through the Annual Plan.
- The reason for the 'Climate Change Responsiveness' project budget no longer being required (as reflected on page 63 of the agenda), was due to a staff member being able to accommodate the work previously being progressed by a contractor.

- The reason for the 'Coastal Marine Asset Replacement Project funding' budget no longer being required (as reflected on page 70 of the agenda), was likely due to staff pushing projects out, however staff would confirm this for Council during deliberations.

The following changes were requested by Councillors:

- The key question in relation to transportation be changed to say "*Should we invest an extra \$5.8 million in local roads?*" to better reflect the change in comparison to the Long Term Plan.
- On Page 6 of the Consultation Document under Transportation, the dollar amount would be added to the paragraph that addressed the lower funding contribution from NZTA Waka Kotahi.
- Staff to look at opportunities to make the consultation document easier to read, noting that the public would likely not have the same understanding as staff.
- Under the alternative options, the increase/decrease in rates should have a percentage/amount included so that the effect on rates was clear to the public.
- Ensure that a 'free text' box was included under each option.
- On page 10 under 'discretionary' roading projects, the question on the right hand side "Do you support the \$500k allocation for 2026/27 while the policy is reviewed?" needs to be made clearer that this allocation was a decrease to what was included in the Long Term Plan.
- Page 7 under Water Charging the Alternative option should read "Increase fixed water charges by about \$70 per connection per year."
- Include an additional question that asked for feedback on the rates increase, and if not supported, what would they change if they could.
- Page 10 under the first alternative option to be re-worded as follows "Retain previous allocation of \$904,061 for the 2026/27 year. This would be a 0.4% rates increase over the preferred option".
- Felt there was an opportunity to speak a little more around the rates increase, including that some people would see a larger increase than others.
- Page 8 under Community Boards, staff to consider whether there was an opportunity to ask whether the Community Boards should be funded to do more, or whether this was better placed through the Long Term Plan.
- There could be an opportunity within the Mayor's statement around the rates increase, and how that would look on the different property types, acknowledging that this was covered well on pages 13 and 14 of the Consultation Document.

## **MOTION**

Moved: Cr Dinsdale

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Murray-Benge

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1. That the Policy and Planning Manager's report dated 19 March 2026 titled 'Annual Plan 2026/27 – Adoption of the Draft Consultation Document and Supporting Information for Public Consultation' be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of medium significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That Council adopts the draft Annual Plan 2026/27 Consultation Document (**Tabled Item 1**) and the Supporting Information for the Annual Plan 2026/27 (**Attachment 2** of this report) for the purpose of consultation from 20 March to 20 April 2026.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to make minor editorial changes to the documents if required.

#### **AMENDMENT**

That recommendations 1-4 remain the same, and an additional recommendation be considered as follows:

Moved: Cr Joyce

Seconded: Cr Elvin

5. That the consultation key topics to put to the public for answer be added to with an additional two-part question asking:
  - a) Do you agree that the proposed rates increase is reasonable?
  - b) If you would prefer savings, in what areas do you believe reduction in spending should occur?

There was some discussion around ensuring that the wording was neutral in tone and clear.

The Mayor suggested an adjournment while the amendment wording was clarified and agreed by both the mover and seconder.

11.10am The hui adjourned.

11.18am The hui reconvened.

The amendment was reworded with the approval of the mover and seconder as follows:

#### **AMENDMENT**

Moved: Cr Joyce

Seconded: Cr Elvin

5. That the consultation key topics to put to the public for answer be added to with an additional question asking:
  - a) *"We previously planned for an 8.64% rates increase, and we are proposing an 8.13% rates increase through this Annual Plan.*

*Do you think this is a reasonable approach and where do you think savings could be made?"*

- b) And that appropriate explanatory text is included in the Consultation Document.

A division was called and recorded as follows:

For: Cr Joyce, Cr Elvin, Cr Sole, Cr Dally, Cr Coxhead, Cr Rae, Mayor Denyer, Cr Dinsdale and Cr Beech

Against: Nil

Abstained: Deputy Mayor Murray-Benge

The amendment was voted on and declared carried on show of hands.

**CARRIED 9/0**

That recommendations 1-5 remain the same, and an additional amendment be considered as follows:

**AMENDMENT**

Moved: Cr Sole

Seconded: Cr Rae

6. That the key question in relation to transportation be changed to say "*Should we invest an extra \$5.8 million in local roads?*" to better reflect the change in comparison to the Long Term Plan.

The amendment was put and carried.

The following became the **SUBSTANTIVE MOTION**.

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**RESOLUTION CO26-5.1**

Moved: Cr D Dinsdale

Seconded: Deputy Mayor M Murray-Benge

1. That the Policy and Planning Manager's report dated 19 March 2026 titled 'Annual Plan 2026/27 – Adoption of the Draft Consultation Document and Supporting Information for Public Consultation' be received.
  2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of medium significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
  3. That Council adopts the draft Annual Plan 2026/27 Consultation Document (**Tabled Item 1**) and the Supporting Information for the Annual Plan 2026/27 (**Attachment 2** of this report) for the purpose of consultation from 20 March to 20 April 2026.
  4. That the consultation key topics to put to the public for answer be added to with an additional question asking:
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*"We previously planned for an 8.64% rates increase, and we are proposing an 8.13% rates increase through this Annual Plan.*

*Do you think this is a reasonable approach and where do you think savings could be made?"*

And that appropriate explanatory text is included in the Consultation Document.

5. That the Consultation Document be updated so that the key question in relation to transportation be changed to say *"Should we invest an extra \$5.8 million in local roads?"* to better reflect the change in comparison to the Long Term Plan
6. That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to make minor editorial changes to the documents if required.

**CARRIED**

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## **9.2 ADOPTION OF THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2026/27 FOR CONSULTATION**

Council considered a report dated 19 March 2026 from the Policy and Planning Manager, who provided an overview of the report and recommendations therein.

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### **RESOLUTION CO26-5.2**

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Cr T Coxhead

1. That the Policy and Planning Manager's report dated 19 March 2026 and titled 'Adoption of the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27 for consultation' be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of medium significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That in accordance with Sections 82 and 150 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council adopts the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27 (**Attachment 1** of this report) and the Statement of Proposal (**Attachment 2** of this report) for the purposes of community consultation from 20 March to 20 April 2026.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to make minor editorial changes to the documents as required.

**CARRIED**

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**NOTE:** An updated resolution in relation to **Attachment 1**, being the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27, was considered and resolved at the end of the open meeting.

### 9.3 CONSULTATION ON INDICATIVE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS 2026/2027

Council considered a report dated 19 March 2026 from the Commercial Business Analyst, who provided an overview of the report and recommendations therein.

Staff responded to pātai as follow:

- It was acknowledged that there were a range of variables within the current Financial Contributions model, for example changes in project timing.
- The rationale for the drop in FinCo funding for Waihi Beach was around the larger than budgeted for financial contributions for the Wilson Road development. It was acknowledged that work needed to be undertaken to review the schemes in Waihi Beach. The timing of a review would take place through the Long Term Plan discussions and would be dependant on whether Council established a joint Water Organisation, noting that most of the debt sat within the waters activity.
- In regard to urban developments, if a service was provided to the site, there was a charge regardless of whether the developer took up that service.
- Staff picked up the fundamental assumptions relating to the growth targets when undertaking the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan processes.
- Although the year in year growth projections could vary significantly, it tended to be more consistent over the longer 10-30 year period.

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#### RESOLUTION CO26-5.3

Moved: Cr A Sole

Seconded: Cr T Coxhead

1. That the Commercial Business Analyst's report dated 19 March 2026 titled 'Consultation on Indicative Financial Contributions 2026/2027', be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of medium significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That Council adopts the draft statement of proposal (**Attachment 1** of this report).  
**and**
4. That Council adopts the indicative financial contributions (**Attachment 2** of this report).  
**and**
5. That Council adopts the supporting disclosure tables (**Attachment 3** of this report).
6. That the Chief Executive Officer to delegated authority to make such minor editorial changes as may be required prior to consultation.

**CARRIED**

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#### 9.4 WAIHĪ BEACH MEDICAL CENTRE – SUBMISSIONS

Council considered a report dated 19 March 2026 from the Reserves and Facilities Manager, who provided an overview of the report and recommendations therein.

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- Primary Health Care Limited had expressed an interest in the site at the back of the Waihī Beach Library. They had been provided with all the relevant information, including a footprint of the current site, as well as the MenzShed new building and the proposed skatepark, noting that these facilities were not in the plan when they originally expressed an interest in this area.
- Staff acknowledged that there was an opportunity for Primary Health Care to engage with the community/Community Board prior to submitting another application to Council.
- Staff were not aware of any other medical centre proposal on Island View Reserve, noting that this would not be a site that staff would recommend given the archaeological and stormwater/drainage issues.

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#### RESOLUTION CO26-5.4

Moved: Cr A Sole  
Seconded: Cr R Joyce

1. That the Reserves and Facilities Manager's report dated 19 March 2026 titled 'Waihī Beach Medical Centre – Submissions' 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 acknowledges that Primary Health Care Limited have formally withdrawn their application to establish a medical centre Beach Road Recreation Reserve, Waihī Beach; **and**
4. That for the record, Council acknowledges the public submissions received during the public consultation period between 28 November 2025 to 8 February 2026, including late submissions.

**CARRIED**

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#### 9.5 RECOMMENDATORY REPORT – WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD – WAIHĪ BEACH SKATEPARK FUNDING OPTIONS

Council considered a report dated 19 March 2026 from the Reserves and Facilities Manager, who provided an overview of the report and recommendations therein.

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Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- The footprint for the proposed extension was provided to Primary Health Care in February 2026, and staff were awaiting whether there was anything, including the proposed skatepark, that would impact them using the Waihi Beach Community Centre Reserve.
- The Waihi Beach Skatepark Committee confirmed that they were applying for the October TECT funding round, which aligned with the proposed recommendation timing.
- The changes to the timing for this project were made through Council, however staff acknowledged that they did not communicate this to the Skatepark Committee at the time.
- The Town Centre Development Fund was available to develop the town centre, noting that there had been quite liberal interpretation of the Town Centre Fund over the years. Staff were happy to follow this up and provide Council with clarification prior to resolving anything.

Staff suggested that this item of business be moved to later in the meeting, to allow time to provide clarification on the purpose of the Town Centre Development Fund.

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### RESOLUTION CO26-5.5

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Deputy Mayor M Murray-Benge

That in accordance with Standing Orders the order of business be changed and that item 9.5 *Recommendatory Report – Waihi Beach Community Board – Waihi Beach Skatepark Funding Options* be dealt with later in the meeting.

**CARRIED**

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### 9.6 CLASSIFICATION OF RECREATION RESERVE

Council considered a report dated 19 March 2026 from the Legal Property Officer, who provided an overview of the report and recommendations therein. To provide clarification on the recommendations, the Legal Property Officer spoke to [PowerPoint Presentation 1](#).

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- In relation to Tahawai Reserve, there were three parcels within two lots.
  - When Council acquired one of the Lots, this came with a house on it. Council had already subdivided the land, however, they were required to make the land that did not have the house on it all one type of reserve, so that Council could sell the house.
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- The house was in the stages of getting revalued.
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### RESOLUTION CO26-5.6

Moved: Cr T Coxhead

Seconded: Cr R Joyce

1. That the Legal Property Officer's Report dated 19 March 2026 titled 'Classification of Recreation Reserve', 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 resolves to change the classification of Allotment 183 Tahawai Parish and Allotment 96 Tahawai Parish (4 Tanners Point Road) from Local Purpose (Community Centre) Reserve to Recreation Reserve pursuant to Section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977.
4. That Council resolves to classify proposed new Lot 2 Deposited Plan 622066 (that will be held in Record of Title 1258016) as a Recreation Reserve pursuant to Section 16(2A) of the Reserves Act 1977.

**CARRIED**

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### 9.7 AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES TO THE TOURISM BAY OF PLENTY BOARD

Council considered a report dated 19 March 2026 from the Community and Strategic Relationships Manager, who took the report as read.

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### RESOLUTION CO26-5.7

Moved: Deputy Mayor M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr G Elvin

1. That the Community and Strategic Relationships Manager's report dated 19 March 2026, titled 'Amendment to Council Resolution relating to the Appointment of New Trustees to the Tourism Bay of Plenty Board', be received.
2. That Council amends resolution **CO26-4.31 part 5** passed on 26 February 2026 to reflect the following changes:

*That Council approves the recruitment of **one** new trustee to the Tourism Bay of Plenty Board to replace **Andrea Webster** from 1 July 2026.*

**CARRIED**

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12.59pm Thursday 19 March The hui adjourned.

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12.59pm Thursday 19 March Cr Rae left the hui.  
12.30pm Friday 20 March The hui reconvened.

## **9.8 RECOMMENDATORY REPORT – WAIHĪ BEACH COMMUNITY BOARD – WAIHĪ BEACH SKATEPARK FUNDING OPTIONS – CONTINUED**

Council further considered the report following clarification on the Town Centre Fund, which they had sought earlier in the meeting. Staff noted the following points:

- The Town Centre Development Fund did not have a strict policy around how it could be spent, therefore staff advised that this request was appropriate.

12.34pm Cr Rae entered the hui via Zoom.

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- The recommendation sought for Council to consider, through the Annual Plan, whether the Council contribution could be increased to allow the Community Board's contribution to decrease and be put back into their Town Centre Development Fund.
- Staff were of the understanding that there was a 'sunset clause' of 31 December 2027, which meant that if all funding was not in place the project would not proceed. This meant that if Council approved the Waihī Beach Community Board to use the Town Centre Development Fund, the funds would be committed until 31 December 2027.
- Council's contribution allowed the Skatepark Committee to leverage funding from TECT. Staff understood there were additional funding avenues that the group would also be pursuing.

12.42pm Cr Rae left the hui via Zoom.

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### **RESOLUTION CO26-5.8**

Moved: Deputy Mayor M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr A Sole

1. That the Reserves and Facilities Manager's report dated 19 March 2026 and titled 'Recommendatory Report – Waihī Beach Community Board – Waihī Beach Skatepark Funding Options', be received.
  2. That, based on the Waihī Beach Community Board recommendation, Council approves up to \$175,000 from the Waihī Beach Town Centre Development Fund be provided to the Waihī Beach Community-Led Development Society Incorporated for the redevelopment of the Waihī Beach skatepark, noting that payment of this funding is contingent on the Waihī Beach Community-Led Development Society
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Incorporated also receiving, by 31 December 2027, the balance of funding required to complete the project.

3. That Council notes that the Waihi Beach Community Board intends to make a submission to the Annual Plan 2026/27:
  - a. Requesting that Council brings forward the funding for the Waihi Beach Skatepark Upgrade project from 2028/2029 to the 2026/27 Financial Year; and
  - b. Requesting that Council considers increasing its funding for the project in the Annual Plan 2026/27 which would then enable the Waihi Beach Community Board to decrease its contribution accordingly.

**CARRIED**

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### **9.9 BAY OF PLENTY LOCAL AUTHORITY SHARED SERVICES LIMITED DRAFT STATEMENT OF INTENT 2026 – 2029 AND HALF YEAR REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025**

Council considered a report dated 19 March 2026 from the Financial Analyst. The Acting General Manager Corporate Services provided an overview of the report and recommendations therein.

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- Staff were confident that the deficit highlighted in the half year report would even out by full year.

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### **RESOLUTION CO26-5.9**

Moved: Cr D Dinsdale

Seconded: Cr A Sole

1. That the Financial Analysts report dated 19 March 2026 titled 'Bay of Plenty Local Authority Shared Services Limited Draft Statement of Intent 2026 – 2029 and Half Year Report to 31 December 2025', 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 Bay of Plenty Local Authority Shared Services Limited's (BOPLASS) Half Year Report to Shareholders as at 31 December 2025 (**Attachment 1**) be received.
4. That Bay of Plenty Local Authority Shared Services Limited's (BOPLASS) Draft Statement of Intent 2026-2029 (**Attachment 2**) and accompanying cover letter (**Attachment 3**) be received. Feedback, comments and recommended changes are to be provided to BOPLASS no later than 1 May 2026, so that this can be considered for inclusion in their final Statement of Intent due to Council by 30 June 2026.

**CARRIED**

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### 9.10 WAIKATO LOCAL AUTHORITY SHARED SERVICES (COLAB) LTD DRAFT STATEMENT OF INTENT 2026 – 2029 AND HALF YEAR REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

Council considered a report dated 19 March 2026 from the Financial Analyst. The Interim Chief Executive Officer noted that Council continued to work alongside CoLAB on combined building services delivery, noting that it was going well and they were moving onto the next stage. She highlighted that this was a good example of extended shared services at scale.

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- The scale up of CoLAB in the Waikato was much larger than BOPLASS, as the member Councils agreed to scale up so that more resourcing could be sought.
- There had been a request through the Mayoral Forum around working closely on shared services, noting this was around services at scale across regions and was progressing through the Chief Executives in the very early stages.

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### RESOLUTION CO26-5.10

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Cr S Beech

1. That the Financial Analyst's report dated 19 March 2026 titled 'Waikato Local Authority Shared Services (CoLAB) Ltd Draft Statement of Intent 2026 – 2029 and Half Year Report as at 31 December 2025' 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 Waikato Local Authority Shared Services Limited's (CoLAB) Half Year Report to Shareholders 31 December 2025 (**Attachment 1**), be received.
4. That Waikato Local Authority Shared Services Limited's (CoLAB) Draft Statement of Intent 2026-2029 (**Attachment 2**), be received. Feedback, comments and recommended changes are to be provided to CoLAB no later than 1 May 2026, so that this can be considered for inclusion in their final Statement of Intent due to Council by 30 June 2026.

**CARRIED**

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### 9.11 WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL SUBMISSION ON SIMPLIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT DRAFT PROPOSAL

Council considered a report dated 19 March 2026 from the Legislative Reform and Special Projects Strategic Advisor. The report was taken as read.

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**RESOLUTION CO26-5.11**

Moved: Cr A Sole  
Seconded: Cr R Joyce

1. That the Legislative Reform and Special Projects Strategic Advisor's report dated 19 March 2026, titled 'Western Bay of Plenty District Council Submission on Simplifying Local Government Draft Proposal', be received.
2. That the following submission, shown as **Attachment 1** of this report, be received by Council and the information noted.
  - a) Submission on Simplifying Local Government dated 19 February 2026.

**CARRIED**

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**9.12 WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL SUBMISSION ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AND FINANCING AMENDMENT BILL**

Council considered a report dated 19 March 2026 from the Legislative Reform and Special Projects Strategic Advisor. The report was taken as read.

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**RESOLUTION CO26-5.12**

Moved: Deputy Mayor M Murray-Benge  
Seconded: Cr R Joyce

1. That the Legislative Reform and Special Projects Strategic Advisor's report dated 19 March 2026, titled 'Western Bay of Plenty District Council Submission on the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Amendment Bill', be received.
2. That the following submission, shown as **Attachment 1** of this report, be received by Council and the information noted.
  - a) Submission on the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Amendment Bill dated 19 February 2026.

**CARRIED**

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**9.13 WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL SUBMISSION ON THE CONSULTATION ON A RATES TARGET MODEL FOR NEW ZEALAND (RATE CAPPING)**

The Council considered a report dated 19 March 2026 from the Legislative Reform and Special Projects Strategic Advisor. The report was taken as read, with the Interim CEO noting that the rate capping decision was being delayed until after the Central Government elections.

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**RESOLUTION CO26-5.13**

Moved: Cr T Coxhead

Seconded: Cr D Dinsdale

1. That the Legislative Reform and Special Projects Strategic Advisor's report dated 19 March 2026, titled 'Western Bay of Plenty District Council Submission on the Consultation on a Rates Target Model for New Zealand (Rate Capping)', be received.
2. That the following submission, shown as **Attachment 1** of this report, be received by Council and the information noted.
  - a) Submission on the Consultation on a Rates Target Model for New Zealand (Rates Capping) dated 4 February 2026.

**CARRIED**

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**9.14 WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL SUBMISSION ON THE PLANNING BILL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BILL**

Council considered a report dated 19 March 2026 from the Senior Environmental Planner. The report was taken as read.

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**RESOLUTION CO26-5.14**

Moved: Cr G Elvin

Seconded: Cr G Dally

1. That the Senior Environmental Planner's report dated 19 March 2026, titled 'Western Bay of Plenty District Council Submission on the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill', be received.
2. That the following submission, shown as **Attachment 1** of this report, be received by Council and the information noted.
  - a) Submission on the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill dated 13 February 2026.

**CARRIED**

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**9.15 WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL SUBMISSION - CONSULTATION ON SUPPORTING GROWTH THROUGH A DEVELOPMENT LEVIES SYSTEM**

Council considered a report dated 19 March 2026 from the Environmental Planning Manager. The report was taken as read.

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**RESOLUTION CO26-5.15**

Moved: Deputy Mayor M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr R Joyce

1. That the Environmental Planning Manager's report dated 19 March 2026, titled 'Western Bay of Plenty District Council Submission – Consultation on Supporting Growth through a Development Levies System', be received.
2. That the following submission, shown as **Attachment 1** of this report, be received by Council and the information noted.
  - a) Submission on the Consultation on Supporting Growth through a Development Levies System.

**CARRIED**

**9.16 MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Council considered a report dated 19 March 2026 from the Mayor, who took his report as read.

**RESOLUTION CO26-5.16**

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr T Coxhead

That the Mayor's report dated 19 March 2026 titled 'Mayor's Report to Council' be received.

**CARRIED**

**10 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT – KŌRERO TE WHIWHIA**

Nil

**11 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC – WHAKATAU KI TE PORO I TE MAREA****RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****RESOLUTION CO26-5.17**

Moved: Cr S Beech

Seconded: Deputy Mayor 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:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution</b>
<b>11.1 - Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 November 2025</b>	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	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
<b>11.2 - Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 December 2025</b>	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(c)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be</p>	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

	<p>compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p> <p>s7(2)(j) - the withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage</p>	
<p><b>11.3 - Request to dedicate Local Purpose (Road) Reserve as Road</b></p>	<p>s7(2)(f)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of Council members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure or harassment</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>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</p>
<p><b>11.4 - Western Bay Recovery - Affected Properties</b></p>	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to</p>

	that of deceased natural persons	result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
<b>11.5 - Chief Executive Officer's Delegation to Approve Purchase Orders</b>	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	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
<b>CARRIED</b>		

**NOTE:** Resolutions CO26-5.18 – CO26-5.22 were dealt with in the confidential minutes.

### RESOLUTION CO26-5.23

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr A Sole

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

**CARRIED**

## 13 ALTERATION OF RESOLUTION

### 13.1 UPDATE TO ATTACHMENT 1 - 9.2 ADOPTION OF THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES 2026/27 FOR CONSULTATION

Following the discussion on item 9.2 Adoption of the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27 for Consultation, the Acting General Manager Corporate Services was advised that there was an error in **Attachment 1**, being the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27. The errors were found on page 245 of the agenda and related to the Stormwater numbers for Katikati and Te Puke.

### RESOLUTION CO26-5.24

Moved: Cr G Elvin

Seconded: Cr S Beech

1. That in accordance with Sections 82 and 150 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council adopts the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27 (**Attachment 1** of this report) and the Statement of Proposal (**Attachment 2** of this report) for the purposes of community consultation from 20 March to 20 April 2026, with the following amendments to **Attachment 1**:

- Page 245 of the agenda should read:

	<b>Per additional lot (\$) 2026/27</b>
<b>Stormwater</b>	
Katikati	<b>17,210</b>
Te Puke	<b>11,717</b>

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS TRANSFERRED INTO OPEN SECTION**

**11.3 REQUEST TO DEDICATE LOCAL PURPOSE (ROAD) RESERVE AS ROAD**

**RESOLUTION CO26-5.18**

Moved: Deputy Mayor M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr T Coxhead

1. That the Legal Property Officer’s Report dated 19 March 2026 titled ‘Request to Dedicate Local Purpose (Road) Reserve as Road’, 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 resolves to dedicate land owned by Council, legally described as an estate in fee simple in all that parcel of land comprising six (6) square metres, more or less, being Lot 10 DPS 65905 contained in Record of Title SA53B/328 (the Local Purpose (Road) Reserve), as Road.
4. That the **Recommendations** be transferred into the Open section of the meeting following the Council meeting held 19 March 2026.

**CARRIED**

Cr Elvin abstained from the vote.

**The Meeting closed at 1.42pm.**

**Confirmed as a true and correct record at the Council meeting held 23 April 2026.**

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Mayor J Denyer  
**CHAIRPERSON / MAYOR**