

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

File Reference ECM 9445702

Meeting Date Wednesday 19 February 2025 at 9.10am

Venue Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Liardet Street, New Plymouth

Members Present

Mayor Neil Holdom (Chair), Councillors Tony Bedford, Sam Bennett, Max Brough, Gordon Brown, David Bublitz, Anneka Carlson Matthews, Murray Chong (until 9.36am), Amanda Clinton-Gohdes, Harry Duynhoven, Bali Haque, Dinnie Moeahu, and Bryan Vickery.

Non-Members Present

Christine Fabish (Inglewood Community Board Chair), Mike Baker (Puketapu-Bell Block Community Board member), (via Zoom) Sarah Lucas (Inglewood Community Board member) and Jonathan Marshall (Waitara Community Board Chair).

Adrienne Young-Cooper (Deputy Chair Finance, Audit and Risk Committee).

Staff in Attendance

Gareth Green, Julie Straka, Claire Kelly, Carol Allen, Bernie O'Donnell, Sarah Downs, Helen Gray, Yin Shan Welton, Jacob Stenner, Raymond Teunissen, Mark Hall, Jaco Beeslaar, Mark James, Jess Battaerd, Mandy Jamuna, Nancy Powers, Paul Lamb, Yvonne Nelson and David Taylor (Waters specialist, Technical Working Group).

Karakia

The hui opened with a karakia.

Apologies

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Council Resolution

Cr Carlson Matthews)

Cr Duynhoven)

That the apologies for the absence of Crs Marie Pearce and Te Waka McLeod be accepted.

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

Local Waters Done Well – Proposed Water Services Delivery Models For Consultation

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ECM 9434663

The matter for consideration by Council is determination of the preferred water services delivery models to include in formal consultation required under the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024, to enable resources to focus on the development of consultation materials for release in April 2025.

Council Resolution

Mayor Holdom)

Cr Publitz)

That having considered all matters raised in the report, Council:

1. Note that Central Government has legislated that Local Authorities are to develop and publicly consult on a preferred model for water services delivery and submit a Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) by 3 September 2025.
 - a) Note that Government requires Councils to:
 - i) Identify a preferred water services delivery model in a WSDP and formally adopt via Council resolution before submitting to the Secretary of Local Government by 3 September 2025.
 - ii) Demonstrate compliance with financial sustainability tests by 30 June 2028, and
 - iii) Ring-fence revenue for three waters so that is separate from other Council activities from 30 June 2028.
2. Instructs Officers to prepare consultation material for consideration at an extraordinary meeting in April 2025 that:
 - a) Specifies an asset owning Joint Taranaki Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with South Taranaki (STDC) and Stratford District (SDC) Councils as the preferred delivery model for water and wastewater services. Stormwater asset ownership and delivery would remain with Council, and Council will consider delivery options (potentially including contracting to the WSCCO).
 - b) Specifies that in the event STDC and/or SDC opt out of a Joint Taranaki WSCCO, then the recommended preferred water services delivery model is an asset owning NPDC WSCCO for water and wastewater. Stormwater asset ownership and delivery would remain with Council, and Council will consider delivery options (potentially including contracting to the WSCCO), and

- c) Includes analysis of three options: 1) Enhanced Status Quo, 2) NPDC WSCCO, 3) Joint Taranaki WSCCO.

Carried

Cr Chong departed the meeting at 9.36am, prior to debate on the preceding matter, and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

The hui closed with a karakia at 10.27am.