

Confirmed Public minutes of the Council meeting on Thursday 17 March 2022

All members participating remotely via Microsoft Teams at 9.31am

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair) (until 10.40am)
Councillor Staples (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Blakeley
Councillor Brash
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Gaylor
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Kirk-Burnnand
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lamason
Councillor Lee
Councillor Nash
Councillor van Lier

All members participated at this meeting remotely and counted for the purpose of quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Karakia timatanga

The Council Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

There were no apologies

2 Item not on the agenda to be dealt with

The Council Chair advised that Council would need to deal with an additional report on the matter of Public Transport Fares: 50 percent reduction.

Moved: Cr Ponter / Cr Blakeley

1. That under Standing Order 3.5.5, Report 22.111 – Public Transport Fares: 50 percent reduction is dealt with at this meeting.
2. This report is not on the agenda for this meeting as at the time the agenda was prepared the Government had not announced their initiative to provide funding for public transport fares to be halved for a three-month period from 1 April 2022.
3. Discussion on matters contained in this report cannot be delayed until the Council's next meeting because the matters need to be progressed and finalised promptly to implement the proposed changes.

The motion was **carried**.

3 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

4 Public participation

There was no public participation.

5 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 24 February 2022 – Report 22.75

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr Hughes

That Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council meeting on 24 February 2022 – Report 22.75.

The motion was **carried**.

6 Confirmation of the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 24 February 2022 – Report PE22.76

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Staples

That Council confirms the Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 24 February 2022 – Report PE22.76.

The motion was **carried**.

7 Confirmation of the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 24 February 2022 – Report RPE22.77

Moved: Cr Brash / Cr Laban

That Council confirms the Restricted Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 24 February 2022 – Report RPE22.77.

The motion was **carried**.

8 Update on Progress of Action Items from Previous Council Meetings – March 2022 – Report 22.84 [For Information]

Strategy, policy, or major issues

9 2022 Amendment of the Revenue and Financing Policy – Report 22.17

Alison Trustrum-Rainey, Chief Financial Officer, spoke to the report and tabled updated recommendations.

Moved: Cr Staples / Cr Brash

That Council:

- 1 Confirms that the Revenue and Financing Policy is to be amended in some respects, but a full review of the policy has not been undertaken.
- 2 Notes that the proposed amendments to the policy are not an amendment to the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.
- 3 Confirms the Council's analysis of the section 101(3)(a) and (b) Local Government Act 2002 considerations as set out in Attachment 1.
- 4 Notes that:
 - a in respect of the Predator Control Programme, Council has had regard to section 100T of the Biosecurity Act 1993; and
 - b In respect of the Stadium rate, a general rate was also considered but discounted as not appropriate.
- 5 Approves the proposed Revenue and Financing Policy as set out in Attachment 3 for the purposes of consultation.
- 6 Agrees the consultation and engagement approach outlined in paragraphs 60-65 of this report meets the requirements of sections 78, 82 and 82A of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 7 Approves the consultation document and supporting information for the proposed amendments to the Revenue & Financing Policy, as set out in Attachments 4 and 5.
- 8 Authorises Kyn Drake, Revenue and Financing Policy Review Project Manager, to receive and transcribe verbal submissions on the proposed Revenue and Financing Policy.

- 9 Authorises the Council Chair to make editorial changes to the proposed Revenue and Financing Policy and accompanying documents to correct errors and improve public understanding.

The motion was **carried**.

10 Rates Remission on Māori Land Policy – Approval of Policy for Consultation – Report 22.94

Monica Fraser, General Manager, Te Hunga Whiriwhiri, and Scott Summerfield, Consultant, Te Hunga Whiriwhiri, title spoke to the report and tabled updated recommendations.

Moved: Cr Connelly / Cr Kirk-Burnnand

That Council:

- 1 Approves the draft Rates Remission on Māori Land Policy (Attachment 1) for public consultation purposes
- 2 Approves the Consultation Document (Attachment 2) for public consultation purposes.
- 3 Agrees to the public consultation period being from 21 March and 2 May 2022 with hearing of submitters scheduled for 17 to 19 May 2022.
- 4 Authorises the following officers to receive and transcribe verbal submissions on the draft Rates Remission on Māori Land Policy:
 - a. Brett Cockeram, Manager, Māori Outcomes
 - b. Pauline Hill, Principal Advisor, Māori
 - c. Nora Moore, Senior Advisor, Māori
 - d. Renae Clark, Senior Advisor, Māori Organisational Capability
 - e. Lisa Kenny, Senior Māori Economic Development Advisor
 - f. Sheryl Miller, Senior Advisor, Māori Engagement
 - g. Te Paea Ngāpo, Advisor, Māori Engagement.
 - h. Laura Burkett, Project Coordinator.
- 5 Authorises the Council Chair to make editorial changes to the draft Rates Remission on Māori Land Policy and the consultation document prior to publication to correct errors and improve public understanding.

The motion was **carried**.

11 Silverstream Pipe Bridge Funding Approval – Report 22.71

Samantha Gain, General Manager, Corporate Services, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Hughes

That Council approves for inclusion in the Council's budget for the Silverstream Pipe Bridge project, a total amount of \$92.2 million (an additional amount of \$51.7 million above the current Long Term Plan budget of \$40.5 million).

The motion was **carried**.

Note: Councillor Gaylor requested that her vote against the motion be recorded.

12 Public Transport Fares: 50 percent reduction - Report 22.111 [Tabled]

Scott Gallacher, General Manager, Metlink, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Blakeley / Cr Nash

That Council:

- 1 Notes that on 14 March 2022, the Government announced an initiative to provide funding for public transport fares to be halved for a three-month period from 1 April 2022.
- 2 Notes that amending public transport fares is a decision that rests with public transport authorities, in this case the Council.
- 3 Agrees to reduce Metlink Public Transport fares by a minimum of 50 percent for a three-month period commencing 1 April 2022.
- 4 Authorises officers to undertake actions to implement Council's decision.

The motion was **carried**.

The meeting adjourned at 10.40am and resumed at 11.06am, with the Council's Deputy Chair presiding at the request of the Council Chair, due to the Chair's absence from the remainder of the meeting due to Council business (Standing Order 2.3.1).

13 After-Midnight Bus Service Fares Review – Report 22.106

Scott Gallacher, General Manager, Metlink, spoke to the report. Mr Gallacher advised that officers recommended that the "1 July 2022" date referenced in the report recommendations be changed to 1 April 2022.

Moved: Cr Kirk-Burnnand / Cr Nash

That Council agrees that from 1 April 2022, standard Metlink fares will replace the current special fixed fares on after-midnight services to better encourage demand for the services.

The motion was **carried**.

14 2022/23 Annual Plan Process Update – Report 22.91 [For Information]

Zofia Miliszewska, Team Leader, Corporate Planning and Reporting, spoke to the report.

The public meeting closed at 11.15am.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D Ponter', written in a cursive style.

Councillor D Ponter

Chair

Date: 26/5/22