

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN AND ANNUAL PLAN COMMITTEE HELD AT WAITAKERE CENTRAL, 6 HENDERSON VALLEY ROAD, HENDERSON, WAITAKERE, ON FRIDAY, 7 MARCH 2008 AND RECONVENED ON THURSDAY, 13 MARCH 2008, AND FRIDAY, 14 MARCH 2008, AND TUESDAY, 18 MARCH 2008, COMMENCING AT 9.42 AM.

PRESENT: Councillors JM Clews, QSO, JP (Chairman)
RI Clow (Deputy Chairman)
DQ Battersby, JP
BA Brady, JP
MFP Chan, JP
LA Cooper, JP
AK Corban, OBE, JP
RP Dallow, QPM, JP
WW Flaunty, QSM, JP
PA Hulse
JP Lawley, JP
VS Neeson, JP

Mayor RA Harvey, QSO, JP (ex officio)

TE TAUMATA RUNANGA: W Paki, JP (Chairman, Te Taumata Runanga)

COMMUNITY BOARDS: EAG Grimmer, MNZM (Chairman, Henderson Community Board)
JG Riddell (Chairman, Massey Community Board)
GPJ Marshall (Chairman, New Lynn Community Board)
P van der Voort, JP (Deputy Chairman, New Lynn Community Board)

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Chief Executive Officer
Director: Finance
Director: Public Affairs
Director: City Services
Acting Director: Corporate & Civic Services
Group Manager: Financial Management
Group Manager: Asset Management
Group Manager: Service Management
Manager Solid Waste
Annual Plan and LTCCP Coordinator
Mayoral Executive
Communications Advisor
Committee Secretary: N Delamere

1 APOLOGIES

422/2008

MOVED by Cr Cooper, seconded Cr Brady:

That apologies from Crs Jolley and Mitchell for absence be received and sustained.

CARRIED

6 DRAFT BUDGET 2008/2009 OVERVIEW

Issues for Further Debate continued.

Family Violence Budget Allocation

423/2008

MOVED by Cr Hulse, seconded Mayor Bob Harvey:

That an additional \$65,000 be added to the Family Violence budget allocation, to address issues such as family dysfunction.

CARRIED

424/2008

MOVED by Cr Clow, seconded Cr Dallow:

That the proposed fee increase for City Services 2008/2009 as tabled be approved for inclusion in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009.

CARRIED

NOTE: Pursuant to Standing Order 32.12 Crs Chan and Corban requested that their vote against the motion be recorded.

RECOMMITTAL

The Item, Inorganic Waste Collection, which was left lying on the table at the meeting held on Thursday, 14 March 2008, with the minute number 411/2008 was recommitted with the consent of Committee Members.

Inorganic Waste Collection

MOVED by Cr Lawley, seconded Cr Chan:

That the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee recommend to Council that the current system of free pickup of inorganic rubbish be moved to an improved user pays system involving an 0900 call and/or vouchers available for rate payers who use the Council refuse transfer station and that a communications strategy to inform people of Council's user pays waste strategy and that a parallel waste minimisation project along the lines of second hand Sunday be investigated.

NOTE: The debate around the issue of the Inorganic Waste Collection will continue after the adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

425/2008

MOVED by Cr Clews, seconded Cr Chan:

That the meeting stand adjourned until 11.30 am.

CARRIED

11.20 am The meeting adjourned.

11.43 am The meeting reconvened.

Issues for Further Debate continued.

AMENDMENT

MOVED by Cr Cooper, seconded Cr Neeson:

That in noting that the draft budgets do not include provision for an inorganic collection, the following options concerning the inorganic waste collection for 2008/2009 be consulted upon:

- (i) A user pays 0900 number be introduced at a rate \$45.00 per cubic metre, resulting in savings of \$589,000;
- (ii) One free refuse transfer voucher per rateable property (limited to a single car boot load) for inorganic waste be considered, resulting in savings of \$329,000.

SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT

426/2008

MOVED by Cr Cooper, seconded Cr Neeson:

That in noting that the draft budgets do not include provision for an inorganic collection, the following options concerning the inorganic waste collection for 2008/2009 be consulted upon:

- i) A user pays 0900 number be introduced at a rate \$45.00 per cubic metre, resulting in savings of \$589,000;
- ii) One free refuse transfer voucher per rateable property (limited to a single car boot load) for inorganic waste be considered, resulting in savings of \$329,000;

NOTE: If the status quo were retained it would be at a cost of \$639,000.

CARRIED

NOTE: Pursuant to Standing Order 32.12 Cr Corban requested that his vote against the motion be recorded.

11.50 am Cr Clow left the meeting.

Weather Tightness Claims

427/2008

MOVED by Mayor Bob Harvey, seconded Cr Neeson:

That \$1.25 million of loan funded expenditure be included in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009 for weather tightness claims for 2008/2009.

CARRIED

Tourism Funding

428/2008

MOVED by Cr Cooper, seconded Cr Hulse:

1. That the Tourism Funding report be received.
2. That the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee continue current levels of funding for regional tourism initiatives.
3. That the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee defer any proposal for additional funding for regional tourism initiatives until after a presentation by Michael Barnett of Auckland Plus on regional tourism on 8 May 2008 to the Policy and Strategy Committee.
4. That the Long term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee agree that Waitakere Enterprise continue its current tourism support activities within its agreed funding allocation.

CARRIED

Art Acquisition

429/2008

MOVED by Cr Battersby, seconded Cr Lawley:

That the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee approve \$20,000 (capex) be added back into the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009 for art acquisition.

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Lawley, seconded Cr Brady:

That the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee approve \$30,000 be included in OPEX budget for a community partnership celebration of the City's 20th anniversary.

LOST

430/2008

MOVED by Cr Cooper, seconded Cr Neeson:

That the Community Boards submissions for consideration in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009 be received.

CARRIED

Draft Budget and Work Programme 2008/2009

431/2008

MOVED by Cr Hulse, seconded Cr Dallow:

That the draft budget and work programme 2008/2009 changes outlined in the schedule below, reflecting a Council controlled rate increase of 7.40% and a 1.01% increase in regional levies be approved for consultation.

Draft Annual Plan 2008/2009

"Below the Line" Items, Requests and Changes from the Committee

Council Controlled Rate Increase Including Surplus Before Changes	7.03%
Revised Council Controlled Rate Increase After Changes	7.40%
Movement in Rates Funded External Levies	1.01%
Draft Total Rates Movement	8.41%
Rates Movement from Changes Below	0.37%

Operating Costs - Changes from the Committee

City Services

Parks and Transport Amenities 150,000

Strategy

Family Violence Prevention 65,000

Hoani Waititi Marae Funding 100,000

Corporate and Civic

Increased Grant for CABx 100,000

Other Items

Consequential Interest Adjustment 22,000

Total Operating Costs **437,000**

Capital Expenditure - Changes from the Committee

Public Affairs

Art Acquisition 20,000

Corporate and Civic

Weather Tightness Claims 1,250,000

Total Capital Expenditure **1,270,000**

Total Changes **1,707,000**

CARRIED

NOTE: Pursuant to Standing Order 32.12 Cr Corban requested that his vote against the motion be recorded.

432/2008

MOVED by Cr Battersby, seconded Cr Hulse:

That the Acting Chief Executive Officer together with the Budget Review Committee review the draft budget for Council's controlled costs and report back to Council in June 2008 following the hearings of the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009 submissions.

CARRIED

12.56 pm Cr Clow returned to the meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO RATING SYSTEM

433/2008

MOVED by Cr Neeson, seconded Cr Cooper:

1. That the Amendments to Rating System report be received.
2. That it be recommended to the Council the following changes to the Rates Stepped Differential as specified in the Funding Impact Statement and Description of the Differential Rating System and Method of Calculation of rates, be included for consultation in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009:

Differential Group	Step	New Step
Residential (1 unit)	Step 1	\$1 to \$270,000
	Step 2	\$270,000 to \$950,000
	Step 3	\$950,000 +
Residential (2 units)	Step 1	\$1 to \$540,000
	Step 2	\$540,000 to \$1,900,000
	Step 3	\$1,900,000 +
Residential (3 units)	Step 1	\$1 to \$810,000
	Step 2	\$810,000 to \$2,850,000
	Step 3	\$2,850,000 +
Residential (4 units)	Step 1	\$1 to \$1,080,000
	Step 2	\$1,080,000+
Residential (5-9 units)	Step 1	\$1 to \$1,350,000
	Step 2	\$1,350,000+
Residential (10-39 units)	Step 1	\$1 to \$3,000,000
	Step 2	\$3,000,000+
Residential (40+ units)	Step 1	\$1 to \$12,000,000
	Step 2	\$12,000,000+

CARRIED

Uniform Annual General Charge

434/2008

MOVED by Cr Lawley, seconded Cr Brady:

That it be recommended to Council that a Uniform Annual General Charge be set under Section 15 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$628 inclusive of GST on all rateable land, being set and charged upon each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, and that this be included in the Funding Impact Statement and Other Rating Information for consultation in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009.

CARRIED

NOTE: Pursuant to Standing Order 32.2 the Chairman exercised the casting vote in favour of the recommendation above.

Uniform Annual Charge for Rural Sewerage

435/2008

MOVED by Cr Clow, seconded Cr Neeson:

That it be recommended to Council that a targeted rate set as a fixed charge on a uniform basis under Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$158 inclusive of GST be set and charged upon each septic tank, long-drop or grease trap for all rating units in the Non-Drainage area of the City (as defined in the Description of the Differential Rating System and Method of Calculation of Rates) that are scheduled to be pumped out by Council within the three-yearly cycle, and that this be included in the Funding Impact Statement and Other Rating Information for consultation in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009.

CARRIED

Uniform Annual Charge for Environmental Monitoring

436/2008

MOVED by Cr Cooper, seconded Cr Hulse:

That it be recommended to Council that a targeted rate set as a fixed charge on a uniform basis under Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$34 inclusive of GST be set and charged on all rating units in the Non-Drainage Area of the City as defined in the Description of the Differential Rating System and Method of Calculation of Rates and that this be included in the Funding Impact Statement and Other Rating Information for consultation in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009.

CARRIED

Water Supply Rate

437/2008

MOVED by Cr Lawley, seconded Cr Chan:

That it be recommended to Council that a targeted rate described as the Water Supply Charge be set and charged according to a scale of charges under Section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$1.53 inclusive of GST per cubic metre of water provided as measured by meter, with a minimum charge of \$17 for each billing period, and that this be included in the Funding Impact Statement and Other Rating Information for consultation in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009.

CARRIED

Uniform Annual Charge for Wastewater – Residential

438/2008

MOVED by Cr Neeson, seconded Cr Corban:

That it be recommended to Council that a targeted rate set as a fixed charge on a uniform basis under Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$402 inclusive of GST be set and charged on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the Drainage Area of the City, excluding non-rateable properties, and business sector properties, and that this be included in the Funding Impact Statement and Other Rating Information for consultation in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009.

CARRIED

NOTE: Pursuant to Standing Order 32.12 Cr Hulse requested that her vote against the motion be recorded.

Wastewater Targeted Rate – Business

439/2008

MOVED by Cr Clow, seconded Cr Cooper:

That it be recommended to Council that a targeted rate for wastewater set differentially on business sector properties on the same basis as the General Rate calculated on the rateable land value of business sector rating units in the Drainage Area of the City, excluding non-rateable properties, as set out in Schedule F attached hereto, and that this be included in the Funding Impact Statement and Other Rating Information for consultation in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009.

CARRIED

Wastewater Targeted Rate – Non-Rateable

440/2008

MOVED by Cr Clow, seconded Cr Cooper:

That it be recommended to Council that a targeted rate for wastewater set differentially on the same basis as the General Rate calculated on the rateable land value of non-rateable rating units in the Drainage Area of the City, where a wastewater service is provided, as set out in Schedule F attached hereto, and that this be included in the Funding Impact Statement and Other Rating Information for consultation in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009.

CARRIED

Te Atatu Business District Targeted Rate

441/2008

MOVED by Cr Cooper, seconded Cr Hulse:

That it be recommended to Council that a targeted rate be set at the rate of .0041 cents in the dollar on the land value of the business sector properties situated in the Te Atatu Peninsula town centre and that this be included for consultation in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009. Such a rate to yield \$70,000 in the 2008/2009 Rating Year.

CARRIED

Business Sector Deferential

442/2008

MOVED by Cr Clow, seconded Cr Brady:

That it be recommended to Council that for the 2008/2009 year 20% of the total rate requirement, excluding targeted rates for water supply, will be collected from business sector properties and that this be included in the Funding Impact Statement and Other Rating Information for consultation in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009.

CARRIED

General Rate

443/2008

MOVED by Cr Clews, seconded Cr Clow:

That a schedule describing the differential categories of the general rate based upon the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009 rate requirement, be prepared for the Councils approval.

CARRIED

Due Dates for Payment of Rates

444/2008

MOVED by Cr Lawley, seconded Cr Hulse:

That it be recommended to Council that the rates (other than the targeted rates for water supply) for the year 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 will be payable in four instalments on due dates as follows:

Instalment Number	Due Date
1	20 August 2008
2	20 November 2008
3	20 February 2009
4	20 May 2009

The due date for the targeted rate for water supply shall be the "latest date for payment" set out in each rates invoice for water supply, shown on the respective assessment for such charge as delivered to the owner of the rating unit, which will be a date 30 days after the date of each rates invoice for water supply, and that this be included in the Funding Impact Statement and Other Rating Information for consultation in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009.

CARRIED

Penalties on Unpaid Rates

445/2008

MOVED by Cr Hulse, seconded Cr Cooper:

That it be recommended to Council that the pursuant to Sections 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002:

1. A penalty of ten per cent of the amount of rates assessed under each instalment in the 2008/2009 financial year (other than targeted rates for water supply) that are unpaid after the due date of each instalment, will be added to such unpaid rates on the day following the due date of the instalment. Provided that where all rates (other than the targeted rate for water supply) payable to 30 June 2009 (together with any arrears of rates, other than targeted rate for water supply, but including penalties on arrears of rates) are paid in full by 20 November 2008, no instalment penalty will be payable in respect of the 2008/2009 year.
2. A further penalty calculated on rate arrears (other than the targeted rate for water supply) will be added on the day following 30 September 2008. This further penalty will be ten percent of the amount of rates assessed in any prior financial year to the 2008/2009 year (other than the targeted rate for water supply), including any penalties added, that remain unpaid on 30 September 2008.

3. A further penalty calculated on rate arrears (other than the targeted rate for water supply) will be added on the day following 31 March 2009. This further penalty will be ten percent of the amount of rates assessed in any prior financial year to the 2008/2009 year (other than targeted rates for water supply), including any penalties added, that remain unpaid on 31 March 2009.

and that this be included in the Funding Impact Statement and Other Rating Information for consultation in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009.

CARRIED

Funding Impact Statement and Other Rating Information

446/2008

MOVED by Cr Clews, seconded Cr Clow:

That it be recommended to Council that a Funding Impact Statement be prepared based on the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee's budget decisions for inclusion in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009.

CARRIED

447/2008

MOVED by Cr Clews, seconded Cr Clow:

That it be recommended to Council that the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009 comprising of reports, analysis and budget estimates presented to, considered and amended by the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee be adopted for consultation as a Statement of Proposal in terms of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

NOTE: Pursuant to Standing Order 32.12 Cr Corban requested that his vote against the motion be recorded.

1.29 pm The meeting finished.