

**Christchurch City Council**  
**OPEN MINUTES**

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**Date:** Tuesday 28 February 2023  
**Time:** 9.31am  
**Venue:** Council Chambers, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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**Present**

Chairperson Mayor Phil Mauer  
Members Councillor Pauline Cotter  
Councillor Kelly Barber  
Councillor Melanie Coker  
Councillor Celeste Donovan  
Councillor Tyrone Fields  
Councillor James Gough  
Councillor Tyla Harrison-Hunt  
Councillor Victoria Henstock  
Councillor Yani Johanson  
Councillor Aaron Keown  
Councillor Sam MacDonald  
Councillor Jake McLellan  
Councillor Andrei Moore  
Councillor Mark Peters  
Councillor Tim Scandrett  
Councillor Sara Templeton

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**Karakia Tīmatanga:** Given by all Councillors.

### 1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

There were no apologies received.

### 2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga


There were no declarations of interest recorded.

### 3. Draft Annual Plan 2023/24

#### Comment

1. Before considering the draft 2023/24 Annual Plan the Mayor and Chief Executive provided an introduction.
2. The item was then divided into the following sections (refer to each section for further details):
  - 1.1 The Councillors noted the Audit and Risk Management Committee's recommendations from its meeting held on 27 February 2023 (refer to Item 3.1 below).
  - 1.2 Council Officer presentation:
    - Leah Scales, General Manager Resources provided an introduction to the draft 2023/24 Annual Plan.
    - Leah Scales, General Manager Resources and Tim Drennan, Manager Service Excellence provided a presentation regarding Excess Water Charges was presented (Refer to Attachment A below).
    - Peter Ryan, Head of Performance Management and Russell Holden, Head of Finance presented the Officer Report.
  - 1.3 Councillors were provided an opportunity to ask questions for clarification regarding the draft 2023/24 Annual Plan.
  - 1.4 The Council temporarily suspended Standing Orders (refer to Item 4 below).
  - 1.5 The Council considered Recommendation 2 and Councillors proposed amendments (refer to Item 3.2 below).
  - 1.6 The Council considered Recommendations 3 to 6 (refer to Item 3.3 below).
  - 1.7 The Council reinstated Standing Orders (refer to Item 4.1 below).

#### Attachments

- A Excess Water Charge Presentation - Annual Plan Council Meeting 28 February 2023 

### **3.1. Audit and Risk Management Committee Recommendations**

Councillor McLellan, Deputy Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee provided a verbal update regarding the Committee's recommendations from its meeting held on 27 February 2023.

The Council accepted the Officer Recommendations including a minor update to reflect that the Committee Deputy Chair provided the verbal update.

#### **Council Resolved CAPL/2023/00001**

That the Council :

1. Notes the following recommendations (via verbal update from the Committee Deputy Chair) of the Council's Audit and Risk Management Committee at its meeting on 27 February 2023:
  - a. That the Committee has reviewed the general checklist and sign-off by management, including significant forecasting assumptions, in respect of the information that provides the basis for the Draft 2023/24 Annual Plan.
  - b. Advises the Council that in the Committee's opinion an appropriate process has been followed in the preparation of this information.

Councillor McLellan/Councillor Scandrett

**Carried**

## **4. Suspension of Standing Orders**

#### **Council Resolved CAPL/2023/00002**

That pursuant to Standing Order 3.5 (Temporary Suspension of Standing Orders) the following Standing Orders be suspended to enable more informal discussion:

17.2 time limits on speakers

17.5 members may speak only once

17.6 limits on numbers of speakers

18.1 general procedure for speaking and moving motions

18.8 foreshadowed amendments

18.9 lost amendments

Mayor/Councillor Cotter

**Carried**

Councillor Donovan left the meeting at 11.10am and returned at 11.11am during consideration of item 3.2.

The meeting adjourned at 11.38am and reconvened at 12.15pm during consideration of item 3.2.

Councillor Gough left the meeting at 12.42pm and returned at 12.46pm during debate on item 3.2.

The meeting adjourned at 1.23pm and reconvened at 2.23pm during consideration of item 3.2, Councillor Donovan was not present at this time.

### **3.2 Draft Annual Plan 2023/24 (Recommendation 2 and Proposed Amendments)**

#### **Comment**

1. Officer Recommendation 2 was Moved by the Mayor and Seconded by Councillor MacDonald.
2. The meeting then considered Councillor's amendments as listed below. Council Officers also provided a presentation containing advice on each amendment (refer to Attachment A and B below).
3. Three amendments were withdrawn, two of which were recorded as noting requests (refer to Substantive Motion below).
4. Once all amendments were dealt with, Leah Scales General Manager Resources provided a presentation regarding the new rates impact following the carried amendments (refer to Attachment C below).
5. The Council then resolved to accept Officer Recommendation 2, including any carried amendments (Refer to the Substantive Motion below).

#### **Motion Moved by the Mayor and Seconded by Councillor MacDonald**

That the Council:

2. Approves and adopts for consultation the information contained or referred to in the staff report which provides the basis for the Draft 2023/24 Annual Plan together with any amendments made by resolution at the meeting, and which includes the following attachments:
  - a. Financial Overview, including changes to the Financial Statements and Funding Impact Statement contained in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031;
  - b. Funding Impact Statement, including Rating information;
  - c. Financial Prudence Benchmarks;
  - d. Proposed Capital Programme, including changes;
  - e. Proposed Changes to Levels of Service;
  - f. Prospective Financial Statements;
  - g. Proposed Fees and Charges, including changes;
  - h. Reserves and Trust Funds;

i. Capital Endowment Fund;  
Mayor/Councillor MacDonald

**Carried/Lost**

**Council Resolved CAPL/2023/00003**

**Amendment 1 – Head to head walkway**

That the Council:

A1: Notes that an \$1.9 million remains in the head to head pathway budget across the Long Term Plan and staff will work with the Rod Donald Trust and local Councillor to accelerate the delivery of the programme.

Councillor Fields/Councillor Harrison-Hunt

**Carried**

**Council Resolved CAPL/2023/00004**

**Amendment 2 – Uniform Annual General Charge (\$50)**

That the Council:

A2: Consults on reducing the Uniform Annual General Charge from \$145 to \$50 in order to reduce the rate burden on lower income households as part of the draft 2023/24 Annual Plan.

Councillor McLellan/Councillor Harrison-Hunt

**Carried**

*The division was declared **carried** by 9 votes to 7 votes the voting being as follows:*

**For:** Councillor Cotter, Councillor Coker, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Fields, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor Johanson, Councillor McLellan, Councillor Peters and Councillor Templeton

**Against:** Mayor Mauger, Councillor Barber, Councillor Gough, Councillor Henstock, Councillor Keown, Councillor MacDonald and Councillor Scandrett

**Abstained:** Councillor Moore

## Council Resolved CAPL/2023/00005

### Amendment 4 - Wheels to Wings

That the Council:

A4: Will not commence construction of the Wheels to Wings Route (Sections 1, 2 and 3 – project ID 26611, 26612 and 26613) for a period of up to 12 months to allow staff and local Councillors to work further with the affected communities on previously identified design concerns as part of the detailed design process.

Councillor Henstock/Councillor Keown

**Carried**

*The division was declared **carried** by 11 votes to 6 votes the voting being as follows:*

**For:** Mayor Mauger, Councillor Barber, Councillor Fields, Councillor Gough, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor Henstock, Councillor Johanson, Councillor Keown, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Peters and Councillor Scandrett

**Against:** Councillor Cotter, Councillor Coker, Councillor Donovan, Councillor McLellan, Councillor Moore and Councillor Templeton

## Council Resolved CAPL/2023/00006

### Amendment 5 – Excess Water Charge

That the Council:

A5: Increases the daily allowance for excess water charging for residential to 900l/d from 1 July 2023 as part of the draft 2023/24 Annual Plan.

Councillor MacDonald/Mayor

**Carried**

*The division was declared **carried** by 9 votes to 8 votes the voting being as follows:*

**For:** Mayor Mauger, Councillor Barber, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Gough, Councillor Henstock, Councillor Johanson, Councillor Keown, Councillor MacDonald and Councillor Peters

**Against:** Councillor Cotter, Councillor Coker, Councillor Fields, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor McLellan, Councillor Moore, Councillor Scandrett and Councillor Templeton

## Council Resolved CAPL/2023/00007

### Amendment 6 – Community Grants Capital Endowment Fund

That the Council:

A6: Agrees for the draft 2023/24 Annual Plan Consultation Document to include the following two options for the proposed use of Capital Endowment Fund (CEF) to support Community grants:

- a. Option One: Use \$1million of the CEF for one year only to fund Community Grants.  
Rates increase saving of 0.16%
- b. Option Two: Use \$500,000 of the CEF for one year only to fund Community Grants.  
Rates increase saving of 0.08%

Councillor Cotter/Councillor McLellan

**Carried**

### **Council Resolved CAPL/2023/00008**

#### **Amendment 7 – New Brighton Public Realm Improvements**

That the Council:

A7: Requests \$300,000 be brought forward to support public realm improvements to New Brighton Mall as part of the draft 2023/24 Annual Plan.

Councillor Donovan/Mayor

**Carried**

### **Council Resolved CAPL/2023/00009**

#### **Amendment 8 - Amyes, Awatea, & Springs Intersection Improvements**

That the Council:

A8: Agrees that Project 60099 Amyes, Awatea, & Springs Intersection Improvement to be brought forward to begin in the coming financial year 24 rather than financial year 25 as part of the draft 2023/24 Annual Plan.

Councillor Peters/Councillor Moore

**Carried**

*The division was declared **carried** by 12 votes to 3 votes the voting being as follows:*

**For:** Mayor Mauger, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Fields, Councillor Gough, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor Henstock, Councillor Johanson, Councillor Keown, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Moore, Councillor Peters and Councillor Scandrett

**Against:** Councillor Barber, Councillor Coker and Councillor Templeton

**Abstained:** Councillor Cotter and Councillor McLellan

## Council Decision

### **Amendment 10 – Substitutions**

That Council:

A10: As part of the draft 2023/24 Annual Plan:

- a. Does not defer:
  - i. MCR Otakaro Avon River Route.
  - ii. Ferry Rd- Active Transport Improvements budget.
- b. Does not alter the budget phasing of the Christchurch Regeneration Acceleration Find Linwood project.
- c. That those listed in recommendations 1a and 1b would be offset with the deferral of:
  - i. 18378 - Lichfield Street (Madras - Manchester) reduce by \$105k in financial year 23/24.
  - ii. 67540 - Barbadoes Street (Hereford - Tuam) reduce by \$105k in financial year 23/24.
  - iii. 67540- Barbadoes Street (Hereford to Tuam) reduce by \$50k in fy 23/24 and \$285k in financial year 24/25 and rephrase to 25/26.

Councillor Johanson/Councillor Donovan

**Lost**

*The division was declared **lost** by 7 votes to 9 votes the voting being as follows:*

**For:** *Mayor Mauger, Councillor Gough, Councillor Henstock, Councillor Johanson, Councillor Keown, Councillor MacDonald and Councillor Peters*

**Against:** *Councillor Cotter, Councillor Barber, Councillor Coker, Councillor Fields, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor McLellan, Councillor Moore, Councillor Scandrett and Councillor Templeton*

**Abstained:** *Councillor Donovan*



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**Council Resolved CAPL/2023/00010**

**Substantive Motion (including all carried amendments)**

**Secretarial note:** Refer to amendments listed above for the individual voting records.

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*Councillor Donovan was not present during the vote on this item.*

**Attachments**

- A Officer advice on proposed amendments 
- B Officer advice regarding proposed amendment 2 
- C Office advice on new proposed rate increase 

Councillor Donovan returned to the meeting at 2.28pm during the debate on item 3.3.

### **3.3 Draft Annual Plan 2023/24 (Recommendations 3-6)**

#### **Council Resolved CAPL/2023/00011**

#### **Officer Recommendations accepted without change**

That the Council :

3. Authorises the General Manager Resources/CFO and Assistant Chief Executive Officer to make any non-material changes to the documents and/or information attached to or referred to in the staff report.
4. Approves and adopts for consultation the attached list of properties (Attachment K) for seeking the community views and preferences as to their future use. This will help inform the decision to be made, when adopting the final Annual Plan, of retaining them for an alternative public work or declaring them surplus for disposal.
5. Approves and adopts for public consultation the Consultation Document for the Draft 2023/24 Annual Plan (Attachment L).
6. Approves the following process for consultation:
  - a. Public Notices in The Star, The Press, and on the Council's website signalling the start of consultation on 10 March 2023;
  - b. All relevant information and documents, including the updated Consultation Document, made available on the Council's website from 10 March 2023;
  - c. Hard copy information and documents made available at Council libraries and service centres from 13 March 2023 onwards;
  - d. The period for making submissions will run from 10 March 2023 to 11:59pm on 10 April 2023;
  - e. For people who indicate they wish to present oral submissions, hearings will be held in in late April/May 2023 (exact dates will be confirmed and communicated to those submitters closer to the time).
  - f. Notes that the Council will meet in late June 2023 to adopt the Annual Plan 2023/24 (the exact date will be publically advertised closer to the time).

Mayor/Councillor Barber

**Carried**

**Secretarial Note:** The Council noted the following:

1. Notes for advice on options to ensure delivery of the Otakaro Avon Cycle route as per the current Long Term Plan schedule.
2. Notes for advice regarding budget associated with the Lower Opawhau Heathcote Guidance Plan.

#### **4.1 Resumption of Standing Orders**

##### **Council Resolved CAPL/2023/00012**

That the Standing Orders set aside in item 4 be resumed.

Mayor/Councillor Cotter

**Carried**

**Karakia Whakamutunga:** Given by all Councillors

**Meeting concluded at 3.01pm.**

**CONFIRMED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2023.**

**MAYOR PHIL MAUGER  
CHAIRPERSON**