

Christchurch City Council
MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 1 April 2026
Time: 9.32 am
Venue: Camellia Chambers, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Present

Chairperson	Mayor Phil Mauger
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor Victoria Henstock
Members	Councillor Kelly Barber
	Councillor David Cartwright
	Councillor Melanie Coker
	Councillor Pauline Cotter
	Councillor Celeste Donovan
	Councillor Tyrone Fields
	Councillor Tyla Harrison-Hunt
	Councillor Nathaniel Herz Jardine
	Councillor Yani Johanson
	Councillor Aaron Keown
	Councillor Sam MacDonald
	Councillor Jake McLellan
	Councillor Andrei Moore
	Councillor Mark Peters
	Councillor Tim Scandrett

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Karakia Tīmatanga

The agenda was dealt with in the following order. Where no voting record is shown, the item was carried unanimously by those present.

The Mayor acknowledged the recent passing of former Councillor Newton Dodge and the meeting held a moment's silence in recognition of his contributions and achievements during his 27 years of service.

Secretarial Note: the Chairperson informed the meeting that there would be an adjournment in the afternoon in order to hold a workshop on Item 9 – *Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond Odour*. The meeting would reconvene the following day, Thursday, 2 April to consider the report.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

Council Decision

There were no apologies received.

2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

Councillor Coker declared an interest in Item 10. *2025-26 Sustainability Fund Allocation* in relation to the Summit Road Society application.

Councillor Fields left the meeting at 10.03 am and returned at 10.06 am during consideration of Items 6 and 7.

Councillor Keown left the meeting at 10.07 am and returned at 10.09 am during consideration of Items 6 and 7.

Councillor MacDonald left the meeting at 10.25 am and returned at 10.27 am during consideration of Items 6 and 7.

Councillor Barber left the meeting at 10.27 am and returned at 10.31 am during consideration of Items 6 and 7.

Councillor Cartwright left the meeting at 10.29 am and returned at 10.35 am during consideration of Items 6 and 7.

Councillor Cotter left the meeting at 10.30 am and returned at 10.33 am during consideration of Items 6 and 7.

Councillor MacDonald left the meeting at 10.51 am during consideration of Items 6 and 7.

6. Monthly Report from the Community Boards - March 2026 *and*

7. Draft 2026/27 Annual Plan - Community Board Submissions Council Comment

1. The Community Boards presented their Monthly Reports (Item 6) and their Annual Plan submissions (Item 7) to the Council concurrently.

Keir Leslie, Chairperson, and Sophie Bond, Deputy Chair, joined the meeting for presentation of the **Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board** area report.

Jason Middlemiss, Chairperson, and Nicola McCormick, Deputy Chairperson, joined the meeting for presentation of the **Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board** area report.

Marie Pollisco, Chairperson, and Bailey Peterson, Community Governance Manager, joined the meeting for presentation of the **Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board** area report.

Paul McMahon, Chairperson, and Jackie Simons, Deputy Chairperson, joined the meeting for presentation of the **Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board** area report.

Lyn Leslie, Chairperson, and Nigel Millar, Deputy Chairperson, joined the meeting for presentation of the **Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board** area report.

Sunita Gautam, Chairperson, and Simon Britten, Deputy Chairperson, joined the meeting for presentation of the **Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board** area report.

Council Resolved CNCL/2026/00037

Officer Recommendation accepted without change

That the Council:

1. Receives the information in the Monthly Report from the Community Boards - March 2026 Report.

Deputy Mayor/Councillor Cotter

Carried

Attachments

- A Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board - Monthly Update and Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 Submission - Presentation to Council [↔](#) 
- B Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board - Monthly Update and Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 Submission - Presentation to Council [↔](#) 
- C Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board - Monthly Update and Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 Submission - Presentation to Council [↔](#) 
- D Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board - Monthly Update and Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 Submission - Presentation to Council [↔](#) 
- E Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board - Monthly Update and Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 Submission - Presentation to Council [↔](#) 
- F Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board - Monthly Update and Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 Submission - Presentation to Council [↔](#) 

The meeting adjourned at 10.59 am and reconvened at 11.18 am. Deputy Mayor Henstock and Councillors Barber and MacDonald were not present at this time.

3. Public Participation Te Huinga Tūmatanui

3.1 Public Forum Te Huinga Whānui

Councillor MacDonald returned to the meeting at 11.21 am during consideration of Item 3.1.1. Deputy Mayor Henstock and Councillor Barber returned to the meeting at 11.22 am during consideration of Item 3.1.1.

3.1.1 Laura Fergusson Brain Injury Trust

Kathryn Jones and Jasmine Harris spoke on behalf of the Laura Fergusson Brain Injury Trust regarding the major capital housing development being undertaken to provide fully accessible residential accommodation for 30 people living with brain injuries and other neurological conditions.

Attachments

- A Laura Fergusson Brain Injury Trust - Presentation to Council [⇒](#) 

Councillor Cotter left the meeting at 11.26 am and returned at 11.29 am during consideration of Item 3.1.2.


3.1.2 Zoran Rakovic

Zoran Rakovic spoke regarding concerns about the Council deliberating on constitutional questions outside of its jurisdiction and the limit of council authority under the Local Government Act 2002.

3.1.3 Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA)

Dr. Sulav Paudel spoke on behalf of the Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) regarding the Nepal Festival (18 April 2026), a multicultural celebration with a traditional parade, Everest exhibitions, authentic Nepalese cuisine and cultural performances to celebrate and strengthen community ties.

Attachments

- A Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) - Presentation to Council [⇒](#) 

3.1.4 South Island Wildlife Hospital

Jenny Fisher spoke on behalf of the South Island Wildlife Hospital regarding the hospital's work treating sick and injured wildlife and provided an update on current issues.

Attachments

- A South Island Wildlife Hospital - Presentation to Council [⇒](#) 

Councillor Donovan left the meeting at 11.48 am and returned at 11.50 am during consideration of Item 3.1.5.

3.1.5 Jolt Dance Company

Lachlan Oakes, Joel Foreman, Lyn Cotton and Kate Finnerty spoke on behalf of Jolt Dance Company regarding what the Company does and its inclusive dance practice and programmes.

Attachments

A Jolt Dance Company - Presentation to Council [⇒](#) 

3.1.6 AquaPave Permeable Concrete

Adrianna Hess spoke on behalf of AquaPave Permeable Concrete regarding a stormwater map used by Council that outlines areas where staff will consent stormwater discharge to ground and which disallows permeable pavements from being consented for most of Christchurch.

Attachments

A AquaPave Permeable Concrete - Presentation to Council [⇒](#) 

3.1.7 Greater Hornby Residents' Association

Marc Duff spoke on behalf of Greater Hornby Residents' Association regarding Item 15 - *Notice of Motion - Parker / Gilberthorpes / Waterloo Intersection Signalisation.*

Councillor Coker left the meeting at 12.10 pm during consideration of Item 3.2.1.

3.2 Deputations by Appointment Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

3.2.1 Don Gould

Secretarial Note: Councillor Cotter raised a Point of Order in accordance with Standing Order 21.2, citing visually disrespectful presentation materials. Upon the Chairperson's ruling in favour of the Point of Order, a segment of the presentation materials were removed from screen and the speaker continued.

Don Gould spoke regarding Item 9 - *Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond Odour Mitigation.*

Attachments

A Don Gould - Presentation to Council [⇒](#) 

Councillor Coker returned to the meeting at 12.14 pm during consideration of Item 3.2.2.

3.2.2 Rebecca Robin

Secretarial Note: Rebecca Robin presented a petition as part of her deputation (refer Attachment A).
Rebecca Robin spoke regarding Item 9 - *Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond Odour Mitigation.*

Attachments

A Rebecca Robin - Presentation to Council [⇒](#) 

4. Presentation of Petitions Ngā Pākikitanga

Secretarial Note: As noted in Item 3.2.2, deputation presenter Rebecca Robin presented a petition to the Council. This was received and is attached (refer Item 3.2.2, Attachment A).

5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes Te Whakaāe o te hui o mua

Council Resolved CNCL/2026/00038

That the Council confirms the Open and Public Excluded Minutes (Item 18) from the Council meeting held 4 March 2026.

Mayor/Councillor MacDonald

Carried

Report from Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board - 16 February 2026

8. Property Disposal, Millstead Oaks Subdivision, Casebrook.

Council Resolved CNCL/2026/00039

Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Recommendations to Council accepted without change

That the Council:

1. Receives the information in the Property Disposal, Millstead Oaks Subdivision, Casebrook Report.
2. Notes that the decision in this report is assessed as low significance based on the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. Resolves to transfer:
 - a. section 2 RPS6694 to the owner of Lot 40 DP 602661 and issue one amalgamated title and
 - b. section 3 RPS6694 to the owner of Lot 41 DP 602661 and issue one amalgamated title and
 - c. section 4 RPS6694 to the owner of Lot 42 DP 602661 and issue one amalgamated title and
 - d. section 5 RPS6694 to the owner of Lot 43 DP 602661 and issue one amalgamated title
4. Authorises the Manager Property Consultancy to undertake all actions, negotiate and conclude all the agreements necessary to facilitate the recommendations above on terms and conditions acceptable to him at his sole discretion.

Mayor/Deputy Mayor

Carried

10. 2025-26 Sustainability Fund Allocation

Council Resolved CNCL/2026/00040

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

That the Council:

1. Receives the information in the 2025-26 Sustainability Fund Allocation Report.
2. Notes that the decision in this report is assessed as low significance based on the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. Approves the recommended allocations from the 2025-2026 Sustainability Fund as outlined in the following table:

Funding Request Number	Name	Name/Subject	Amount Recommended
27	Te Manawa Ora Trust	Pa Whakaoranga Kaupapa Māori Community Garden	\$25,000.00
45	Smith Street Community Farm Trust	Water & Carbon Retention Project	\$22,000.00
22	The New Brighton Community Gardens Charitable Trust	Young Propagating Gardeners and Sustainability Hub	\$20,000.00
61	Food Resilience Network Inc	Roots of Resilience: Growing Climate-Ready Soils	\$20,000.00
65	Hornby Presbyterian Community Trust (Te Whare Awhero)	Grow Hornby	\$20,000.00
55	Para Kore Marae	Mai i Kurawaka & Kope Tautaiāo 2026	\$15,525.00
07	Living Springs	Climate resilience	\$15,000.00
42	RAD Bikes Charitable Trust	Strengthening 'Find a Bike' 2026-27	\$15,000.00
46	Christchurch Envirohub Trust	Envirokids	\$15,000.00
53	G & P Farm shop Limited (trading as Untamed Earth Organic Farm)	Collective Regenerative Farming Project	\$15,000.00
63	Terra Nova Foundation	Ōtautahi Emissions Reduction Project	\$15,000.00
40	Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke Inc	Returning Raupō to Whakaraupō	\$13,000.00
06	Richmond Community Garden Trust	Riverlution Precious Plastic	\$12,500.00

08	Canterbury Horticultural Society	Orchards in Schools (OIS)	\$12,500.00
41	Garden to Table Trust	Garden to Table Christchurch	\$12,500.00
43	Re-Purpose Pals	Re-thinking Waste for Wellbeing	\$12,000.00
14	Wild Game Recovery Charitable Trust	Hunting for conservation and food security	\$10,000.00
15	Ao Tawhiti Unlimited Discovery/Climate Action Campus Ōtautahi	Community Education for Climate Change resilience	\$10,000.00
33	Sir Peter Blake Charity Limited	BLAKE NZ-VR: Climate Change	\$10,000.00
35	Conservation Volunteers New Zealand	CVNZ Community Nursery	\$10,000.00
36	Shirley Community Trust	MacFarlane Park Food Forest	\$10,000.00
52	Canterbury Community Gardens Association Inc	Community Orchards	\$10,000.00
54	Christchurch Transitional Architecture Trust	Christchurch Conversations 2026	\$10,000.00
37	Untouched World Charitable Trust	Change Forward - Rangatahi in action	\$8,400.00
16	Canterbury Horticultural Society	CHS Avebury Climate Resilient Garden	\$8,000.00
31	The Green Lab	Summer back yard building	\$8,000.00
38	All Aboard Transport Decarbonisation Trust	Going Places 2026	\$8,000.00
60	Kia Kotahi Ako Charitable Trust	Powering solar education with Te Pā Foundation	\$8,000.00
01	A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand	Eco Church: Children, youth and climate action	\$5,000.00
03	Cultivate Christchurch	Cultivate Explore	\$5,000.00
10	Future Curious	Climate Futures Summit	\$5,000.00
49	Styx Living Laboratory Trust	Community tree canopy project	\$5,000.00
21	The Surfboard Library	Surfboard Library & Precious Plastics Programme	\$3,500.00
50	Stitch O Mat Charitable Trust	Running Costs - Promoting Sustainable Practice	\$2,573.00
29	Sustained Fun Ltd	World Sustainable Toy Day	\$2,570.00
32	Ki te Tihi / The Loft Charitable Trust	Carbon Positive Certification for The Loft	\$932.00

04	BLOOM Sustainability Limited T/A &BLOOM	BLOOMING Sustainability newsletter	Decline
05	BLOOM Sustainability Limited T/A &BLOOM	The Bloom Sustainability Sprint	Decline
09	Oaklands Te Kura o Ōwaka School	Installation of Solar Panels	Decline
12	Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust	Fire Sensor for new walking track	Decline
13	Stepping Stone Trust	Car Electrification	Decline
17	Hiringa Refuelling New Zealand Ltd.	Christchurch Hydrogen Demonstration Opportunity	Decline
19	Brighton Observatory of Environment & Economics Trust	Supporting Adapting Communities: (Heat).	Decline
20	Blue Cradle Foundation	Immersive Lab for Seaweed 2026	Decline
23	Christchurch Envirohub Trust	Environmental Coworking Space	Decline
24	Lakshman Jayasekara	'EUDAIMONIA- Back to the Future for Happiness'	Decline
34	Growing New Brighton	Autumn planting	Decline
44	Summit Road Society	Linda Woods Reserve Revegetation	Decline
48	Dharma Yodha New Zealand Inc.	Community Sustainability Leaders Workshops	Decline
41	The Wednesday Challenge HQ Limited	The Weekday Challenge Business Programme	Decline
56	Ōnuku Rūnanga	Te Kori a te Kō	Decline
57	Summit Road Society	Ōhinetahi Revegetation	Decline
58	Without Waste Limited	SUC Free Ōtautahi	Decline
62	TechCollect NZ Limited	Christchurch Free Community E- Waste Drop-Off	Decline
64	Food Resilience Network Inc	Growing Futures: Ōtautahi Permaculture Programme	Decline
66	The Arts Centre of Christchurch Trust Board	Offset operating costs by introducing solar energy	Decline
67	Big Street Bikers Limited	Activation Specialist	Decline
68	Avon Ōtākaro Network Inc	Ōtākaro Stormwater Truth (Phase Two)	Decline
11	The Wednesday Challenge HQ Limited	The Wednesday Challenge Schools' Programme 2026	Decline

18	Neighbourhood Trust	Solar Panel Project	Decline
39	Predator free NB/Coastal Kaitiaki	Predator free NB	Decline

4. Approves the transfer of any unallocated funds from 2025-26 Sustainability Fund to the 2026-27 Sustainability Fund.

Councillor Harrison-Hunt/Mayor

Carried

Councillor Coker declared an interest in Recommendation 3 in relation to the Summit Road Society application.

For 16 Councillor Barber, Councillor Cartwright, Councillor Coker, Councillor Cotter, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Fields, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor Herz Jardine, Councillor Johanson, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor McLellan, Councillor Moore, Councillor Peters, Councillor Scandrett, Deputy Mayor Henstock, Mayor Mauger

Against	1	Councillor Keown
Abstain	0	
TOTAL	17	

11. Hearings Panel report to the Council on the Future of Lichfield Street Carpark

Council Resolved CNCL/2026/00041

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

That the Council:

1. Resolves to retain the Lichfield Street Carpark;
2. Confirms that the primary reason to hold the carpark is to provide casual, short-stay parking to support the Central City, on a commercial basis that reduces the burden on ratepayers;
3. Authorises staff to find and implement costs savings where they will not have material changes to service delivery;
4. Notes that the Council is already consulting on proposed increases to car parking fees as part of the 2026/27 Annual Plan; and
5. Requests staff to present advice on mechanisms to improve the financial performance of the Lichfield Street Carpark including, but not limited to further regular fee changes, dynamic pricing, reviewing the balance and location of long and short-term parking, costs savings and changes to the operating model, in time to inform the 2027 to 2037 Long Term Plan.

Councillor Cotter/Councillor Peters

Carried

For	10	Councillor Coker, Councillor Cotter, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Fields, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor Herz Jardine, Councillor Johanson, Councillor McLellan, Councillor Moore, Councillor Peters
Against	6	Councillor Barber, Councillor Cartwright, Councillor Keown, Councillor MacDonald, Deputy Mayor, Mayor
Abstain	1	Councillor Scandrett
TOTAL	17	

The meeting adjourned at 1.03 pm and reconvened at 2.02 pm. Councillors Fields and Scandrett were not present at this time.

Councillor Harrison-Hunt did not return to the meeting nor participate in any further discussion or vote.

Councillor Scandrett returned to the meeting at 2.03 pm during consideration of Item 12.

Councillor Fields returned to the meeting at 2.06 pm during consideration of Item 12.

12. International Relations Update

Council Comment

1. Council Officer Duncan Sandeman presented the Item and answered questions from elected members.
2. The Officer Recommendations were Moved by Councillor Keown and Seconded by Councillor MacDonald.
3. During questions, and with the agreement of the Mover and Seconder, Recommendation 3 was updated to reflect that approval of Council-funded travel would be undertaken within existing budgets (refer Resolution 3). Reference to the document identifying the elected members approved for Council-funded travel was also updated for clarification.
4. With the agreement of the Mover and Seconder, a further recommendation was added to the Motion noting that an expression of interest process would be undertaken to determine councillor interest in travel to India (refer Resolution 4).
5. At the conclusion of debate the updated Motion was voted on and declared carried.

Officer Recommendations

That the Council:

1. Receives the information in the International Relations Update Report.
2. Notes that the decision in this report is assessed as low significance based on the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. Approves Council funded travel by the Mayor and elected members identified in Attachment B: Schedule 1 (Elected Member Travel in Support of the IRPF) through to October 2028 for the joint purposes of:
 - a. Commemorating significant Sister City anniversaries, and
 - b. Supporting International Relations Policy Framework engagement.

4. Approves the upgrade of our relationship with Shenzhen, People’s Republic of China, to a Sister City.

Council Resolved CNCL/2026/00042

That the Council:

1. Receives the information in the International Relations Update Report.
2. Notes that the decision in this report is assessed as low significance based on the Christchurch City Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. Approves Council-funded travel within existing budgets by the Mayor and elected members identified in the International Relations Update Report of 1 April 2026, through to October 2028 for the joint purposes of:
 - a. Commemorating significant Sister City anniversaries, and
 - b. Supporting International Relations Policy Framework engagement.
4. Approves the upgrade of our relationship with Shenzhen, People’s Republic of China, to a Sister City.
5. Notes that the Council will go through a forthcoming Expression of Interest process to gauge interest for the second Sister City trip to India.

Councillor Keown/Councillor MacDonald

Carried

For 14 Councillor Barber, Councillor Cartwright, Councillor Cotter, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Fields, Councillor Herz Jardine, Councillor Keown, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor McLellan, Councillor Moore, Councillor Peters, Councillor Scandrett, Deputy Mayor, Mayor

Against 2 Councillor Coker, Councillor Johanson

Abstain 0

TOTAL 16

Absent 1 Councillor Harrison-Hunt

13. Hagley Park & Botanic Gardens - No Stopping & Mobility Park Parking Restrictions - Update

Council Resolved CNCL/2026/00043

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

That the Council:

1. Receives the information in the Hagley Park & Botanic Gardens - No Stopping & Mobility Park Parking Restrictions - Update Report.
2. Notes that the decision in this report is assessed as low significance based on the Christchurch City Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. Revokes any previous resolutions in accordance with Clause 6 (2) of the Christchurch City Council Traffic & Parking Bylaw 2017, within the Hagley Park car parking areas described in this report, pertaining to parking or stopping restrictions, made pursuant

to any Bylaw, Local Government Act or any Land Transport Rule, to the extent that they are in conflict with, or recommended to be removed, in regard to the parking or stopping restrictions described in Recommendations 4-5 below.

4. Approves, in accordance with clause 7 of the Christchurch City Council Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017, that the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time within the Hagley Park Botanic Gardens parking area as detailed on plan Hagley Park – Riccarton Avenue – Botanic Car Park, (TG148381 dated 19/01/2026). Attachment A to this report.
5. Approves that in accordance with Clause 7 of the Christchurch City Council Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017, and in accordance with section 12.4 of the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004, that the parking of vehicles be reserved for vehicles with an approved disabled person's parking permit, prominently displayed in the vehicle, within the Hagley Park Botanic Gardens parking area as detailed on plan Hagley Park – Armagh Street – Botanic Car Park, (TG148381 dated 19/01/2026). Attachment B to this report. This restriction is to apply at all times.
6. Approves that the above resolutions take effect when parking signage and/or road markings that evidence the restrictions described in this staff report are in place (or removed in the case of revocations).

Deputy Mayor/Mayor

Carried

14. Biodiversity Fund Allocation - Correction

Council Resolved CNCL/2026/00044

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

That the Council:

1. Receives the information in the Biodiversity Fund Allocation - Correction Report.
2. Notes that the decision in this report are assessed as low significance based on the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. Alters the 4 March 2026 Council decision (CNCL/2026/00031) only in relation to the Biodiversity Fund allocation towards Kaituna Community Weeding to reflect the grant of \$60,000 from the 2025/26 Biodiversity Fund to Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust rather than the application contact, Marie Neal.

Mayor/Councillor McLellan

Carried

15. Notice of Motion - Parker / Gilberthorpes / Waterloo Intersection Signalisation

Council Comment

1. Councillor Peters introduced his Notice of Motion and stated his support for the alternative Officer recommendations included in the report on the agenda. He then Moved the alternative recommendations (refer Resolutions 1 and 2) and this was Seconded by Councillor MacDonald.
2. At the conclusion of questions the meeting voted on the Notice of Motion which was declared carried.

Councillor Peters' Notice of Motion:

That the Council:

1. Pauses any further work on the Parker Street, Gilberthorpes Road, and Waterloo intersection as part of the South Express MCR and asks staff to report to Council on options to enhance the safety and effectiveness of the intersection, including full signalisation, in time for consideration as part of the 2027-37 Long-Term Plan.

Council Resolved CNCL/2026/00045

Officer Recommended Alternative:

That the Council:

1. Pauses any further work on the permanent design of the Parker Street, Gilberthorpes Road, and Waterloo intersection as part of the South Express MCR and asks staff to report to Council on options to enhance the safety and effectiveness of the intersection, including full signalisation, in time for consideration as part of the 2027-37 Long-Term Plan.
2. Requests staff bring interim options to the Council regarding the safety and usability of the intersection for pedestrians and cyclists, to allow users of the South Express MCR a safe route ahead of permanent changes.

Councillor Peters/Councillor MacDonald

Carried

16. Mayor's Monthly Report

Council Resolved CNCL/2026/00046

Officer Recommendation accepted without change

That the Council:

1. Receives the information in the Mayor's Monthly report.

Mayor/Councillor McLellan

Carried

17. Resolution to Exclude the Public Te whakataunga kaupare hunga tūmatanui

Council Resolved CNCL/2026/00047

That at 2.36 pm the resolution to exclude the public set out on pages 258 to 259 of the agenda be adopted.

Councillor Peters/Mayor

Carried

The public were re-admitted to the meeting at 2.45 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 2.45 pm and reconvened at 2.03 pm on Thursday, 2 April 2026 in the Camellia Chambers.

21. Consideration of Additional Public Excluded Item of Business

Council Resolved CNCL/2026/00051

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

That the Council:

1. Agrees to consider the Public Excluded Strategic Property Acquisition Update report at today's reconvened Council meeting, 1 April, consistent with Standing Order 6.11, noting the information regarding the matter only became available late yesterday.
2. Notes that this matter will be dealt with in the Public Excluded session due to commercial sensitivity and prejudice to the Council's negotiating position.

Councillor Cotter/Councillor Peters

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 2.34 pm and reconvened at 2.41 pm during consideration of Item 9.

9. Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond Odour Mitigation

Council Comment

1. Council Officers Gavin Hutchinson, Adam Twose and Brent Pizey joined the table to answer questions from elected members.
2. The Officer Recommendations were Moved by the Mayor and Seconded by Councillor McLellan with the addition of two further recommendations (refer Resolutions 4 and 5).
3. Councillor Donovan Moved and Councillor Herz Jardine Seconded a foreshadowed motion to progress Option 2 in the Officer report, increasing aeration to achieve the 99th percentile Biological Oxygen Demand mitigation.
4. During questions two further recommendations were raised. After a brief adjournment to clarify wording, these were incorporated into the Motion with the agreement of the Mover and Secunder (refer underlined Resolutions 6 and 7).
5. At the conclusion of debate the meeting voted on Recommendation 3 (the 95th percentile option) separately. This was declared carried.
6. The meeting then voted on the remaining Recommendations 1 – 2 and 4 – 7, which were declared carried.

Officer Recommendations

That the Council:

1. Receives the information in the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond Odour Mitigation Report.
2. Notes that the decision in this report is assessed as medium significance based on the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. Agrees to increase aeration of the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant ponds sufficient to mitigate the 95th percentile increase in Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) and requests that this be implemented urgently.

Motion Moved / Seconded

That the Council:

1. Receives the information in the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond Odour Mitigation Report.
2. Notes that the decision in this report is assessed as medium significance based on the Christchurch City Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. Agrees to increase aeration of the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant ponds sufficient to mitigate the 95th percentile increase in Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) and requests that this be implemented urgently.
4. Notes that, under staff delegation, a biochemical additive product aimed at reducing odour is currently being trialled and that staff will either report back to the Council on its efficacy or, if effective, proceed with application under their delegation.
5. Request monthly reporting to the Finance and Performance Committee on monitoring of the temporary treatment plant, noting that updates on the new plant are already provided through the capital performance report.
6. Delegates to staff to add additional aerators from within existing budgets if they identify these are required, noting that this will be reported to the Finance and Performance Committee via monthly updates.
7. Notes that a separate briefing will be coming to the Council regarding the psychosocial response and recovery plan.

Mayor/Councillor McLellan

Moved/Seconded

Council Resolved CNCL/2026/00052

3. Agrees to increase aeration of the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant ponds sufficient to mitigate the 95th percentile increase in Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) and requests that this be implemented urgently.

Mayor/Councillor McLellan

Carried

For	15	Councillor Barber, Councillor Cartwright, Councillor Coker, Councillor Cotter, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Fields, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor Herz Jardine, Councillor Johanson, Councillor Keown, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor McLellan, Councillor Scandrett), Deputy Mayor, Mayor
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Against	2	Councillor Moore, Councillor Peters
Abstain	0	
TOTAL	17	

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That the Council:

1. Receives the information in the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant Pond Odour Mitigation Report.
2. Notes that the decision in this report is assessed as medium significance based on the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
4. Notes that, under staff delegation, a biochemical additive product aimed at reducing odour is currently being trialled and that staff will either report back to the Council on its efficacy or, if effective, proceed with application under their delegation.
5. Request monthly reporting to the Finance and Performance Committee on monitoring of the temporary treatment plant, noting that updates on the new plant are already provided through the capital performance report.
6. Delegates to staff to add additional aerators from within existing budgets if they identify these are required, noting that this will be reported to the Finance and Performance Committee via monthly updates.
7. Notes that a separate briefing will be coming to the Council regarding the psychosocial response and recovery plan.

Mayor/Councillor McLellan

Carried

Attachments

- A Council Workshop Notes and Officer Presentation - 1 April 2026 

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Council Resolved CNCL/2026/00054

That at 3.02 pm the resolution to exclude the public to proceed with the additional Public Excluded Item in accordance with Standing Order 6.11 be adopted.

Mayor/Councillor Cotter

Carried

The public were re-admitted to the meeting at 3.34 pm.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Meeting concluded at 3.34 pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY 2026

MAYOR PHIL MAUGER
CHAIRPERSON