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## Workshop - Council NOTES

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**Date:** Tuesday 15 October 2024  
**Time:** 9.33 am  
**Venue:** Council Chambers, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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**Present**

Chairperson	Mayor Phil Mauger
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor Pauline Cotter
Members	Councillor Kelly Barber
	Councillor Melanie Coker
	Councillor Tyrone Fields
	Councillor James Gough
	Councillor Tyla Harrison-Hunt – audiovisual link
	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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The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

## **1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha**

An apology was received from Councillor Donovan for absence.

## **2. Annual Plan 25/26 Briefing Update**

- 1.1 Bede Carran (GM Finance, Risk & Performance / CFO) provided a financial update, including an indicative rates position and overview of the Capital Programme budgets.
- 1.2 A PowerPoint presentation was provided to support Item 2 *Annual Plan 25/26 Briefing Update* (**Attachment A** below).

### **Discussion**

- 1.3 Staff provided the following responses to questions raised during the workshop:
  - 1.3.1 The changes shown on the overall capital programme budgets would not drive significant rates increase however, there can be flow on effects in terms of depreciation and ongoing operational costs.

### **Actions**

- 1.4 During discussions, the workshop requested the following:
  - 1.4.1 Comparative (per capita) Transport, Parks and Three Waters budgets from other major Territorial Authorities.
  - 1.4.2 That relevant revenue sources be indicated on budget figures. For example, a footnote clarifying the budget % provided through Development Contributions.

### **Attachments**

A [Presentation](#) 

#### **2.1 Annual Plan 25/26 - Transport**

- 1.5 Lynette Ellis (Head of Transport & Waste Management) and Stephen Wright (Manager Operations (Transport)) provided the following information on Transport services in relation to the Annual Plan 25/26 process:
  - 1.5.1 The purpose of the first session was to provide information on:
    - Impacts of the Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS), the National Land Transport Plan 24-26 (NLTP) and changes to legislation.
    - Summary of the Transport Capital Programme as per the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP 24-34).
    - Changes to the Transport Capital Programme.
    - Major Transport projects.
    - Major Transport programmes
    - Carry over actions from the LTP 24/34.
  - 1.5.2 It was noted that the further sessions on Transport will include:

- Session 2 on 22 October 2024: Levels of Service; Opex; Capital projects and programmes.
  - Session 3 on 29 October 2024: Changes proposed and other issues.
- 1.6 In support of the Transport session, the following documents were provided to Elected Members:
- Supplementary Slides (**Attachment A** below)
  - Footpath Renewals (**Attachment B** below)
  - Street Renewals prioritisation (**Attachment C** below)
  - Minor Road Safety prioritisation (**Attachment D** below)
  - Minor Safety Interventions prioritisation (**Attachment E** below)
  - Road Rehabilitation prioritisation (**Attachment F** below)
  - Road Resurfacing prioritisation (**Attachment G** below)

### **Discussion**








- 1.7 Elected members discussed the following:
- 1.7.1 Conflicts between increased tree plantings and impacts on utilities, roads and footpaths.
  - 1.7.2 The high-level process and issues relating to putting in underground power lines.
  - 1.7.3 The rates impact of progressing all carry overs from the LTP 24/34.
- 1.8 Staff provided the following responses to questions raised during the workshop:
- 1.8.1 As a rule, utility providers do not allow tree planting over their services.
  - 1.8.2 Generally, underground power lines are more expensive and less resilient to natural disasters than overhead lines.
  - 1.8.3 Power lines are not generally considered part of street renewals.
  - 1.8.4 Government subsidies for footpath work are limited and currently will all be used for maintenance. A report on the footpath programme, including data obtained from the new AI tool, is anticipated in due course.
  - 1.8.5 The \$13 million possible funding for Pages Road Bridge is comprised of \$6.5 million from the Council and \$6.5 million from the Government. Any Government contribution is contingent on the Business Case process.
  - 1.8.6 Staff will discuss proposed street renewals with the relevant Community Boards. For example, the proposed carryover amendment from the LTP24-34 was to add Bryndwr Road to the street renewal programme in FY26/27 but staff will discuss timing with the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board.
- 1.9 Items that require further information / discussion in upcoming workshops:
- 1.9.1 MCR South Express - proposed timings.
  - 1.9.2 Lincoln Road PT (Curletts – Wrights) - impacts of Business Case requirements on project.
  - 1.9.3 Pages Road Bridge – breakdown of costs regarding the bridge vs. wider works.
  - 1.9.4 Amyes Road – proposed timings and road strength data.

- 1.9.5 Improving Bromley Roads – next steps for preparation of overall plan to guide community discussions and inform future budget requirements.
- 1.9.6 Avon Ōtākaro River Route MCR (Section 1) – clarification of any additional budget/resources required to undertake Business Case.
- 1.9.7 Wheels to Wings – options and rationale for staff recommendation.
- 1.9.8 Programme budgets – to be confirmed or updated.

### **Actions**

- 1.10 During discussions, the workshop requested the following:
  - 1.10.1A high-level summary of changes to Transport Choices, including any updated costs.
  - 1.10.2 Clarification around the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 process.
  - 1.10.3 Clarification on any impacts of speed limit changes to unprotected/lower-level cycleways.
  - 1.10.4 For sealing the last 50 metres of Dalleys Lane to be discussed with Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board.
  - 1.10.5 Presentations to Community Boards on the Safety Programme (improvements and interventions) to clearly show any changes.
  - 1.10.6A list of all consents issued in the area affected by the proposed Te Aratai Cycle Connections corridor since consultation.
  - 1.10.7 Further information / discussion in upcoming workshops:
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### **Attachments**

- A Supplementary slides 
- B Footpath Renewals 
- C Street Renewals prioritisation 
- D Minor Road Safety prioritisation 
- E Minor Safety Interventions prioritisation 
- F Road Rehabilitation prioritisation 
- G Road Resurfacing prioritisation 

The workshop adjourned at 11.03 am and reconvened at 11.25 am.  
Councillor MacDonald joined the workshop and Councillor Gough rejoined the workshop at 10.28 am during consideration of item 2.2 – Annual Plan 25/26 - Parks.

## **2.2 Annual Plan 25/26 - Parks**

- 1.11 Andrew Rutledge (GM Citizens & Community) and Rupert Bool (Head of Parks) provided:
- Feedback on the actions raised during the workshop on 1 October 2024.
  - A list of candidates currently earmarked at programme level for the next three years in the following areas:
    - Buildings, furniture and structures
    - Play and recreation facilities
    - Gardens and Urban Forest
    - Footpaths and carparks
    - Sports fields.
- 1.12 In support of the Parks session, the following documents were provided to Elected Members:
- Parks candidate projects for AP25/26 (**Attachment A** below).
- 1.13 Staff provided the following responses to actions raised during the last Parks session on 1 October 2024:
- 1.13.1 Sports Network Field Plan: The artificial turf sports fields that will be installed under the Sports Field Network Plan are known as ‘third generation’ (3G) surfaces. These have been developed by FIFA and World Rugby to cater for all levels of the sports including recreational, training and grassroots applications to maximise safety. They are common throughout NZ.
- 1.13.2 Sockburn Park: There is currently \$565,957 budgeted into this project with planning work starting in FY25/26. The tree planting plan will be included within the development of the project.
- 1.13.3 Wycola Skate Park: This is an active project with \$407,874 over FY 25/27.
- 1.13.4 Development Contributions (DCs): The process of charging DCs for a project is as follows:
- The project to be listed in the Long-Term Plan.
  - A calculation of the growth portion of the project, as DCs can only be charged for this portion of each project.
  - The project to be listed in the DC Policy.
- Once the project has been listed, DCs can fund the growth portion. For example, the South-West Dog Park.
- 1.13.5 South-West Dog Park: The South-West Dog Park is part of a Capital Development Programme which is 40% funded by Development Contributions.
- 1.13.6 Biodiversity staffing across the Council:

- The resolution from the LTP24-34 was: "*That the Council requests staff advice on options for increasing the staff within the Park Rangers team to support volunteers working on biodiversity and pest control for a future Annual Plan*".
- The parks team believe that the current resourcing levels are sufficient to support volunteers in this area.
- Staff will develop a series of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for volunteers who wish to contribute service for biodiversity and pest control outcomes in council parks and reserves to address concerns about variations in the advice being provided by operational staff to volunteers on appropriate methodologies and operational practices.

1.13.7 Overview of current volunteer programme: Staff have worked with 164 different volunteer groups across all areas of Parks and carried out 415 various volunteer-based activities.

### **Discussion**

1.14 Elected members discussed the following:

1.14.1 Safety and other issues with artificial turf.

1.14.2 Staff advice that feedback on prioritising sports fields in the Sports Network Field Plan from Regional Sport Organisations is being collated, with feedback from one organisation still outstanding.

1.15 Staff provided the following responses to questions raised during the workshop:

1.15.1 Staff are currently working through the design process for Wycola Skate Park.

1.15.2 Renewals are often budgeted over two years to allow for planning and consenting. Should work be able to progress faster, monies can be brought back early.

1.15.3 Like for like renewals do not generally necessitate public consultation. Staff engage with key stakeholder on scope.

1.16 Items that require further information / discussion in upcoming workshops:

1.16.1 Options for charging for the use of sports fields in the same way that other community facilities are charged for and advice on what consultation would be required.

### **Actions**

1.17 During discussions, the workshop requested the following:

1.17.1 An update on the lease of English Park.

1.17.2 An update on the recruitment of a biodiversity coordinator in the Policy team.

1.17.3 A list identifying all parks/reserves that currently have a master plan and a forward work programme for parks/reserves where a master plan is proposed to be developed.

1.17.4 Clarification of how appropriate land purchases for parks/reserves are planned for areas that have experienced, or are anticipated to experience, intensification.

1.17.5 Further information / discussion in upcoming workshops: Options for charging for the use of sports fields in the same way that other community facilities are charged for and advice on what consultation would be required.

## **Attachments**

- A Parks Candidate Projects for AP 25/26 

### **2.3 Annual Plan 25/26 - Three Waters**

1.18 Brent Smith (GM City Infrastructure) provided information on changes to proposed Three Water services as a result of feedback from the workshop on 1 October 2024, in terms of:

- Budget additions;
- Rephasing; and
- Carry over actions from the LTP 24-34.

#### **Discussion**

1.19 Elected members discussed the following:

1.19.1 Progress on Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) work in Akaroa.

1.19.2 Consulting on increasing water supply mains and sub-mains renewals as part of the AP25/26 process.

1.20 Staff provided the following responses to questions raised during the workshop:

1.20.1 Current projections are unlikely to be affected by reforms to water management legislation. The Levels of Service (LoS) and budgets will remain the same to achieve regulatory and LoS requirements.

1.20.2 There is currently insufficient data to assess compliance with LoS set in the LTP24-34 regarding reducing water loss from water infrastructure.

1.21 Items that require further information / discussion in upcoming workshops:

1.21.1 SW Weir Place Flood Management – further details of proposed rephasing.

#### **Actions**

1.22 During discussions, the workshop requested the following:

1.22.1 Confirmation on whether the Asset Management Maturity Report indicates the value/budget of any work attributable to failure of Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT) work.

1.22.2 Further information / discussion in upcoming workshops: SW Weir Place Flood Management – further details of proposed rephasing.

The workshop adjourned at 11.23 am and reconvened at 11.27 am.

Mayor Mauger and Councillors Keown and Gough left the workshop at 11.23 am after consideration of item 2.3 Annual Plan 25/26 – Three Waters.

Deputy Mayor Cotter assumed the Chair for consideration of item 3 Plan Change 17.

During consideration of item 3 Plan Change 17:

- Councillor Henstock returned to the workshop at 12.29 pm.
- Councillor Johanson returned to the workshop at 12.31 pm.
- Councillor Harrison-Hunt returned to the workshop at 12.37 pm.

### 3. Plan Change 17 - Flood management areas, activities within the Waimakariri River stopbank setbacks and earthworks.

- 1.1 Darren Bridgett (Team Leader CP), Abby Stowell (Senior Policy Planner CP) and Marie Pollisco (Policy Planner CP) provided information on Proposed Plan Change 17, including:
  - Flood Management Areas (FMAs).
  - Activities near the Waimakariri River stopbanks.
  - Earthworks.
- 1.2 A PowerPoint presentation was provided to support item 3 Plan Change 17 (**Attachment A** below).
- 1.3 During the workshop staff confirmed that:
  - 1.3.1 Plan Change 17 does not change the obligation to disclose information the council holds about the particular characteristics of a piece of land on the Land Information Memorandum (LIM).
- 1.4 All of the properties within the fixed minimum floor overlay are within the FMA.

#### Discussion

- 1.5 Elected members discussed the following:
  - 1.5.1 The Council's responsibilities under the discharge consent.
  - 1.5.2 Compliance cost changes anticipated from the proposed Plan Change 17 and allocation of costs between society and developers.
  - 1.5.3 The legal principle of natural servitude.

#### Actions

- 1.6 During discussions, the workshop requested the following:
  - 1.6.1 Advice on increased compliance FTE as part of the Annual Plan 2025/26 process.

#### Attachments

- A Presentation 

**The workshop concluded at 1pm.**