



Finance and Performance Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 10 February 2026
Time: 9.35 am
Venue: Camellia Chambers, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Present

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

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Part A	Matters Requiring a Council Decision
Part B	Reports for Information
Part C	Decisions Under Delegation

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.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha Committee Decision

There were no apologies received.

2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

Councillors Coker and Cartwright declared an interest in *Item 3. Draft Annual Plan 2026/27* relating to Amendment A5 – Canterbury Museum.

Councillor Donovan joined the meeting at 9.37 am during consideration of *Item 3. Draft Annual Plan 2026/27*.

3. Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 Committee Comment

1. Council Officer Peter Ryan joined the table to present the report.
2. The Council's Audit and Risk Management Committee (Committee) Chair, Bruce Robertson, joined the meeting via audio/visual link to present the Committee's Recommendations from its meeting on 2 February 2026.
3. Councillors were provided an opportunity to ask questions of clarification of the Committee Chair.
4. Councillors were provided an opportunity to ask questions of clarification of staff regarding the draft Annual Plan.
5. Original Officer Recommendations 1 through 4 were Moved by Councillor MacDonald and Seconded by Councillor McLellan. When put to the vote the Recommendations were declared carried.
6. The meeting resolved to temporarily suspend specified Standing Orders.
7. Councillor MacDonald Moved, and Councillor McLellan Seconded, Officer Recommendations 5 and 6 to place the draft 2026/27 Annual Plan on the table for consideration of proposed Councillor amendments.

8. The meeting adjourned to enable staff to provide advice regarding the proposed amendments.
9. Upon reconvening, the following proposed amendments were Moved and Seconded and Councillors were provided an opportunity to ask questions of clarification:
 - A1: Advice on the Council's role in community housing
 - A2: Improving Bromley Roads budget
 - A3: MCR route connection Pages Road Bridge to the beach
 - A4: Strengthening Communities Fund
 - A5: Canterbury Museum.
10. The meeting held one debate for all proposed amendments and voted on each amendment individually (refer below to the individual voting records).
11. Councillors were provided an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Consultation Document.
12. Council Officer Mitch Shaw joined the table to note that, based on the carried amendments, the updated proposed rates figure increased from 7.95% to 7.96%. Recommendation 5 was updated to reflect this update.
13. The meeting held one debate for Recommendations 5 and 6 (the adoption of the draft Annual Plan and associated documents).
14. The meeting voted on updated Recommendation 5 which was declared carried.
15. The meeting voted on Recommendation 6 which was declared carried.
16. Councillor MacDonald Moved, and Councillor McLellan Seconded, the updated Recommendation 7 delegating final approval of the Consultation Document to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillors Cotter and McLellan. When put to the vote the updated recommendation was declared carried.
17. Recommendations 8 to 10 were Moved by Councillor MacDonald and Seconded by Councillor McLellan and when put to the vote, declared carried.
18. The meeting resumed Standing Orders.

Original Officer Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 Report.
2. Notes that the decisions in this report are assessed as being of high significance based on the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. Notes the Recommendations of the Council's Audit and Risk Management Committee at its meeting on 02 February 2026 (refer Attachment A).
4. Notes that the information and options provided in the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 report are as directed by the resolutions of the Finance and Performance Committee (on behalf of Council) at its meeting of 17 December 2025.

5. Confirms the staff recommendation as the preferred option upon which to base development of the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27, noting that key components detailed below result in an average overall rates increase of 7.95% for 2026/27:
 - a. the reduction of the planned core capital expenditure to \$586.2 million following a review of the deliverability of the Council's capital programme; and
 - b. the in-housing of the Council's urban development functions; and
 - c. the application of \$6.3 million of analytical savings to debt reduction, by increasing rating for renewals; and
 - d. the application of \$10.0 million of the forecast 2025/26 operating cash surplus to reduce borrowing in 2025/26, reducing opening debt for 2026/27; and
 - e. reducing the Business differential on the Value Based General Rate from 2.220 to 2.000; and
 - f. a breach of the balanced budget financial prudence benchmark for 2026/27 (as indicated in the LTP).
6. Approves and adopts for consultation the information contained or referred to in the staff report which provides the basis for the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27, together with any amendments made by resolution at the meeting, and which includes the following attachments of this report:
 - a. Financial Overview, including financial changes to that contained in the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 (Attachment B)
 - b. Funding Impact Statement (Attachment C)
 - c. Rating Information (Attachment D)
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 - j. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (Attachment K)
 - k. Reserves and Trust Funds (Attachment L)
 - l. Capital Endowment Fund (Attachment M)
 - m. Summary of Grants (Attachment N)
 - n. List of properties for seeking the community views and preferences as to their future use (Attachment O)
7. Approves and adopts for public consultation the draft Consultation Document for the Draft 2026/27 Annual Plan (under separate cover).
8. Approves the following process for the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 consultation:
 - a. All relevant information and documents, including the Consultation Document, be made available on the Council's website from 27 February 2026.

- b. Hard copy information and documents to be made available at Council libraries and service centres from 27 February 2026.
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 - d. For people who indicate they wish to present oral submissions, hearings will be held from late March to April 2026 (exact dates will be confirmed and communicated to those submitters closer to the time), noting that only the name of the submitter is published with the submissions.
9. Authorises the General Manager Finance, Risk and Performance/CFO to make any non-material changes to the Draft 2026/27 Annual Plan documents and/or information attached to or referred to in the staff report.
 10. Notes that the Council will meet on 23 June 2026 to adopt its Annual Plan 2026/27.

Committee Decisions under Delegation

Part C

Original Officer Recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 **Committee Resolved FPCO/2026/00017**

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

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Councillor MacDonald/Councillor McLellan

Carried

For 17 Mayor Mauger, Deputy Mayor Henstock, 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 Moore, Councillor Peters, Councillor Scandrett

Against	0	
Abstain	0	
TOTAL	17	

Temporary Suspension of Standing Orders
Committee Resolved FPCO/2026/00018

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

- 17.5 members may speak only once.
- 18.1 general procedure for speaking and moving motions.
- 18.8 foreshadowed amendments.
- 18.9 lost amendments
- 19.5 revocation or alteration by resolution at the same meeting.

Councillor MacDonald/Councillor McLellan

Carried

Original Officer Recommendations 5 and 6 – Moved/Seconded
Moved/Seconded

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- 5. Confirms the staff recommendation as the preferred option upon which to base development of the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27, noting that key components detailed below result in an average overall rates increase of 7.95% for 2026/27:
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Councillor MacDonald/Councillor McLellan

Moved/Seconded

The meeting adjourned at 10.49 am and reconvened at 11.51 am.

Councillor Proposed Amendments
Committee Resolved FPCO/2026/00019

A1: Advice on the Council's role in community housing

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- A1. Requests staff advice, including advice on community and stakeholder views, regarding the Council's future role in community housing, in time for consideration in the Long Term Plan.

Councillor Herz Jardine/Councillor Johanson

Carried

For	13	Deputy Mayor Henstock, Councillor Cartwright, Councillor Coker, Councillor Cotter, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Fields, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor Herz Jardine, Councillor Johanson, Councillor McLellan, Councillor Moore, Councillor Peters, Councillor Scandrett
Against	4	Councillor Barber, Councillor Keown, Councillor MacDonald, Mayor Mauger
Abstain	0	
TOTAL	17	

Committee Resolved FPCO/2026/00020

A2: Improving Bromley Roads budget

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- A2. Agrees that the Improving Bromley Roads project budget of 1.5 million of capex is not deferred to FY28.

Councillor Johanson/Mayor

Carried

For 16 Mayor Mauger, Deputy Mayor Henstock, 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

Against	0	
Abstain	1	Councillor Keown
TOTAL	17	

Committee Resolved FPCO/2026/00021

A3: MCR route connection Pages Road Bridge to the beach

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

- A3. Requests staff to report back to the Waitai Community Board prior to the adoption of the FY27 Annual Plan on rapid roll-out options to deliver the section of this MCR from Pages Road to the beach. Noting that previous Annual Plan amendments have prioritised existing budget for Section 3 of the MCR Ōtākaro Avon River route.

Councillor Donovan/Councillor Keown

Carried

For 16 Deputy Mayor Henstock, 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 Moore, Councillor Peters, Councillor Scandrett

Against	1	Mayor Mauger
Abstain	0	
TOTAL	17	

Committee Resolved FPCO/2026/00022

A4: Strengthening Communities Fund

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

A4A. Agrees to not decrease the Strengthening Communities Fund inflation protection; and

A4B. Proposes to increase the Strengthening Communities Fund inflation protection by a further 1.1%.

Councillor Coker/Councillor Scandrett

Carried

For	11	Deputy Mayor Henstock, Councillor Barber, Councillor Coker, Councillor Cotter, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Fields, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor Herz Jardine, Councillor Johanson, Councillor McLellan, Councillor Scandrett,
Against	6	Councillor Cartwright, Councillor Keown, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Moore, Councillor Peters, Mayor Mauger
Abstain	0	
TOTAL	17	

Committee Recommendation

A5: Canterbury Museum

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

A5. Agrees that the draft annual plan consultation includes an option to increase capital funding for the Canterbury Museum by \$980,000 in the annual plan year.

Councillor Cotter/Councillor McLellan

Lost

For	7	Councillor Cotter, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Fields, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor Herz Jardine, Councillor Johanson, Councillor McLellan
Against	8	Mayor Mauger, Deputy Mayor Henstock, Councillor Barber, Councillor Keown, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor Moore, Councillor Peters, Councillor Scandrett
Abstain	0	
TOTAL	15	
Conflict of Interest	2	Councillor Cartwright, Councillor Coker

Updated Recommendation 5 (Substantive Motion)
Committee Resolved FPCO/2026/00023

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

5. Confirms the staff recommendation subject to the amendments carried at the meeting, as the preferred option upon which to base development of the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27, noting that key components detailed below result in an average overall rates increase of 7.96% for 2026/27:
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Secretarial Note: The figure referred to in Resolution 5a does not reflect the non-deferral of \$1.5 million associated with Amendment A2.

Councillor MacDonald/Councillor McLellan

Carried

Recommendations 5a, 5c - 5f

For 15 Mayor Mauger, Deputy Mayor Henstock, Councillor Barber, Councillor Cartwright, Councillor Coker, Councillor Cotter, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Fields, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor Herz Jardine, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor McLellan, Councillor Moore, Councillor Peters, Councillor Scandrett

Against 2 Councillor Johanson, Councillor Keown

Abstain 0

TOTAL 17

Recommendation 5b

For 14 Mayor Mauger, Deputy Mayor Henstock, Councillor Barber, Councillor Cartwright, Councillor Coker, Councillor Cotter, Councillor Fields, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor Herz Jardine, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor McLellan, Councillor Moore, Councillor Peters, Councillor Scandrett

Against 3 Councillor Donovan, Councillor Johanson, Councillor Keown

Abstain 0

TOTAL 17

Original Officer Recommendation 6 (Substantive Motion)
Committee Resolved FPCO/2026/00024

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Councillor MacDonald/Councillor McLellan

Carried

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Against	1	Councillor Johanson
Abstain	0	
TOTAL	17	

Updated Officer Recommendation 7
Committee Resolved FPCO/2026/00025

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

7. Approves and adopts for public consultation the draft Consultation Document for the Draft 2026/27 Annual Plan (tabled at the meeting) subject to the incorporation of any amendments approved by resolution at the meeting, and delegates authority to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillors Cotter and McLellan to approve the final Consultation Document following incorporation of those amendments.

Councillor MacDonald/Councillor McLellan

Carried

For 17 Mayor Mauger, Deputy Mayor Henstock, 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 Moore, Councillor Peters, Councillor Scandrett

Against	0
Abstain	0
TOTAL	17

Original Officer Recommendations 8, 9 and 10
Committee Resolved FPCO/2026/00026

That the Finance and Performance Committee:

8. Approves the following process for the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 consultation:
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10. Notes that the Council will meet on 23 June 2026 to adopt its Annual Plan 2026/27.

Councillor MacDonald/Councillor McLellan

Carried


For 17 Mayor Mauger, Deputy Mayor Henstock, 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 Moore, Councillor Peters, Councillor Scandrett

Against 0

Abstain 0

TOTAL 17

Attachments

- A Draft Consultation document tabled at the Finance and Performance Committee meeting 10 February 2026 [⇒](#) 

Resumption of Standing Orders

Committee Resolved FPCO/2026/00027

That the Standing Orders set aside above, be resumed.

Councillor MacDonald/Councillor McLellan

Carried

Karakia Whakamutunga

Meeting concluded at 12.59 pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

COUNCILLOR SAM MACDONALD
CHAIRPERSON