



Policy and Planning Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 11 February 2026
Time: 9:31 am
Venue: Camellia Chambers, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Present

Chairperson	Deputy Mayor Victoria Henstock
Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Tyrone Fields
Members	Mayor Phil Mauger
	Councillor Kelly Barber
	Councillor David Cartwright
	Councillor Melanie Coker
	Councillor Pauline Cotter
	Councillor Celeste Donovan – via audio/visual link
	Councillor Tyla Harrison-Hunt
	Councillor Nathaniel Herz Jardine
	Councillor Yani Johanson
	Councillor Aaron Keown
	Councillor Sam MacDonald
	Councillor Jake McLellan – via audio/visual link
	Councillor Andrei Moore – via audio/visual link
	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

Part C Committee Decision

There were no apologies recorded.

2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

Part B There were no declarations of interest recorded.

Councillor Coker joined the meeting at 9.33 am.

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

Part C There were no previous minutes to confirm.

4. Public Forum Te Huinga Whānui

Part B There were no public forums.

6. Presentation of Petitions Ngā Pākikitanga

Part B There was no presentation of petitions.

Councillor Donovan joined the meeting via audio/visual link at 9.35 am during consideration of Item 7.
Councillor McLellan joined the meeting via audio/visual link at 9.39 am during consideration of Item 7.

The meeting adjourned at 10.10 am and reconvened at 10.23 am during consideration of Item 7.
Councillor Moore left the meeting via audio/visual link at 10.10 am and did not return nor participate in any vote.
Councillor Harrison-Hunt was not present when the meeting reconvened.

Councillor Harrison-Hunt returned to the meeting at 10.24 am during consideration of Item 7.

7. Simplifying Local Government reform: Council Submission

Committee Comment

1. Council Officer Luke Adams joined the table to present Item 7 and answer questions from elected members (refer attached presentation).
2. During questions, Councillor Coker proposed the inclusion of an additional submission point to the Council's draft submission regarding regional councils remaining in place while the reorganisation plan progresses. After further discussion, the proposed submission point was updated to indicate when the new model should be in place (refer Resolution 3(a)).
3. The motion, including the proposed submission point, was then Moved by Deputy Mayor Henstock and Seconded by Councillor Coker.
4. The meeting also agreed to include a further recommendation delegating authority to a subset of elected members to approve any further minor changes to the draft submission before being lodged (refer Resolution 4).
5. At the conclusion of debate, the motion was voted on and declared carried.

Officer Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Simplifying Local Government reform: Council Submission 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 Christchurch City Council submission on the *Simplifying Local Government* proposal.

Committee Resolved PAPCC/2026/00001

Part C

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Simplifying Local Government reform: Council Submission 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 Christchurch City Council submission on the *Simplifying Local Government* proposal, and include that:
 - a. While the Regional Reorganisation Plan is in progress, the Canterbury Regional Council should remain in place to govern existing regional council functions, on the basis that the new model will be implemented in time for the next local government election.
4. Delegates authority to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and Councillors Coker and Fields to approve any further minor changes to the draft Council submission on the *Simplifying Local Government* proposal.

Deputy Mayor/Councillor Coker

Carried

For	16	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 Peters, Councillor Scandrett, Deputy Mayor Henstock, Mayor Mauger
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Against	0
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Abstain	0
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TOTAL	16
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Absent	1	Councillor Moore
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Attachments

- A Simplifying Local Government reform: Council Submission - Presentation to Policy and Planning Committee [↗](#) 

5. Deputations by Appointment Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

Part B

5.1 Helen Broughton

Helen Broughton spoke regarding Item 8 - *Council submission on the Planning and Natural Environment Bills*.

8. Council submission on the Planning and Natural Environment Bills

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Officer Recommendations accepted without change

Part C

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Council submission on the Planning and Natural Environment Bills Report.
2. Approves lodging the Council submission on the Planning and Natural Environment Bills (**Attachment A**, **Attachment B** and **Attachment C** to this report) to the Environment Committee.
3. Delegates to the Head of Planning and Consents any correction, or amendments of a minor nature arising from the Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Mayor/Deputy Mayor

Carried

For	16	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 Peters, Councillor Scandrett, Deputy Mayor Henstock, Mayor Mauger
Against	0	
Abstain	0	
TOTAL	16	
Absent	1	Councillor Moore

9. Draft Council submission on development levies proposals

Committee Resolved PAPCC/2026/00003

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

Part C

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Draft Council submission on development levies proposals 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 lodging the Council submission on the development levies proposals (**Attachment A** to this report).
4. Delegates authority to the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Regulatory Services to oversee final editorial changes to correct any typographical or formatting errors in the submission.

Deputy Mayor/Councillor Scandrett

Carried

For	16	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 Peters, Councillor Scandrett, Deputy Mayor Henstock, Mayor Mauger
Against	0	
Abstain	0	
TOTAL	16	
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Karakia Whakamutunga

Meeting concluded at 11.14 am.

CONFIRMED THIS 11TH DAY OF MARCH 2026

DEPUTY MAYOR VICTORIA HENSTOCK
CHAIRPERSON