

## **Christchurch City Council**

### **MINUTES**

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**Date:** Tuesday 25 August 2020  
**Time:** 9.31am  
**Venue:** Council Chambers, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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#### **Present**

Chairperson	Mayor Lianne Dalziel
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor Andrew Turner
Members	Councillor Jimmy Chen
	Councillor Catherine Chu
	Councillor Melanie Coker
	Councillor Pauline Cotter
	Councillor James Daniels
	Councillor Mike Davidson
	Councillor Anne Galloway
	Councillor James Gough – by audio visual link
	Councillor Yani Johanson
	Councillor Aaron Keown
	Councillor Sam MacDonald
	Councillor Phil Mauger
	Councillor Jake McLellan
	Councillor Tim Scandrett
	Councillor Sara Templeton

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**Karakia Timatanga:** Delivered by Councillor Daniels.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

## 1. Apologies / Ngā Whakapāha

### Council Resolved CNCL/2020/00097

That the apology received from Councillor Tim Scandrett for lateness and temporary absence be accepted.

Councillor MacDonald/Deputy Mayor

**Carried**

## 2. Declarations of Interest / Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

Councillor Gough and Councillor Templeton declared an interest in public excluded item 8.

## 3. Public Participation / Te Huinga Tūmatanui

### 3.1 Deputations by Appointment / Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

There were no deputations by appointment.

## 4. Presentation of Petitions / Ngā Pākikitanga

There was no presentation of petitions.

Councillors Chen, Coker and Cotter joined the meeting at 9.34am during consideration of item 3.

Councillor Johanson joined the meeting at 9.35am during consideration of item 3.

Councillor Galloway joined the meeting at 9.36am during consideration of item 3.

Councillor MacDonald left the meeting at 9.52am during consideration of item 6 and returned at 9.56am.

Councillor Scandrett joined the meeting at 10am during consideration of item 6.

Councillor Cotter left the meeting at 10.33am during consideration of item 6 and returned at 10.35am.

Councillor Scandrett left the meeting at 10.33am during consideration of item 6 and was not present for the debate or vote on item 6.

## 6. Central Government Reform of Water Services

The Council received a presentation from staff on this item.

The Council received updated attachments to the report D. Proposed Projects to be delivered and E. Long list of projects for government funding.

### Council Resolved CNCL/2020/00098

That the Council

1. Notes that:

- a. In July 2020 the Government announced an initial funding package of \$761 million to provide a post COVID-19 economic stimulus to maintain and improve water networks infrastructure, and to support a three-year programme of reform of local government water services delivery arrangements.
  - b. Initial funding will be available to those councils that agree to work constructively with the Government, and other parties related to three waters services reform, to support the objectives of the three waters service delivery reform programme and to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan.
  - c. The initial funding will be available in two parts: a direct allocation to individual territorial authorities and a regional allocation. The participating individual authorities in each region will need to agree on their approach to distributing the regional allocation.
  - d. Council have engaged with Ngāi Tahu, via the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, and papatipu rūnanga via the Te Honanga – Papatipu Rūnanga committee, to seek support to engage in stage one of the reform programme.
  - e. The steering committee established jointly by central and local government, has recommended a preferred approach to the allocation of regional funding, which is the same formula used to determine the direct allocations to territorial authorities.
  - f. The Government has advised that the MOU and Funding Agreement cannot be amended or modified by either party, and that doing so would void these documents.
  - g. The Council's participation in this initial stage is to be undertaken in good faith, the MOU is non-binding and the Council can opt out of the reform process when the MOU expires on 30 June 2021.
  - h. The direct allocation of funding to the Council is \$20.26 million which will be paid as a grant, as soon as practicable, once the signed MOU and Funding Agreement are returned to the Department of Internal Affairs, and a Delivery Plan has been supplied and approved.
  - i. The Delivery Plan must show that the funding is to be applied to operating and/or capital expenditure relating to three waters infrastructure and service delivery, and which:
    - i. supports economic recovery through job creation; and
    - ii. maintains, increases, and/or accelerates investment in core water infrastructure renewal and maintenance.
  - j. A decision to enter into the MOU would comply with the provisions of section 80 of the Local Government Act 2002, for the reasons set out in this report.
2. Agrees to:
- a. Engage with Ngāi Tahu and papatipu rūnanga prior to any decision on whether or not to progress to the second stage of the Government's water reform programme.
  - b. Prioritise and continue to share expertise with regard to three waters infrastructure options particularly for isolated communities, both 'present and future'.

- c. Work with Ngāi Tahu to ensure suitable engagement on the water reform process occurs at a national level.
  - d. Write immediately to the Minister of Local Government\* ~~Internal Affairs~~ expressing Council's disappointment with the lack of consultation with iwi partners at a national level during this programme of water reforms.
3. Agrees to enter into the MOU attached as Attachment A.
  4. Agrees to enter into the Funding Agreement attached as Attachment B.
  5. Nominates the Chief Executive to act as the primary point of communication for the purposes of the MOU and any other purpose related to the reform programme.
  6. Delegates to the Mayor and the Chief Executive, the authority to sign the MOU.
  7. Agree that the proposed projects for the government grant are:
    - Water supply Mains Renewal - Riccarton Rd - Hansons Ln to Matipo
    - Water supply Mains Renewal - Libeau Ln and Chemin Du Nache
    - Water supply Mains Renewal - Scruttons PS to Lyttelton Road Tunnel and St Andrews Hill Rd
    - Water supply reservoirs and suction tanks - condition assessments of high priority tanks
    - Water supply pump station deferred maintenance
    - Water supply Smart water monitoring system
    - Pressure management and water supply rezoning
    - Waste water mains renewal - Trafalgar, Dover, Cornwall, Lindsay, Caledonian and Ranfurly
    - Waste water mains renewal - Philomel, Inverell, Pegasus, Endeavour, Royalist, Effingham, Monowai, Nile
    - Waste water mains renewal - Nalder, Ruru, McLean, Wyon, Rudds, Griffiths, Digby, Rasen and Tilford
    - Waste water mains renewal - Sails, Langdons, Hoani, Wilmot, Cone, Perry, Gambia, Frank, Sturrocks, Grassmere
    - Waste water lift station SCADA renewals (convert RTUs)
    - Waste water Akaroa wastewater - renewals/repairs to reduce inflow and infiltration
    - Waste water pump station deferred maintenance
    - Waste water CCTV inspections
    - Duvauchelle wastewater treatment plant - deferred maintenance
    - Duvauchelle wastewater - renewals/repairs to reduce inflow and infiltration
    - Survey of needs small private community water and wastewater schemes
    - Asset lifecycle maintenance optimisation
    - Business case for regional water services entity (CCC contribution).
  8. Delegates to the Chief Executive, the authority to:

- a. sign the Funding Agreement
  - b. make decisions on behalf of the Council about the allocation of regional funding, with the understanding that the approximate level of funding to the Council be based upon the formula used to calculate the direct council allocations, and noting that participation by two-thirds of territorial authorities within the Canterbury region is required to access the regional allocation
  - c. negotiate and finalise the Delivery Plan to be submitted to the Government for approval, in respect of the direct and regional allocation of funding.
9. Proposes to consult with the community on the Government's Three Waters Reform programme as part of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan process.
  10. Agrees that reporting will be through the bi-monthly report to the Three Waters Infrastructure and Environment Committee.

Mayor/Councillor Daniels

**Carried**

Councillor Keown requested that his vote against the resolutions be recorded.

**Attachments**

- A Item 6 Updated attachments D and E - Proposed Projects to be delivered and Long list of projects for government funding (03) [⇒](#)
- B Item 6 - Central Government Reform of Water Services 25 August 2020 [⇒](#)

**\*Secretarial note:** Following the meeting it was noted that the resolution 2.d. incorrectly referred to the Minister of Internal Affairs. The correction above is recorded in the minutes to be confirmed by the Council.

Councillor Daniels left the meeting at 11.19am during consideration of item 5 and returned at 11.28am.

## 5. Three Waters Section 17A Review

The Council received a presentation from staff on this item.

Martin Matthews representing the External Governance Group joined the meeting by audio-visual link.

### Council Resolved CNCL/2020/00099

That the Council:

1. Receive the information in this report, note the options available to Council and adopt the report as meeting its requirements for a section 17A review of three waters.
2. Note that Central Government's three waters reform programme (water reform programme) may result in drinking water and wastewater functions transferring to a new entity within the next 2 to 5 years.
3. Agree that in relation to drinking water, wastewater and stormwater functions (three waters) responsibility for governance, funding and service delivery remain with Council at this time.
4. Agree that Council should continue to engage with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, local Rūnanga and the community regarding the water reform programme.
5. Agree that an internal staff working group be created to:
  - a. Develop a clear understanding of the true cost of drinking water and wastewater service delivery, the balance sheet, dependencies and interactions with the rest of Council's operations.
  - b. Develop a funding options paper, including the option of volumetric charging, for water supply and wastewater services taking into account: equity and fairness, water conservation, cost recovery and guaranteed provision of water to all consumers.
  - c. Provide advice to support Council and management decisions on the requirements, impacts, response options and advocacy positions for this Council as the water reform programme progresses towards proposed water delivery agencies.
  - d. Develop and oversee our Council's contribution to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum initiative to explore aggregated service delivery within the South Island.
  - e. Prepare the business case, including understanding the costs and implications for the wider Council, to support decisions on aggregated service delivery options with other councils including combinations across Canterbury, the West Coast, the top of the South Island and the whole South Island.
  - f. Provide progress reports to the Three Waters Infrastructure and Environment Committee as part of the bi-monthly 3 waters update.
6. Note the proposal to consult with the community on funding options as part of the Long Term Plan.

7. Note that the Water Supply Strategic Plan, which is an implementation plan for the Te Wai Ora o Tāne Integrated Water Strategy is intended to be reported to the Three Waters Infrastructure and Environment Committee by the end of October 2020.

Mayor/Councillor Scandrett

**Carried**

**Attachments**

- A Item 5. Three Waters section 17A review - Council 25 August 2020 [⇒](#)

**7. Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**Council Resolved CNCL/2020/00100**

That at 11.40am the resolution to exclude the public set out on pages 66 and 67 of the agenda be adopted.

Mayor/Councillor Templeton

**Carried**

Councillor Johanson requested that his vote against the resolution be recorded.

The meeting adjourned at 11.40am and reconvened at 11.45am in public excluded session.

**The public were re-admitted to the meeting at 12.22pm**

**Karakia Whakamutunga:** Delivered by Councillor Daniels.

**Meeting concluded at 12.22pm.**

**CONFIRMED THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020.**

**MAYOR LIANNE DALZIEL**  
**CHAIRPERSON**