



# MINUTES Ordinary Meeting



<b>Date:</b>	13 May 2025	
<b>Venue:</b>	Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford	
<b>Document:</b>	TRCID-1492626864-694	
<b>Present:</b>	C S Williamson N W Walker C L Littlewood S W Hughes A L Jamieson M J Cloke D M Cram D L Lean M G Davey D M McIntyre B J Bigham	Chairperson Deputy Chairperson zoom
<b>Attending:</b>	S Ruru M Nield A Matthews A D McLay D Harrison N Chadwick C Woollin	Chief Executive Director – Corporate Services Director – Environmental Quality Director – Resource Management Director - Operations Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive and Chair Communications Adviser

The meeting opened with a group Karakia at 10.30am

**Apologies:** No apologies were received.

## 1. Confirmation of Ordinary Council Minutes – 1 April 2025

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford 1 April 2025.

Bigham/McIntyre

## 2. Receipt of Operations and Regulatory Committee Minutes – 29 April 2025

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the minutes of the Operations and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 29 April 2025
- b) adopted the recommendations therein.

Hughes/Bigham

## 3. Receipt of Policy and Planning Committee Minutes – 29 April 2025

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 29 April 2025
- b) adopted the recommendations therein.

Bigham/Hughes

## 4. Receipt of Executive Audit and Risk Committee Minutes – 5 May 2025

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the unconfirmed minutes of the Executive Audit and Risk Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten, Stratford on Monday 5 May 2025
- b) adopted the recommendations therein.

Cloke/Hughes

## 5. Receipt of Taranaki Passenger Transport Joint Committee Minutes – 17 April 2025

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Passenger Transport Joint Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Thursday 17 April 2025
- b) adopted the recommendations therein.

Jamieson/Hughes

## 6. Setting of Administrative Charges Pursuant to section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) noted that no submissions have been received in response to the Statement of Purpose: Schedule of changes to section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991
- b) noted as there are no submissions, there is no officer's report and, as a result, there are no amendments to the Schedule of charges pursuant to section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991
- c) adopted the Schedule of charges pursuant to section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991
- d) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- e) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Walker/Cram

## 7. 2025/2026 Annual Plan and Estimates

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum on the consideration and adoption of the 2025/2026 Annual Plan
- b) noted the balanced budget deficit for 2025/2026 and confirmed the transfer from the Dividend Equalisation Reserve to fund the balanced budget deficit
- c) noted that the use of the Dividend Equalisation Reserve to fund the balanced budget surpluses and deficits balances cut over the ten-year life of the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan and that, over the full ten years, the Council's budget balance
- d) determined in accordance with section 100(2) of the Local Government Act 2002, that it considers it is financially prudent to adopt these budgets and the proposed budget deficit and confirmed the transfers to and from the Dividend Equalisation Reserve to fund the balanced budget deficit

- e) noted that the formatting of the 2025/2026 Annual Plan is still to be completed and that there are a few minor editorial changes to be made
- f) adopted the 2025/2026 Annual Plan
- g) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- h) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Williamson/Walker

## 8. Setting of Rates 2025/2026

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) set the following rates pursuant to the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on rating units in the Taranaki region for the financial year commencing 1 July 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026:

#### Capital Value General Rate

Pursuant to section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 a general rate on the rateable equalised capital value (ECV) of all land within the region known as Taranaki region to collect the following amounts:

General rate	ECV	Percent	GST excl	GST	GST incl
NPDC	\$34,764,871,056	66.04%	\$9,116,933	\$1,367,540	\$10,484,473
SDC	\$4,211,914,678	8.00%	\$1,104,413	\$165,662	\$1,270,075
STDC	\$13,662,788,150	25.96%	\$3,583,821	\$537,573	\$4,121,395
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52,639,573,884</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$13,805,168</b>	<b>\$2,070,775</b>	<b>\$15,875,943</b>

- a rate of 0.0297193 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region—GST inclusive
- a rate of 0.0300658 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Stratford constituency of the Taranaki region—GST inclusive
- a rate of 0.0296046 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the South Taranaki constituency of the Taranaki region—GST inclusive.

Pursuant to section 131 of the *Local Government (Rating) Act 2002*, the Council has used a registered valuer to make an estimate of the projected valuation of all the rateable land in the districts of the constituent territorial authorities.

### **Uniform annual general charge**

Pursuant to section 15(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a uniform annual general charge (to produce \$6,055,387) of \$102.93—GST inclusive for every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the Taranaki region.

Separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit (SUIP): A SUIP is defined as a separately used or occupied part of a rating unit and includes any part of a rating unit that is used or occupied by any person, other than the ratepayer, having a right to use or inhabit that part by virtue of a tenancy, lease, licence, or other agreement, or any part or parts of a rating unit that are used or occupied by the ratepayer for more than one single use.

Separately used or inhabited for a residential rating unit includes a building or part of a building that contains, two or more separately occupiable units, flats or houses each of which is separately inhabited or is capable of separate habitation.

Separately used or inhabited for a small holding or farmland property rating unit includes a rural property/farm with multiple dwellings (e.g., a house is used by a farm worker) each of which is separately inhabited or is capable of separate habitation.

Separately used or inhabited for a commercial or industrial rating unit: means a building or part of a building that is, or intended to be, or is able to be, separately tenanted, leased or subleased for commercial purposes.

An exception is made for motels/hotels as these are treated as one business even if each accommodation unit may be capable of separate habitation.

### **River Control and Flood Protection Targeted Rate**

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a targeted rate of 0.002541 cents in the dollar—GST inclusive, for river control and flood protection works (to produce \$896,598) on the capital value on every rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region.

### **River Control and Flood Protection Targeted Rate**

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a targeted rate of 0.000536 cents in the dollar—GST inclusive, for river control and flood protection works (to produce \$74,640) on the capital value on every rating unit in the South Taranaki constituency of the Taranaki region.

### **Passenger Transport Targeted Rate**

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a targeted rate of 0.007629 cents in the dollar—GST inclusive, for passenger transport services (to produce \$2,691,337) on the capital value on every rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region.

### **Passenger Transport Targeted Rate**

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a targeted rate of 0.004421 cents in the dollar—GST inclusive, for passenger transport services (to produce \$186,759) on the capital value on every rating unit in the Stratford constituency of the Taranaki region.

### **Passenger Transport Targeted Rate**

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a targeted rate of 0.001658 cents in the dollar—GST inclusive, for passenger transport services (to produce \$230,852) on the capital value on every rating unit in the South Taranaki constituency of the Taranaki region.

### **Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Commercial and Industrial Land Value Targeted Rate**

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a differential targeted rate for Yarrow Stadium on the land value on each commercial and industrial rating unit in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region. The targeted rate (in cents in the dollar of land value) for 2024/2025 for Group 1 Commercial and Industrial is to produce \$36.991 at a rate of 0.001998 cents in the dollar of land value—GST inclusive.

### **Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Commercial and Industrial Fixed Value Targeted Rate (New Plymouth and North Taranaki Constituencies)**

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a fixed targeted rate (to produce \$243,722) of \$96.60—GST inclusive on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, Group 1 Commercial and Industrial, in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region.

### **Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Residential, Small Holdings and Farmland Fixed Value Targeted Rate (New Plymouth and North Taranaki Constituencies)**

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a fixed targeted rate (to produce \$1,673,554) of \$45.30—GST inclusive on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, Group 2 Residential, Group 3 Small Holdings and Group 4 Farmland, in the New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies of the Taranaki region.

### **Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Fixed Value Targeted Rate (Stratford Constituency)**

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a fixed targeted rate (to produce \$144,350) of \$28.44—GST inclusive on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the Stratford constituency of the Taranaki region.

### **Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Fixed Value Targeted Rate (South Taranaki Constituency)**

Pursuant to section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a fixed targeted rate (to produce \$406,853) of \$28.44—GST inclusive on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the South Taranaki constituency of the Taranaki region.

### **Differential Categories**

The Council adopts the definition of its differential categories set out in the *Funding Impact Statement* contained in the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan as its rating categories for the year.

- b) set, pursuant to section 24 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, that the Council's rates will become due and payable by four equal instalments on the following dates:

	New Plymouth & North Taranaki Constituencies	Stratford Constituency	South Taranaki Constituency
Instalment 1	27 August 2025	27 August 2025	27 August 2025
Instalment 2	26 November 2025	26 November 2025	26 November 2025
Instalment 3	25 February 2026	25 February 2026	25 February 2026
Instalment 4	27 May 2026	27 May 2026	27 May 2026

- c) set, pursuant to section 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, that the following penalties on unpaid rates will be applied.

A charge of 10% on so much of any instalment that has been assessed after 1 July 2025 and which remains unpaid after the due date for that instalment.

	New Plymouth & North Taranaki Constituencies	Stratford Constituency	South Taranaki Constituency
Instalment 1	27 August 2025	27 August 2025	27 August 2025
Instalment 2	26 November 2025	26 November 2025	26 November 2025
Instalment 3	25 February 2026	25 February 2026	25 February 2026
Instalment 4	27 May 2026	27 May 2026	27 May 2026

### **New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies**

The Council will charge a penalty of 10% on any portion of rates that were assessed or levied in any previous financial years to 1 July 2025 and which remain unpaid on 1 July 2025. The penalty will be applied on 30 September 2025 and a further additional penalty of 10% on any rates that were assessed or levied in any previous financial years and which remain unpaid on 31 March 2026 (New Plymouth and North Taranaki constituencies).

### **Stratford constituency**

The Council will charge a penalty of 10% on so much of any rates levied before 1 July 2025 which remain unpaid on 10 July 2025 or such later date as required under section 58(1) (b) (ii). A continuing additional penalty of 10% on so much of any rates levied before 1 July 2025 which remain unpaid six months after the previous penalty was added (Stratford constituency).

### **South Taranaki constituency**

The Council will charge a penalty of 10% on so much of any rates levied before 1 July 2025 which remain unpaid on 1 July 2025 or such later date as required under section 58(1) (b) (ii). (South Taranaki constituency).

### **South Taranaki constituency**

A discount of 2% will be allowed on the total rates set for the financial year, if the rates for a financial year are paid in full on or before the due date of the first instalment for the financial year. (South Taranaki constituency only). This will be 30 August 2025.

- d) set the Council's rates and charges will become payable at the principal offices and service centres of the region's district councils. The rates and charges can also be paid at the principal office of the Taranaki Regional Council
- e) noted that all rates set are inclusive of GST
- f) appointed the New Plymouth District Council, the Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council, pursuant to section 53 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to collect the rates set by the Taranaki Regional Council in their respective constituencies
- g) delegated to the New Plymouth District Council, the Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council the power to postpone and remit rates pursuant to the relevant adopted Rates Remission and Postponement Policy
- h) approved the keeping of the rating information database in separate parts for the constituent districts of the region and delegates the function of maintaining the rating information database to the New Plymouth District Council, the Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council, pursuant to section 27(7) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002

- i) delegated to the Chief Executive and the Director—Corporate Services, the power to resolve administrative matters in relation to the collection of the Taranaki Regional Council's rates and the administration of the rating information database
- j) determined that this decision be recognised as significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- k) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Williamson/Walker

## 9. 2025 Triennial Elections

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the 2025 Triennial Elections memorandum and attached 2025 Triennial Elections report form the Electoral Officer
- b) selected and agreed that the candidate's names on the 2025 local authority triennial election voting documents for the Taranaki Regional Council be in alphabetical order in accordance with Clause 31 of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001
- c) noted the timeline for the 2025 local authority triennial elections
- d) noted the Electoral Officer will also be conducting a poll on Māori Constituencies in conjunction with the 2025 local authority elections as required by the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024
- e) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002
- f) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Jamieson/Davey

## 10. Local Government Election Year Protocols for Elected Members

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the Taranaki Regional Council Local Government Election Year Protocols for elected members

Cloke/Williamson



## 11. Public Excluded

In accordance with section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolved that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting on 18 February 2025 for the following reason/s:

The matters to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 are as follows:

Item 12:

Confirmation of Public Excluded Ordinary Council Minutes – 1 April 2025

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 (a) and section 7 (2) (a) and (2) (g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Item 13:

Confirmation of Public Excluded Operations and Regulatory Committee Minutes – 29 April 2025

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, this is to be considered with the public excluded as the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

Item 14:

Confirmation of Public Excluded Executive Audit and Risk Minutes – 5 May 2025

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information; and/or enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice, commercial activities.

Williamson/Cloke

There being no further business the Chairperson, C S Williamson, declared the meeting of the Ordinary Council meeting closed with a karakia at 11.14am.

Council Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

**C S Williamson**