

HUTT CITY COUNCILCOMMUNITY PLAN COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Wainuiomata Chambers, Wainuiomata Library,  
Queen Street, Wainuiomata on  
**Tuesday 15 March 2016 commencing at 5.00pm**

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor WR Wallace (Chair)	
Deputy Mayor D Bassett	Cr C Barry
Cr B Branch (from 5.10pm)	Cr L Bridson from 5.35pm)
Cr M Cousins	Cr T Lewis (from 5.25pm)
Cr M Lulich	Cr G McDonald
Cr C Milne	Cr M Shierlaw
Cr M Willard	

**APOLOGIES:** An apology for absence was received from Cr Finlayson.  
Apologies for lateness were received from Cr Branch, Cr Lewis and Cr Bridson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive  
Ms K Kelly, General Manager, Strategic Services  
Mr B Sherlock, General Manager, City Infrastructure  
Ms J Foo, General Manager, Governance and Regulatory  
Mr M Reid, General Manager, Community Services  
Mr P Benseman, Acting Chief Financial Officer  
Ms K Stannard, Divisional Manager Secretariat Services  
Mr B Monaghan, Divisional Manager, City Promotions  
Mr S Keatley, Community Facilities Manager  
Ms M Laban, Community Projects and Relationship Manager  
Ms J Stevens, Corporate Planner  
Ms S Moore, Assistant Corporate Planner  
Ms S Haniel, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS1. APOLOGIESRESOLVED:**Minute No. CPC 16101**

*"That the apology received from Cr Finlayson be accepted and leave of absence be granted and the apologies for lateness received from and Crs Branch, Lewis and Bridson be accepted."*

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

### 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflicts of interest.

### 4. RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

Annual Plan 2016-2017 (16/253)

Report No. CPC2016/1/41 (2) by the Corporate Planner

The Assistant Corporate Planner elaborated on the report.

Cr Branch joined the meeting at 5.10pm.

After discussion, members agreed that the Annual Plan be amended to state that 140,000 visitors had been through the Walter Nash Centre. Members further agreed that the orange banner highlighting "Our Vision" made the text too difficult to read. Members also agreed that the wording for Petone Settlers Museum, be amended to "promoting programmes and activities."

MOVED: (CR MILNE/CR BRANCH)

"That Council change the order of the public questionnaire on the Annual Plan 2016-2017 Submission Form, with wording as follows:

1. Option 1 – Council should not increase rates and should instead raise its borrowing, within prudent limits, to cover the cost of rejuvenation projects city-wide. This will enable slightly lower rates increases in the short term but slightly higher rates increases later.
2. Option 2 – Council should increase rates by a further 1% this year and not increase debt. Note this will reduce the amount of the City's debt.
3. Option 3 – Council should neither increase rates nor increase debt and should therefore repriorities or defer new projects and expenditure."

Cr Shierlaw said that the proposed changes would alter the meaning of the questionnaire and could allow Council to increase its debt to income ratio. He further said that the Local Government Act 2002 required Council to consider the costs and benefits to any change in its Financial Strategy, and the overall impact of a new debt to income ratio.

Cr Lewis joined the meeting at 5.25pm.

The Chief Executive said that any change in wording should be considered for next year's Annual Plan. He noted that the change in the order of the questions would be reasonable.

Cr Bridson joined the meeting at 5.35pm.

The motion was declared LOST on a show of hands.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**Minute No. CPC 16102**

*"That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- (i) notes that the underlying information for the Annual Plan 2016-2017 was adopted by Council following the Community Plan Committee meeting held on 16 February 2016;*
- (ii) adopts the Consultation Document attached as Appendix 1 to the report for public consultation between 29 March and 29 April 2016; and*
- (iii) notes the additional proposed changes to fees and charges under Animal Services, attached as Appendix 2 to the report."*

**5. QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

WR Wallace  
**MAYOR**

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record  
Dated this 24th day of May 2016**