

HUTT CITY COUNCILCOMMUNITY PLAN COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Hutt City Council Chambers,  
Level 2, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on  
Thursday, 2 June 2016 commencing at 9.30am

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**PRESENT:** Mayor WR Wallace (Chair) (part meeting)  
Deputy Mayor D Bassett Cr C Barry  
Cr B Branch (part meeting) Cr L Bridson  
Cr M Cousins Cr A Finlayson  
Cr T Lewis Cr M Lulich  
Cr G McDonald Cr C Milne  
Cr M Shierlaw Cr M Willard (part meeting)

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for lateness were received from Mayor Wallace and Cr Willard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive  
Ms K Kelly, General Manager, Strategic Services  
Mr B Sherlock, General Manager, City Infrastructure  
Ms J Raffills, General Manager, Governance and Regulatory  
Mr M Reid, General Manager, Community Services (part meeting)  
Mr B Kibblewhite, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr P Benseman, Budgeting and Reporting Manager  
Mr G Craig, City Development (part meeting)  
Ms W Moore, Divisional Manager Strategy and Planning (part meeting)  
Mr M Sherwood, Divisional Manager Leisure Active (part meeting)  
Mr M Mercer, Sport and Recreation Manager (part meeting)  
Ms M Laban, Community Projects and Relationship Manager (part meeting)  
Mr S Keatley, Community Facilities Manager  
Mr P Maaka, Urban Design Manager (part meeting)  
Ms C Christensen, CBD Development Manager (part meeting)  
Ms S Simcox, Communications and Marketing Team Leader (part meeting)  
Ms A Wallace, Senior Communications and Marketing Advisor (part meeting)  
Ms K Crandle, Reserves Planner (part meeting)  
Ms C Murray, Community Projects Co-ordinator (part meeting)  
Mrs J Stevens, Corporate Planner  
Ms S Moore, Assistant Corporate Planner  
Ms K Stannard, Manager Secretariat Services  
Mrs A Doornebosch, Committee Advisor

## PUBLIC BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Bassett assumed the chair.

### 1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

**Minute No. CPC 16301**

*"That the apologies for lateness received from Mayor Wallace and Cr Willard be accepted."*

RESOLVED:

**Minute No. CPC 16302**

*"That the period allowed for public comment be extended to permit speakers to speak on arrival due to exceptional circumstances."*

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Graeme Ross representing Keep Hutt City Beautiful**, questioned the rates remissions for Maori freehold land and why other freehold land owners were not included. He asked members to consider retaining any remaining art deco architecture within the City such as the Riddiford Fountain. He highlighted that the Belmont Domain sign had disappeared.

Mayor Wallace asked officers to investigate the disappearance of the Belmont Domain sign at Belmont.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Juan Delongy** considered free parking should be based on the extent of the current business generated in the CBD from locals, or from people who lived outside the City. He noted different parts of the City had different levels of activity and charges could be based on demand and supply. He considered research should be conducted to establish what impact a rates increase would have on the business community.

Deputy Mayor Bassett advised that the matter had been discussed over a number of years. He said Council had commissioned a study in 2015, the data of which would be analysed for future parking fee structures.

Mayor Wallace joined the meeting at 9.50am and assumed the chair.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Roderick Boyes representing the Waste Minimisation and Management Plan (WMMP) Steering Group of Wellington City Council**, asked Council to fund a Regional Officer to focus on WMMP issues, specifically the review and implementation of the WMMP. He highlighted that the WMMP was required to be adopted within the next 12 months to meet statutory requirements.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms Linda Olsen** considered funding for Marae and community houses should be reviewed. She noted there had been no funding change for some time. She asked whether two Maori representatives could be included on the Review Panel to advocate for Maori.

**3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

**4. CONSULTATION RESULTS - ANNUAL PLAN 2016-2017 (16/610)**

Report No. CPC2016/3/110 by the Assistant Corporate Planner

Cr Willard joined the meeting at 10.00am.

The Assistant Corporate Planner elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Corporate Planner said the Citizens Panel comprised of members who had expressed an interest in taking part and approaches by member organisations. She noted the selection of members could be refined further to provide a wider cross section from the community. She said the survey for free parking was conducted via the internet, and all submissions were accounted for. She highlighted the inclusion of Maori freehold land in the draft Rates Remission Policy was a statutory requirement.

Members discussed online submissions. Cr Cousins advised that, in order for Council to treat petitions as individual submissions, Council would need to make an amendment to its Standing Orders.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. CPC 16303**

*"That the Committee:*

- (i) notes that 1229 submissions were received on the proposed Annual Plan 2016-2017, including 77 late submissions, and 111 submitters presented their submissions in person;*
- (ii) notes that consultation on the proposed Annual Plan included consulting on the Arts and Culture Policy (with the results to be separately reported to the Policy and Regulatory Committee), Rates Postponement Policy, and the Policy for Remission and Postponement of Rates on Maori Freehold Land;*
- (iii) notes the results of the consultation attached as Appendices 1 – 6 to the report, including a table of funding requests;*
- (iv) notes that the Committee, at its meetings held on 17 and 18 May 2016, requested additional information to assist with decision-making, and this information is provided in a separate report;*
- (v) considers the information presented in these reports as part of the Committee's decision-making on the Annual Plan 2016-2017;*
- (vi) recommends that Council adopts the Rates Postponement Policy which provides for postponement of rates to assist ratepayers experiencing extreme financial hardship, noting that a separate report will be prepared for Council following a request that the Policy be extended to cover all ratepayers over the age of 65, irrespective of financial situation; and*
- (vii) recommends that Council adopts the Policy for Remission and Postponement of Rates on Maori Freehold Land."*

5. DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2016/17 - PROPOSED CHANGES FOR FINAL ANNUAL PLAN (16/614)

Report No. CPC2016/3/106 by the Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer elaborated on the report. He highlighted the main reason for additional funding for health and safety was to meet new legislative obligations. He said the initial estimates for the Walter Nash Centre had proved insufficient due to the high demand and success of the centre. He highlighted the extensions to the Little Theatre would be brought forward to 2016/2017 to provide necessary improvements and to meet health and safety requirements. He advised that the proposed carryover figure for Making Places Riddiford Gardens should read \$850,000.

In response to questions from members, the General Manager Community Services said additional funding of \$100,000 per annum was required due to the higher than expected use of the Walter Nash Centre. He noted that 80% of this funding would be for salaries and wages, with the remaining funds for maintenance and usage of the facility. He advised gym membership for the Fitness Centre was lower than forecasted noting that officers were considering options to increase numbers. He highlighted that a review of the Community Services budget would be undertaken to identify the additional funding requirements for the Walter Nash Centre.

Mayor Wallace asked officers back to report to the appropriate committee outlining the progress since the Walter Nash Centre opened including identifying issues and additional expenditure.

Members agreed that budgets should include visibility of operational costs for new facilities, once they were developed.

The Chief Executive commented that the Strategic Leadership Team and senior managers had agreed to provide additional cost reporting for each project in the next Annual Plan round.

MOVED: (Cr Shierlaw/Cr Milne)

“That the Smokefree Outdoor Public Policy proposed funding of \$14,000 be reduced to \$5,000.

The motion was declared LOST on a show of hands.

In response to questions from members, the General Manager City Infrastructure noted the Riddiford Garden project included all work surrounding the Council Administration building, the Event Centre and parking development. He agreed that categories of work could be more clearly defined by appropriately naming individual projects.

**Mr D Males, Principal Landscape Architecture from Isthmus Wellington**, gave a presentation to the Committee on the Riddiford Garden project. He highlighted that officers had requested an option of reducing the spend on Area E of the Riddiford Garden project. He highlighted the company’s recommendation that such cost savings

identified now would still need to be completed at a later date.

**Mr S Pouloupoulos, Project Manager from Architecture+** highlighted the risk of public perception if the full project was not brought to completion.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Males advised that delaying development of certain areas of the gardens would depend on the life expectancy of the cheaper option. His strong recommendation would be to complete the works within the next few years.

In response to a question from a member, Deputy Mayor Bassett advised that fundraising or sponsorship options could be considered for the Riddiford Gardens project. He highlighted that the Civic Precinct Steering Group had consulted extensively with the community. He said the future programme would include a budget and report through the Annual Plan round. He advised that the Civic Precinct Steering Group would then provide recommendations to Council.

The General Manager City Infrastructure highlighted that budget constraints would not allow Council to achieve the full concept plan for Riddiford Gardens.

The meeting adjourned at 11.20am and reconvened at 11.35am.

In response to a question from a member, the Chief Executive advised that the KPMG Project Delivery Review would be reported to the next Finance and Audit Committee meeting.

In response to a question from a member, the General Manager City Infrastructure advised that he would follow up with officers as to why the budget for the Wainuiomata Remembrance Garden for 2018/2019 had been reduced.

Cr Branch joined the meeting at 12.05pm.

MOVED: (Mayor Wallace/Deputy Mayor Bassett)

“That the Committee:

- (i) approves the list of carryover projects from 2015/16 to 2016/17 attached as Appendix 1 to the report;
- (ii) approves the proposed budget changes as follows:-
  - (a) Health and Safety (\$140,000 2016/17, \$60,000 pa from 2017/18);
  - (b) Walter Nash Centre (\$100,000 pa);
  - (c) Walter Nash Centre Fitness Suite (\$250,000 over 2016/17 to 2019/20);
  - (d) Operating Costs (\$44,000 pa) (Youth Mentoring Programme, and City Safety and Community Awards);
  - (e) Cross Valley Link (bringing forward some of the budget from 2017/18 to 2016/17);
  - (f) Little Theatre (bringing forward the budget from 2017/18 to 2016/17);
  - (g) Asset Sales (\$815,000 increase);
  - (h) Regional Waste Management and Minimisation (\$31,200 2016/17);
  - (i) Elected members remuneration (\$25,000 pa); and
  - (j) Smokefree Outdoor Public Places Policy (\$14,000 pa in 2016/17, 2017/18 and

2018/19); and

- (iii) approves the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor, identifying any minor additional savings and/or rephrasing of the capital programme that may be necessary following decisions made by this Committee to ensure the Council remains within the borrowing limits set out in Council's 2015 Financial Strategy."

AMENDMENT MOVED: (Cr Barry/Cr Lewis)

"That Cost Option E for the Riddiford Gardens project be adopted in order to save \$700,000 and reduce the total budget from \$3.5M to 2.8M."

Members discussed the amendment.

Cr Shierlaw acknowledged Cr Barry's concerns regarding Council seeking ways to reduce costs. However he commented that he could not support the amendment.

Cr Milne commented that the \$3.5M was the minimum to complete the project.

Cr Branch commented that the Riddiford Gardens project was for the benefit of the whole of the City.

Cr Lewis highlighted that her concern was centred around the project being over budget.

Deputy Mayor Bassett commented that the heart of the City was centred around Laings Road.

The amendment was declared LOST on a show of hands.

RESOLVED:

**Minute No. CPC 16304**

*"That the Committee:*

- (i) *approves the list of carryover projects from 2015/16 to 2016/17 attached as Appendix 1 to the report;*
- (ii) *approves the proposed budget changes as follows:-*
  - (a) *Health and Safety (\$140,000 2016/17, \$60,000 pa from 2017/18);*
  - (b) *Walter Nash Centre (\$100,000 pa);*
  - (c) *Walter Nash Centre Fitness Suite (\$250,000 over 2016/17 to 2019/20);*
  - (d) *Operating Costs (\$44,000 pa) (Youth Mentoring Programme, and City Safety and Community Awards);*
  - (e) *Cross Valley Link (bringing forward some of the budget from 2017/18 to 2016/17);*
  - (f) *Little Theatre (bringing forward the budget from 2017/18 to 2016/17);*
  - (g) *Asset Sales (\$815,000 increase);*
  - (h) *Regional Waste Management and Minimisation (\$31,200 2016/17);*
  - (i) *Elected members remuneration (\$25,000 pa); and*
  - (j) *Smokefree Outdoor Public Places Policy (\$14,000 pa in 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19); and*
- (iii) *approves the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor, identifying any minor additional savings and/or rephrasing of the capital programme that may be necessary following decisions made by this Committee to ensure the Council remains within the borrowing limits set out in Council's 2015 Financial Strategy."*

6. **STOKES VALLEY COMMUNITY HUB** (16/529)

Report No. CPC2016/3/107 by the Sport and Recreation Manager

The General Manager Community Services elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the General Manager Community Services advised that the budget for the Stokes Valley Hub included landscaping and the outside building environment. He advised the Community Facilities Trust would provide a governance role for the project instead of a project management role. He noted there was no room in current budgets for additional opening hours for the Stokes Valley library within the new hub development.

In response to questions from members, the Sport and Recreation Manager advised the Council's Urban Planner was part of the Project Advisory Group. He highlighted that officers may report back to Council for additional funding if the community hub was to increase its hours.

Members requested officers to organise a briefing on the Stokes Valley Hub project to outline the future work for the project. Mayor Wallace asked that Crs Shierlaw and Milne, as Chair and Deputy Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, be included in regular updates on the project.

The Chief Executive highlighted that changes to the draft budget would be provided to members in a financial summary document.

Members expressed support for the project and congratulated officers for the work undertaken to date.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. CPC 16305**

*"That the Committee:*

- (i) notes \$2M has already been allocated for the Stokes Valley Community Hub project in the Community Facilities Trust (CFT) budgets;*
- (ii) notes that if the previously recommended extra 1% rates from the 2017/18 financial year is approved then funding for the Stokes Valley Community Hub falls within this model;*
- (iii) approves an additional \$4.5M for the total project, split across Council and CFT budgets (\$3.13M in CFT budget and \$1.37M in Council budget); and*
- (iv) adopts the proposed project management structure."*

The meeting adjourned at 1.15pm and reconvened at 2.05pm.

7. **CBD FREE PARKING TRIAL - TRIAL OUTCOMES** (16/594)

Report No. CPC2016/3/108 by the Divisional Manager City Development

The Divisional Manager City Development elaborated on the report. He noted the Marketview data showed retail sales grew 3% over the trial period, with sales growth lower during the week. He said the overall impact was minimal. He highlighted that the report did not include sales for February. He advised that officers had received legal advice that a targetted rate on CBD businesses would need to be fair and equitable. He considered it would be difficult to justify a targetted rate on retailers, many of whom provided parking already.

Mayor Wallace noted an extended time period to 15 January 2017 would provide further time to assess data, noting the February 2016 period was not included in the first assessment.

**RESOLVED:** (BY DIVISION)

**Minute No. CPC 16306**

*“That the Committee:*

- (i) *notes a first hour free parking trial has been undertaken in the HC2 Shopper Zone in the Lower Hutt CBD over the period 1 January to 30 April 2016;*
- (ii) *notes that Stimpson and Co has estimated the annual loss of revenue to Council as a result of introducing first hour free parking would be in the order of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000; the lower end of the range dependent on reducing the loss on infringements through rigorous enforcement, the higher end of the range based on the parking trial evidence. Council’s original estimate of the loss at \$925,000 being at the higher end of the range is considered by officers to be a valid estimate of the loss;*
- (iii) *notes the consultation results outlined in paragraphs 19 to 28 of the officer’s report showing support for continuing the first hour free parking in the HC2 Shopper Zone and a preference for funding this 25% by way of a part targeted rate on CBD businesses and 75% by way of a general rate across all ratepayer groups;*
- (iv) *notes that a number of other funding options were raised by submitters including:*
  - (a) *CBD businesses funding this 100%;*
  - (b) *CBD businesses funding more or most of the costs;*
  - (c) *Reprioritising other projects/making savings elsewhere;*
  - (d) *Introducing paid parking in Petone after the first hour;*
  - (e) *Increasing enforcement and/or infringement fees; and*
  - (f) *Increasing parking charges or other fees and charges;*
- (v) *notes that officers have considered a range of options for funding the continuation of first hour free parking and these are outlined at paragraphs 40 to 49 of the officer’s report;*
- (vi) *notes the legal considerations outlined in paragraphs 29 to 34 of the officer’s report with respect to recovery of either the cost of parking services in the CBD or the loss of revenue from the introduction of first hour free parking;*
- (vii) *notes that Marketview have analysed the consumer spending in the Lower Hutt CBD to determine the extent of change following the implementation of first hour free parking in the CBD. A summary of their findings is included in paragraphs 13 to 15 of the officer’s report*

*and their full report is attached as Appendix 1 to the report;*

- (viii) *notes that on the basis of the Marketview data officers have estimated a net benefit to retailers in the CBD who do not provide their own parking is estimated to be \$892K per annum. This is offset by the estimated net disbenefit to retailers with their own parking of -\$2,153K. The estimated net disbenefit to all retailers is -\$1,173K because the average growth rate during the trial period (3.0%) was less than the average growth during 2015 when paid parking applied (4.9%);*
- (ix) *agrees that the trial period for first hour free parking within the CBD be extended until 15 January 2017; and*
- (x) *adopts Option C to recover an additional \$500,000 from carparking fees."*

The motion was declared CARRIED by division with voting as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Mayor Wallace	Cr Lulich
Cr Branch	Cr Lewis
Cr Willard	Cr Barry
Cr Shierlaw	Cr Bridson
Cr McDonald	
Cr Milne	
Cr Finlayson	
Cr Cousins	
Deputy Mayor Bassett	
Total: 9	Total: 4

The meeting adjourned at 3.10pm and reconvened at 3.25pm.

8. HUTT VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - CONTRACT RENEWAL (16/543)

Report No. CPC2016/3/109 by the Divisional Manager City Development

The Divisional Manager City Development elaborated on the report. He advised that Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce undertook a number of strategies and programmes which linked the business community with Council's economic objectives.

MOVED: (Mayor Wallace/Deputy Mayor Bassett)

"That the Committee:

- (i) notes that the Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce (HVCC) is currently contracted by Council for a period of three years to 30 June 2016 to provide services in support of Council's economic vision and Economic Development Strategy 2009 - 2014 initiatives;
- (ii) notes that officer's recommendation is to renew the contract with the HVCC for a further period of three years to 30 June 2019 to provide services in support of Council's economic vision and Economic Development Plan 2015 - 2020;
- (iii) notes that \$200,000 per annum is currently budgeted in the draft Annual Plan for this purpose;
- (iv) agrees to continue funding for a contract for services with the HVCC at \$200,000 per annum; and
- (v) acknowledges the hard work the Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce has undertaken on behalf of Hutt City."

AMENDMENT MOVED: (Cr Barry/Cr Bridson)

"(iv) agrees to continue funding for a contract for services with the HVCC at \$150,000 per annum."

Members discussed the amendment.

Mayor Wallace commented that the proposed change had not been discussed with the Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce ('the Chamber'). He also highlighted the Chamber's improvements in the areas of growth and businesses.

Cr Lewis noted that the Chamber and retailers were working successfully together.

Cr Cousins, Cr Willard and Cr Lulich expressed support for the renewal of the contract with the Chamber. They highlighted the positive relationship with the Chamber and small businesses within the City.

Cr Milne highlighted the Chamber's excellent business media stories.

Cr Bridson advised that, although she agreed with Cr Barry's cost saving idea, she acknowledged that there was no beneficial reason to cut the funding.

Deputy Mayor commented that he could not support the amendment. He highlighted that the Chamber had 'real momentum'.

The amendment was declared LOST by division with the voting as follows:-

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cr Barry	Mayor Wallace Cr Willard Cr McDonald Cr Milne Cr Finlayson Cr Shierlaw Cr Cousins Cr Bridson Cr Lulich Cr Lewis Deputy Mayor Bassett Cr Branch
Total: 1	Total: 12

CONSEQUENTIAL MOTION:

(vi) agrees that the Chair and Deputy Chair of the City Development Committee, in consultation with the Divisional Manager City Development, oversee the contract negotiations and report back to the City Development Committee."

RESOLVED:

**Minute No. CPC 16307**

*"That the Committee:*

- (i) *notes that the Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce (HVCC) is currently contracted by Council for a period of three years to 30 June 2016 to provide services in support of Council's economic vision and Economic Development Strategy 2009 - 2014 initiatives;*
- (ii) *notes that officer's recommendation is to renew the contract with the HVCC for a further period of three years to 30 June 2019 to provide services in support of Council's economic vision and Economic Development Plan 2015 – 2020;*
- (iii) *notes that \$200,000 per annum is currently budgeted in the draft Annual Plan for this purpose;*
- (iv) *agrees to continue funding for a contract for services with the HVCC at \$200,000 per annum;*
- (v) *acknowledges the hard work the Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce has undertaken on behalf of Hutt City; and*
- (vi) *agrees that the Chair and Deputy Chair of the City Development Committee, in consultation with the Divisional Manager City Development, oversee the contract negotiations and report back to the City Development Committee."*

9. FURTHER INFORMATION AND ADOPTION OF ANNUAL PLAN 2016-2017  
(16/599)

Report No. CPC2016/3/111 by the Corporate Planner

The Corporate Planner elaborated on the report.

Avalon Studios

MOVED: (Cr Branch/Cr Lewis)

"That funding of \$150,000 be allocated to Avalon Film and Television Studios."

RESOLVED:

**Minute No. CPC 16308**

*"That the motion under debate be now put."*

Mayor Wallace put the original motion to the vote and declared it LOST on a show of hands.

RESOLVED: (SHOW OF HANDS)

**Minute No. CPC 16309**

*"That officers refer the Avalon Film and Television Studios submission to the Wellington Regional Amenities Fund and Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency."*

Petone 2040/Petone and Wainuiomata Sportsvilles

The General Manager Community Services elaborated on the item.

MOVED: (Cr Lewis/Cr Lulich)

*“That the proposed funding of \$60,000 for Petone 2040 be increased to \$100,000.”*

In response to questions from members, the General Manager Community Services advised that he would meet with representatives of Petone 2040 and Sportsvilles to discuss working together collaboratively.

Mayor Wallace left the meeting at 4.55pm. Deputy Mayor Bassett assumed the chair.

Members discussed the importance of fully understanding exactly how the Sportsvilles business model worked.

Mayor Wallace rejoined the meeting at 5.00pm and resumed the chair.

RESOLVED:

**Minute No. CPC 16310**

*“That the motion under debate be now put.”*

Mayor Wallace put the original motion to the vote and declared it LOST on a show of hands.

In response to questions from members, the General Manager Community Services advised that Council had supported Sportsvilles for the last four years and the expectation was that Council would be asked to sign off the Strategic Plan. He highlighted that the issue was how Council would fund Sportsvilles in the future.

In response to a question from a member, the Chief Financial Officer advised that there was no current funding in place for the Sportsvilles. He advised that an option was to defer the funding.

Mayor Wallace asked officers to report back in the new triennium regarding the Petone and Wainuiomata Sportsvilles' developments. He highlighted that this would provide the new Council with a clear outline of expectations. He noted the Chief Executive's advice that there was no additional funding available for new revitalisation projects.

RESOLVED: (SHOW OF HANDS)

**Minute No. CPC 16311**

*“That Council confirms the funding of \$140,000 for the Petone and Wainuiomata Sportsvilles”*

RESOLVED:**Minute No. CPC 16312**

*"That \$60,000 be allocated for the Petone Settlers Museum promotion."*

Mayor Wallace asked officers to report back on the Petone Settlers Museum promotions to the relevant Council Committee.

Christ Church, Taita

Cr Shierlaw highlighted that the submission from Christ Church in Taita and considered that the matter not a viable proposition.

MOVED: (Cr Shierlaw/Cr Barry)

*"That the proposed funding for the Christ Church, Taita be reduced from \$40,000 to zero."*

The motion was declared LOST on a show of hands.

Members agreed to allocate \$40,000 for 2017.

Hutt Valley Tennis

Members agreed to allocate \$30,000 for 2017 and \$200,000 for 2018.

Arts Funding

Members agreed to allocate \$30,000 for 2017.

RESOLVED:**Minute No. CPC 16313**

*"That funding of \$4,000 for three years be allocated to EnviroSchools to enable them to assist more schools requesting to engage with the programme."*

RESOLVED: (SHOW OF HANDS)**Minute No. CPC 16314**

*"That the Menz Shed, Naenae be allocated \$20,000 in 2016/2017 to allow it to continue the programmes within the community."*

In response to a question from a member, the Chief Executive highlighted the importance of the newly elected members meeting early in the triennium to discuss Council's Financial Strategy, address the future plans for the Petone and Wainuiomata Sportsvilles and other major projects.

MOVED: (Cr Milne/Cr Bridson)

*"Accepts that debt will be higher due to the inclusion of the Stokes Valley Hub and defers a decision on the rates rise until Council's Financial Strategy is reviewed after the elections."*

Cr Bridson expressed support for the motion. She asked Council to defer the decision on how the Stokes Valley Hub would be funded until after Council's Financial Strategy was

reviewed after the elections

Mayor Wallace left the meeting at 5.50pm. Deputy Mayor Bassett assumed the chair.

Cr Milne advised that Council did not need to increase the rates to fund these projects. He considered that it should be left to the new Council to decide on how capital expenditure would be funded.

Mayor Wallace rejoined the meeting at 6.00pm and resumed the chair.

In response to a question from a member, the Chief Executive advised that he could identify any additional savings, in consultation with the Mayor, to ensure Council remained within the borrowing limits.

The motion was declared LOST on a show of hands.

In response to a question from a member, the Chief Executive advised that the debt profile would be higher if Council decided not to add a 1% rates increase.

Members noted that Deputy Mayor Bassett asked for support for submission DAP16/1051 from Mrs Flux regarding bus stops in Hutt City.

#### 10. RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

**RECOMMENDED: (BY DIVISION)**

**Minute No. CPC 16315**

*"That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- (i) adopts the Rates Postponement Policy which provides for postponement of rates to assist ratepayers experiencing extreme financial hardship, noting that a separate report will be prepared for Council following a request that the Policy be extended to cover all ratepayers over the age of 65, irrespective of financial situation;*
- (ii) adopts the Policy for Remission and Postponement of Rates on Maori Freehold Land;*
- (iii) adopts the Annual Plan 2016-2017 incorporating the budget changes; and*
- (iv) authorises the Annual Plan Subcommittee comprising Mayor Wallace, Deputy Mayor Bassett and Councillors Cousins and Shierlaw to sign off the typeset document."*

For

Cr Branch  
Mayor Wallace  
Cr Willard  
Cr Shierlaw  
Cr McDonald  
Cr Lulich  
Cr Finlayson  
Cr Barry  
Cr Cousins  
Cr Lewis  
Deputy Mayor Bassett

Total: 11

Against

Cr Bridson  
Cr Milne

Total: 2

**11. QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.20pm.

WR Wallace  
**CHAIR**

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record  
Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2016**