

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS OF THE DRAFT 2026-27 ANNUAL PLAN HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, COMMENCING AT 8:30AM ON TUESDAY, 26 MAY 2026.

PRESENT:

Mayor D Gordon, Deputy Mayor P Redmond, Councillors T Bartle, B Cairns, W Doody, J Goldsworthy, N Mealings, B McLaren, S Powell and J Ward.

IN ATTENDANCE:

J Millward (Chief Executive), C Genet (General Manager Finance and Business Support), G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roding), C Brown (General Manager Community and Recreation), K LaValley (General Manager Planning, Regulation and Environment), S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development), K Simpson (3 Waters Manager), J McBride (Roding and Transport Manager), C Fahey (Water and Wastewater Asset Manager), J Recker (Stormwater and Waterways Manager), K Waghorn (Solid Waste Asset Manager), M Harris (Customer Services Manager), W Harris (Planning Manager), B Charlton (Environmental Services Manager), C Roxburgh (Project Delivery Manager), R Hawthorne (Property Manager), H Street (Corporate Planner), and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

The meeting adjourned for refreshments at 10.51am and reconvened at 11.20am.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item 4.8 – Councillor Mealings as a Director of Transwaste.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Waimakariri District Council Annual Plan 2026/27 Submissions Hearing held on Thursday 7 May 2026

Moved: Councillor Mealings

Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Confirms**, as a true and correct record, the circulated Minutes of the Waimakariri District Council Annual Plan 2026/27 Submissions Hearing held on Thursday, 7 May 2026.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS

4.1 Summary of proposed staff submission changes from 2026/27 Draft Annual Plan – C Genet (General Manager Finance and Business Support) and P Christensen (Finance Manager)

C Genet spoke to the report and noted that the starting position from the Draft Annual Plan showed a proposed rates increase of 4.91%. This represented the average growth-adjusted increase and therefore applied on a per-property basis. He advised that once adjusted for the impact of staff submissions, funding requests, and carryovers, the increase would be 5.07% if all items were approved. C Genet highlighted the inflationary environment that had developed since the Council issued the 2026/27 Draft Annual Plan.

There had been significant increases in oil prices due to the conflict in Iran. The Council had set its inflationary assumptions at approximately 2.6%, using the Business and Economic Research (BERL) adjusters, while the current Consumer Price Index (CPI) sat in the early 3% range. Although the Council had increased budgets to account for inflation, C Genet noted the associated risks and emphasised that staff needed to consider how to maintain levels of service within existing budgets as costs continued to rise. If the Council were to approve all staff submissions and cost-saving initiatives, the rates increase would be 4.97% (average). C Genet then provided an overview of the cost-saving initiatives.

J Millward advised that staff had aimed to keep the increase under 5%. He explained the importance of understanding the components contributing to the 4.97% increase. Based on the rates samples in the 2026/27 Draft Annual Plan, and excluding Three Waters, the rates increase was 2.9% across those samples. He noted that Waimakariri remained one of the lowest-rated districts in New Zealand. Many councils were now required by legislation to show their rate increase, excluding Three Waters. J Millward also noted risks within the budget, particularly that the Council had no alternative source other than BERL for setting the inflation rate for the next 12 months. There was considerable uncertainty surrounding upcoming legislative changes, including the Simplifying Local Government reforms and potential rates capping, which were required to be in place by 1 July 2029. Staff had attempted to reflect these additional costs within the budget where practical.

Councillor Doody asked whether staff training for the i-SITEs had been accounted for in the budget. J Millward confirmed that staff had allowed for this within the budget and that it did not represent a significant increase.

Deputy Mayor Redmond questioned whether, in developing the i-SITE proposal, staff had considered the impact on Enterprise North Canterbury (ENC), particularly regarding its viability and staffing levels. S Hart noted that the current funding provided to ENC included a small amount that contributed to the lease of its building, as well as an additional amount that supported staffing required to deliver i-SITE functions.

Deputy Mayor Redmond then enquired whether this matter had been discussed with ENC. S Hart noted that it had been discussed previously and that ENC was not opposed to the proposal.

Responding to Councillor Cairns' question, S Hart observed that the libraries could be set up to receive commissions from sales generated through the i-SITE.

Councillor Cairns further enquired what proportion of commission revenue was generated online versus in-person. S Hart was unsure, noting that the annual total was between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

Councillor Powell expressed interest in the feasibility of accommodating additional functions within the Rangiora Library, given the limited space. C Brown explained that the library already contained some display space with existing i-SITE material, and that the proposal would require only a small increase to the area currently used.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Councillor Cairns

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260514116440.
- (b) **Approves** staff progressing with relocation of I-Site functions into Council libraries in Rangiora, Kaiapoi and Oxford.
- (c) **Approves** retaining the contract hours for the Council's waste minimisation education contract at the previous budget hours.

- (d) **Notes** management will undertake further assessment of the remaining cost-saving initiatives from their review to identify if these can also be progressed at a later date.

CARRIED

Mayor Gordon acknowledged the effort made by staff to identify savings during a particularly challenging period. He noted that this work enabled the Council to maintain the integrity of the Waimakariri District's existing levels of service. The savings also created options for considering the grant applications received. He expressed support for the Kaiapoi Rugby Club grant, which remained subject to discussion.

With respect to the i-SITE, Mayor Gordon considered it timely to review the matter. He indicated openness to transition arrangements with ENC, noting that if the Council could deliver a significantly improved level of service through its highly utilised libraries, it would be a positive outcome. He emphasised the importance of retaining the contract hours for waste minimisation and did not wish to see these reduced. Mayor Gordon highlighted the value of the education work undertaken in this area, noting that much of the district's progress in waste minimisation had been driven by sustained education efforts, particularly among younger generations.

Councillor Cairns commented on the waste minimisation educators and the service they provided to schools, stating that he would not want to see those levels of service reduced. He noted that he had been advocating for years to relocate the i-SITE to a higher-profile location. He congratulated ENC for the work it had undertaken over the years. Councillor Cairns also highlighted the high visibility and foot traffic in the libraries, describing them as extremely busy. He looked forward to receiving a report on the i-SITE proposal.

Councillor Mealings noted that, in relation to waste minimisation, children often led the way, and it was important that the service was not significantly impacted. She observed that while the i-SITE was a relatively small business activity for ENC, it remained an important function and relocating it to the libraries across the district could yield better outcomes. She congratulated staff, noting that when the Council adopted the Draft Annual Plan in mid-February for public consultation in mid-March, the onset of the conflict in Iran had triggered a fuel crisis and associated inflationary pressures. Councillor Mealings commended staff for maintaining the integrity of the consulted-on 2026/27 Draft Annual Plan despite these challenges.

Councillor Powell commented that, should the i-SITE proposal proceed, it would represent an increase in the level of service, with three sites rather than one, and with libraries offering longer opening hours. She considered it an option well worth investigating.

Deputy Mayor Redmond expressed support for the motion, noting that it would provide improved service levels across the district and more efficient use of resources. He indicated that he would like to see further information when the report returned to the Council.

Councillor Doody supported relocating the i-SITE to the libraries. She noted that during her JP duties in Oxford, many people came in seeking information about places to visit, and the library setting provided a valuable point of contact. She added that the required signage was not large enough to obstruct existing spaces.

4.2 **Draft Annual Plan 2026-2027 Special Consultative Procedure** – S Docherty (Strategy and Business Manager) and H Street (Corporate Planner)

H Street took the report as read, and there were no questions from elected members.

Moved: Councillor Ward

Seconded: Mayor Gordon

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260511113183.
- (b) **Receives** the Draft Annual Plan 2026 – 2027 Summary of Submissions and Officers' Recommendations (Trim 260511112787).
- (c) **Notes** that consultation on the Draft Annual Plan 2026-2027 was undertaken between 20 March and 20 April 2026, resulting in 59 submissions and 209 associated submission points for Council consideration.
- (d) **Notes** that all submissions were received during the consultation period of 20 March to 20 April 2026.
- (e) **Notes** that 117 submission points (56% of all submission points received) included feedback on the four key topics outlined in the Consultation Document: Local Government Reform, Local Water Done Well, the Rangiora Eastern Link, and Council's Capital Programme.
- (f) **Notes** that hearings were conducted on Thursday 7 May 2026, with 25 submitters appearing before Council. Paper copies of all submissions were distributed to Council members prior to the hearing session.
- (g) **Notes** that staff are now finalising the Draft Annual Plan, acknowledging that Council may determine further changes through the deliberations process.
- (h) **Notes** that the Council is scheduled to adopt the Annual Plan on 16 June 2026.
- (i) **Circulates** the report to the Community Boards for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor Ward commented that the Council was fortunate to have such capable staff.

Councillor Mealings added that staff had done an excellent job.

4.2A **Consideration of submissions to the Draft Annual Plan 2026-2027**

Moved: Councillor Powell

Seconded: Councillor Doody

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receive** all public submissions, **proforma**, noting that the decisions would be finalised at the end of the meeting.
- (b) **Notes** that Councillors were welcome to suggest amendments to recommendations as each public submission point is discussed through the agenda.
- (c) **Notes** minor wording changes to the public responses are considered by Councillor agreement as each submission is discussed through the agenda.

CARRIED

4.3 **Drainage – Utilities and Roading Department Staff Submission to the Draft 2026/27 Annual Plan** – J Recker (Stormwater and Waterways Manager), K Simpson (3 Waters Manager) and G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roading)

J Recker took the report as read.

Councillor Goldsworthy asked, in relation to the binary drive of utility relocation costs, whether the issue arose from mapping inaccuracies or whether staff were future-proofing by moving services to alternative locations. J Recker explained the reason for the increased costs, noting that staff aimed to strike a balance when setting budgets by identifying utilities as accurately as possible without being overly conservative. As projects progressed, staff undertook potholing to determine the exact location of utilities. It was during this stage that power and telecommunications services were often identified as more expensive to relocate. For these alignments, staff had budgeted based on the worst-case scenario.

Moved: Councillor Bartle

Seconded: Councillor Doody

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 260504108497.
- (b) **Approves** deferral of \$178,700 of allocated budget from 2026/27 to 2028/29 for the Southbrook Pipeline – Southern Cross to Flaxton project.
- (c) **Approves** additional LOS budget of \$250,000 in 2026/27 and an additional \$143,000 of renewals budget in 2026/27 for the Wiltshire/Green Pipework Upgrade Stage 2 project, for a total LOS budget of \$674,035 and a total renewals budget of \$143,000 in 2026/27.
- (d) **Approves** additional LOS budget of \$420,000 in 2026/27 for the Blackett Street Piping project, for a total LOS budget of \$1,610,000 in 2026/27.
- (e) **Approves** bringing forward and reallocating \$130,000 from the 2027/28 Rangiora Network Discharge Consent Implementation Works budget to 2026/27 for the Railway Drain Treatment project for a total budget of \$412,690.
- (f) **Approves** reduction of \$188,460 from the 2026/27 budget for the Three Brooks Enhancement – Middle Brook Tributary project.
- (g) **Approves** bringing forward \$140,000 from the Woodend Box Drain Treatment Facility Upgrade project budget from 2027/28 to 2026/27, resulting in a total budget of \$165,000 in 2026/27.
- (h) **Approves** additional LOS budget of \$10,000 in 2026/27 for the Bay Road Drainage Upgrades project resulting in a total budget of \$250,810.
- (i) **Approves** bringing forward \$50,000 from the Lehmans Road Stage 2 project budget from 2027/28 and 2028/29 to 2026/27 and advancing the remaining construction budget of \$388,110 from 2028/29 to 2027/28 for the Lehmans Road Stage 2 project.
- (j) **Approves** partial deferral of \$421,150 from the Flannigans Drain Capacity Upgrades project construction budget from 2027/28 to 2028/29.
- (k) **Approves** partial deferral of \$264,100 from the Flannigans Drain Downstream Upgrade project construction budget from 2027/28 to 2028/29.
- (l) **Approves** deferral of construction budget of \$556,400 from 2026/27 to 2029/30 for the Mill Road Stormwater Management Area project.

(m) **Notes** potential for Council report in 2026/27 to bring forward \$2,000,000 from the Rangiora Network Discharge Consent Implementation Works budget for a stormwater management area to treat runoff from the Newnham Street industrial area.

(n) **Notes** that the rating impact from the proposed budget changes is summarised below:

Project	Proposed Change	Average Rating Impact on Scheme	Average Rating Impact by Area (Drainage)	Average Rating Impact across District
Southbrook Pipeline – Southern Cross to Flaxton (Rangiora)	Deferral of \$178,700 of allocated budget from 2026/27 to 2028/29	The deferral of capital works budgets will result in a slight reduction in rates for the 2027/28 financial year. However, since the overall total project budget remains unchanged, the long-term impact on rates will be minimal.		
Wiltshire / Green Pipework Upgrade Stage 2 (Rangiora)	Additional LOS budget of \$250,000 in 2026/27	0.59% (\$2.13 per connection) from 2027/28	0.18%	0.01%
	Additional \$143,000 of renewals budget in 2026/27	Renewals funding is collected through depreciation, so this budget advancement has no impact on rates as the funding has already been recovered.		
Blackett Street Piping (Rangiora)	Additional LOS budget of \$420,000 in 2026/27	1.0% (\$3.57 per connection) from 2027/28	0.30%	0.02%
Railway Drain Treatment (Rangiora)	Bringing forward and reallocating \$130,000 from the 2027/28 Rangiora Network Discharge Consent Implementation Works budget to 2026/27	0.31% (\$1.11 per connection) from 2027/28 instead of 2028/29	0.09%	0.01%
Three Brooks Enhancement Project – Middle Brook Tributary (Rangiora)	Reduction of budget of \$188,460 from the 2026/27 Three Brooks Enhancement – Middle Brook Tributary project budget	-0.45% (-\$1.60 per connection) from 2027/28	-0.14%	-0.01%

Project	Proposed Change	Average Rating Impact on Scheme	Average Rating Impact by Area (Drainage)	Average Rating Impact across District
Woodend Box Drain Treatment Facility Upgrade Project (Coastal Urban)	Bringing forward \$140,000 of project budget from 2027/28 to 2026/27	Bringing the budget forward will have minimal impact on rates, as the total project budget remains unchanged, and the project programme and completion date remain the same.		
Bay Road Drainage Upgrades (Oxford Urban)	Additional LOS budget of \$10,000 in 2026/27	0.35% (\$0.91 per connection) from 2027/28	0.01%	0.00%
Lehmans Road Stage 2 (District Drainage)	Bringing forward \$50,000 of budget from 2027/28 and 2028/29 to 2026/27 and advancing the remaining construction budget of \$388,110 from 2028/29 to 2027/28	2.37% (\$0.82 per connection) from 2028/29 instead of 2029/30	0.24%	0.02%
Flannigans Drain Capacity Upgrades (Oxford Urban)	Partial deferral of \$421,150 of construction budget from 2027/28 to 2028/29.	The deferral of capital works budgets will result in a slight reduction in rates for the 2027/28 financial year. However, since the overall total project budget remains unchanged, the long-term impact on rates will be minimal.		
Flannigans Drain Downstream Upgrade (Oxford Urban)	Partial deferral of \$264,100 of construction budget from 2027/28 to 2028/29.			
Mill Road Stormwater Management Area (Ohoka)	Deferral of the available budget of \$556,400 from 2026/27 to 2029/30			

- (o) **Notes** that a detailed review of the draft 2026/27 Annual Plan budgets has been undertaken, and only essential changes have been proposed to confirm the project budgets and the deliverability of the overall programme, such that the net overall rating impact is minor.
- (p) **Circulates** this report to the Community Boards for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor Bartle commented that it was a comprehensive report.

Councillor Doody congratulated staff on their work.

Mayor Gordon noted that he had received excellent feedback on the work completed on Percival Street and in Southbrook, and that the projects being finished a month ahead of schedule were greatly appreciated. He emphasised the importance of these works in ensuring the district remained ahead of its infrastructure needs.

4.4 **Water Supply - Utilities and Roothing Department Staff Submission to the Draft 2026/27 Annual Plan** – C Fahey (Water and Wastewater Asset Manager), K Simpson (3 Waters Manager) and G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roothing)

C Fahey took the report as read, and there were no questions from elected members.

Moved: Councillor Powell

Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260428104508.
- (b) **Approves** new partial renewal (62%), growth (13%) and level of service (25%) budget of \$2,200,000 in 2026/27 to fund the renewal of the 200mm PVC water main on High Street Rangiora due to the very poor condition of the pipe that is at high risk of another failure occurring in the next few years with major consequences to the town centre businesses and properties when it fails.
- (c) **Approves** reduction in the Rangiora Water Headworks Renewals budget from \$785,250 to \$261,750 in 2026/27 for the renewal of VSDs, harmonic filter and chlorine tank at the Southbelt and Ayer Street treatment plants. Noting that this will free up additional budget to fund the High Street Rangiora water main in 2027/28.
- (d) **Approves** a new level of service budget of \$40,000 to extend the existing 63mm PE rider main on the West Belt to improve the water level of service of the network. Noting that the timing of this work is to align with the upgrade of the West Belt/Oxford Road roundabout that has been planned for construction in 2026/27.
- (e) **Approves** new growth budget of \$35,000 to extend the 150 mm water main from the Bellgrove Rangiora development to Golf Link Road to cater for future growth. Noting that this work will be undertaken as part of the new subdivision works, which provide efficiencies and cost savings to Council, to complete this work at the same time rather than in the future.
- (f) **Approves** bringing forward the growth budget of \$405,000 from 2027/28 to 2026/27 to fund the design and construction of a section of the Lehmans and Oxford Road link main at the Lehmans/Oxford Road intersection. Noting that the timing of this work is to align with the construction of the new roundabout that has been planned for construction in 2026/27.
- (g) **Approves** retaining growth budget of \$500,000 for the design and construction of a new water booster pump station in 2026/27 and deferring the remaining \$1,113,010 from 2026/27 to 2027/28 for the Mertons Road and Priors Road Water Servicing Project. Noting that the remaining planned works to extend the water network to service growth in the area has been deferred due to a pause on the proposed development activity in the area.
- (h) **Approves** additional budget of \$600,000 to enable the Woodend Water Renewals project on Main North Road (State Highway 1) to be completed in 2026/27. Noting that the water mains are overdue for renewal and not progressing, this work risks interruptions to the water supply due to failures occurring that will be costly to repair and likely to cause major disruptions due to the location of the water mains.

- (i) **Approves** additional growth budget of \$212,000 in 2027/28 to enable the new bore project to be completed for the Woodend-Pegasus water supply. Noting that this additional budget is required due to the unsuccessful drilling of the EQ4 bore which requires a new bore to be drilled to provide for redundancy and growth for the Woodend-Pegasus water supply.
- (j) **Approves** additional renewals budget of \$50,000 in 2026/27 to enable the electrical renewals at the Chinnerys WTP and Pegasus WTP, including VSD replacements and control system upgrades to be completed. Noting that this work is essential to ensure that the water supply is able to continue meeting compliance requirements and provide a level of service.
- (k) **Approves an** additional partial level of service (95%) and growth (5%) budget of \$95,000 in 2026/27 to enable the new bore two project to be completed for the Garrymere drinking water supply. Noting that this project is critical due to the water supply currently having no source redundancy, which has been identified as an unacceptable risk to Council.
- (l) **Approves** reallocation of renewal budget of \$421,161 in 2026/27, i.e. retain \$104,700 in 2026/27 and defer \$316,461 to 2027/28 to allow the Oxford Rural 1 Headworks Renewal project to be completed over 2 financial years. Noting that there is no change to the overall budget with the proposed budget reallocation.
- (m) **Approves** reallocation of renewal budget of \$125,640 from 2026/27, i.e. retain \$75,640 in 2026/27 and defer \$50,000 to 2027/28 to allow the Summerhill Headworks Renewals project to be completed over 2 financial years. Noting that there is no change to the overall budget with the proposed budget reallocation.
- (n) **Approves** an additional level of service budget of \$50,000 for the 2027/28 financial year to allow the Cust Storage Tank Pipework Configuration project to be completed over two financial years. Noting that the original budget had been based on an old estimate that has now been updated.
- (o) **Notes** that the rating impact from the proposed budget changes are summarised below:

Project	Proposed Change	Average Rating on Impact Scheme	Average Rating Impact by Area (Water Supply)	Average Rating Impact across District
Rangiora High Street Water Main Renewal	New budget of \$2,200,000 in 2026/27	3.48% (\$16.26 per connection)	0.72%	0.12%
Rangiora Water Headworks Renewals	Reduction in budget from \$785,250 to \$261,750 in 2026/27	-0.87% (-\$4.05 per connection)	-0.18%	-0.03%
West Belt Rider Main extension	New budget of \$40,000 in 2026/27	0.07% (\$0.31 per connection)	0.01%	0.00%
Golf Links Road Water Main Extension	New budget of \$35,000 in 2026/27	Growth project Development Contribution funded.		

Project	Proposed Change	Average Rating on Impact Scheme	Average Rating Impact by Area (Water Supply)	Average Rating Impact across District
Lehmans and Oxford Road Link Main	Bringing forward \$405,000 from 2027/28	Growth project Development Contribution funded.		
Merton Road and Priors Road Water Servicing	Retain \$500,000 in 2026/27, deferring remaining \$1,113,010 to 2027/28	Fully subsidised by developer		
Woodend Water Main Renewals	Additional budget of \$600,000 in 2026/27	No rating impact due to sufficient renewal funds to cover additional budget request		
Woodend-Pegasus Source Upgrade	Additional budget of \$212,000 in 2027/28	Growth project Development Contribution funded.		
Woodend-Pegasus Electrical Renewal	Additional budget of \$50,000 in 2026/27	No rating impact due to sufficient renewal funds to cover additional budget request		
Garrymere Bore 2	Additional budget of \$95,000 in 2026/27	3.1% (\$125.54 per connection)	0.03%	0.00%
Oxford Rural 1 Headworks Renewals	Reallocation of budget from 2026/27, \$104,700 in 2026/27 and \$316,461 to 2027/28	-2.21% (-\$13.62 per connection)	-0.11%	0.02%
Summerhill Headworks Renewals	Reallocation of budget from 2026/27, \$75,640 in 2026/27 and \$50,000 to 2027/28	-1.04% (-\$6.09 per connection)	-0.02%	0.00%
Cust storage tank pipework configuration	Additional budget of \$50,000 in 2027/28	1.32% (\$24.02 per connection)	0.02%	0.00%

(p) **Notes** that no additional budget has been requested for in this staff submission for upgrading the McPhedrons Bore 1 on the Oxford Rural 1 water supply should the hydrogeological assessment confirm that some physical modifications could be carried out to improve the nitrate levels of the bore, as information to inform this is not yet available at the time of the submission.

- (q) **Notes** that no additional budget has been requested for in this staff submission for any upgrades that are required due to the DWQAR Level 3 rule changes that affect most of our drinking water supplies, due to the updated rules not yet being available at the time of the submission.
- (r) **Notes** that no additional budget has been requested for in this staff submission for the additional cost that could be incurred for the Ohoka Water Treatment Plant land purchase if the new subdivision (PC31) were to proceed. This was agreed as a condition in the approved land purchase agreement.
- (s) **Notes** that a detailed review of the draft 2026/27 Annual Plan budgets has been undertaken, and only essential changes have been proposed to confirm the project budgets and the deliverability of the overall programme, such that the net overall rating impact is minor.
- (t) **Notes** that the net overall rating impact of the proposed changes to the Water supply budgets is 0.78%.
- (u) **Circulates** this report to the Community Boards for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor Powell thanked staff for the report. He noted that the new budget for the Rangiora High Street project was impressive, given what staff had achieved within the overall budget. He acknowledged that the works would cause some disruption but considered the alternative — risking infrastructure failure — to be far worse.

Councillor Ward observed that a significant amount of work was underway and commented that it was good to see the High Street water main renewal progressing.

Mayor Gordon noted that the High Street water main renewal was an important project and that considerable planning would be required to manage the works effectively.

Councillor Cairns congratulated staff on the communication already provided to High Street retailers. He commented that it was encouraging to see staff proactively maintaining the district's core infrastructure.

4.5 **Wastewater – Utilities and Roothing Department Staff Submission to the Draft 2026/27 Annual Plan** – C Fahey (Water and Wastewater Asset Manager), K Simpson (3 Waters Manager) and G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roothing)

C Fahey took the report as read, and there were no questions from elected members.

Moved: Councillor Doody

Seconded: Councillor McLaren

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260428104509.
- (b) **Approves** new renewal budget of \$40,000 in 2026/27 for renewal of wastewater pumps at Oxford WWTP.
- (c) **Approves** new renewal budget of \$20,000 in 2026/27 for renewal of wastewater pumps in Waikuku Beach at North Oval and Reserve Road WWPSs.
- (d) **Approves** new renewal budget of \$100,000 in 2026/27 for renewal of wastewater pumps at Rangiora WWTP EDS WWPS, Southbrook WWPS and Northbrook Waters WWPS.
- (e) **Approves** new level of service budget of \$50,000 for construction of generator shelter for the generator at the Rangiora WWTP EDS pump station.

- (f) **Approves** new level of service budget of \$60,000 for construction of a screenings bin shelter at the Woodend WWTP.
- (g) **Approves** new Level of service budget of \$60,000 for construction of a screenings bin shelter at the Kaiapoi WWTP.
- (h) **Notes** that the rating impact from the proposed budget changes are summarised below:

Project	Proposed Change	Average Rating Impact on Scheme	Average Rating Impact by Area (Wastewater)	Average Rating Impact across District
<u>Oxford Wastewater Pump Renewals</u>	New renewal budget of \$40,000 in 2026/27	There are sufficient renewal funds to cover additional budget and therefore no rating impact.		
<u>Waikuku Beach Wastewater Pump Renewals</u>	New renewal budget of \$20,000 in 2026/27	There are sufficient renewal funds to cover additional budget and therefore no rating impact.		
<u>Rangiora Wastewater Pump Renewals</u>	New renewal budget of \$100,000 in 2026/27	There are sufficient renewal funds to cover additional budget and therefore no rating impact.		
Generator Shelter at Rangiora WWTP EDS WWPS	New LOS budget of \$50,000 in 2026/27	0.02% (\$0.16 per connection)	0.02%	0.00%
Screenings Bin Shelter at Woodend WWTP	New budget of \$60,000 in 2026/27	0.03% (\$0.19 per connection)	0.02%	0.00%
Screenings Bin Shelter at Kaiapoi WWTP	New LOS budget of \$60,000 in 2026/27	0.03% (\$0.19 per connection)	0.02%	0.00%

- (i) **Notes** that the dewatering budget of \$1,055,730 available in 2025/26 for desludging of Kaiapoi WWTP Pond 2A will be carried over to the 2026/27 due to delays in letting of the desludging contract which has resulted in the contract expected to be completed only in the 2026/27 financial year.
- (j) **Notes** that the Woodend WWTP UV upgrade project is likely to require additional budget in 2026/27 based on initial work that have been completed on assessment of options. However, there is insufficient information to inform budget changes at the time of the submission. Any future budget changes will be requested through a separate report to Council.
- (k) **Notes** that no additional budget has been requested for extension of the existing wastewater network on Oxford Road (Oxford) to service a property that is currently located within the sewer rating area. This extension will be triggered when the property applies to connect to the wastewater network and will cost the Council approximately \$50,000 to construct. If required, the new budget will be requested through a separate report to the Council
- (l) **Notes** that a detailed review of the draft 2026/27 Annual Plan budgets has been undertaken and only essential changes have been proposed to confirm the project budgets and the deliverability of the overall programme, such that the net overall rating impact is minor.

(m) **Notes** that the net overall rating impact of the proposed changes to the Wastewater budgets is 0.08%.

(n) **Circulate** this report to the Community Boards for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor Doody thanked staff for the report.

4.6 **Roading Staff Submission May 2026: Rangiora Eastern Link Road Summary of Submissions and Financial Implications** – R Kerr (REL Programme Manager), J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager) and G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roading)

J McBride spoke to the report, noting that it presented a summary of submissions on the Rangiora Eastern Link and included a request to bring forward funding.

Councillor Powell questioned whether additional communication was needed to explain the reasons for the cost increase and noted that the project still required co-funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency before it could proceed to the construction phase.

Moved: Councillor Ward

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Redmond

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260506109809.
- (b) **Notes** the Business Case for the Rangiora Eastern Link for co-funding under the National Land Transport Plan has been submitted to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and a decision on this is due shortly.
- (c) **Notes** that the majority (58%) of consultation feedback was in favour of progressing the construction of the Rangiora Eastern Link, with 16% opposed.
- (d) **Approves** advancing development of the detailed design, resource consenting and securing the land required for the project if NZTA co-funding is secured.
- (e) **Approves** bringing forward \$4.8 million to the 2026/27 Annual Plan for the project.
- (f) **Notes** staff will provide the proposed procurement and delivery strategy for the project for Council consideration on 2 June 2026.
- (g) **Notes** that additional work is underway to review the share development contributions in light of the increased growth areas in East Rangiora and this will be reported back to Council later this year.
- (h) **Notes** that further funding decisions for the balance of the project will be made as part of the Long Term Plan 2027-37 process.
- (i) **Notes** that Council will consider the scope and affordability of the project once detailed design and consenting are complete and the pre-tender estimate confirmed, expected to be in mid-2027.

CARRIED

Councillor Ward noted that the project was subject to NZTA funding. She observed that the Council had already received some funding to advance the project and that progressing the work would help keep costs down. She expressed her enthusiasm for the project.

Deputy Mayor Redmond stated that the question was not *if* the project would proceed, but *when*. He noted that the recent funding from the NZTA represented another small step forward. To reassure submitters, he confirmed that he would not support the link proceeding without co-funding from the Agency. Deputy Mayor Redmond highlighted that the project delivered a seven-to-one cost benefit to ratepayers under the current structure.

Mayor Gordon acknowledged the significant amount of work that had gone into the project and described the Council's decision to progress it as bold. He recognised Councillor Ward's strong advocacy and noted the value of engaging R Kerr to lead the project, along with the value-engineering work undertaken to ensure the proposal was realistic. While there had been cost increases, he noted that this reflected the current environment. Mayor Gordon agreed with Councillor Powell on the importance of clearly explaining the situation to the community.

Councillor Mealings commented that the project was critical and needed to proceed, describing the Council's approach as a proactive step.

In her right of reply, Councillor Ward thanked staff for supporting her when she sought to advance the project.

4.7 Staff Submission to the Annual Plan 2026/27 – Roading Budgets – J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager) and G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roading)

J McBride spoke to the report, noting that it sought approval for several additional changes to the roading budgets. She advised that the Tram Road / No. 10 Road intersection include an increased budget allocation, which remained subject to a further report. If approved, this would result in an additional expenditure of \$155,600. The proposed changes would increase rates by 87 cents in the 2027/28 year.

Deputy Mayor Redmond noted the change to the budget for the Tram Road/No. 10 Road intersection and asked whether the recommendation reflected the increased amount. J McBride confirmed that the details were included in the public-excluded report scheduled later in the meeting.

Councillor Powell asked whether the proposed budget for a stock underpass covered only one underpass. J McBride confirmed that the budget allowed for a single underpass. She noted that two requests had been received and that it was unusual for the Council to receive applications for underpasses. Whether the projects progressed and the extent of Council contribution would depend on calculations based on road volumes.

Report 9.1 “Staff Submission to the Annual Plan 2026/27 - Tram Road / No. Intersection Improvements” was taken at this time. The agenda order was retained in the Minutes to mitigate confusion.

CLOSED MEETING

The public excluded portion occurred from 9.56am to 10.26am.

OPEN MEETING

Following the public-excluded session, Councillor Powell asked about the Rangiora–Woodend Road improvements and the movement of \$50,000 to the 2028/29 financial year. She noted that it was a dangerous intersection and that even basic improvements would be beneficial. J McBride confirmed that the budget in question related to widening and hazard removal, not to intersection improvements. She advised that \$100,000 was allocated in the next financial year for the design of the intersection.

Moved: Councillor McLaren

Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260504108577.
- (b) **Approves** the proposed changes to capital budgets for the 2026-27 financial year as outlined in the following table:

Budget Name	Original 2026/27 Budget \$	Proposed 2026-27 Budget \$	Proposed 2027-28 Budget \$	Comment
Land Purchase – Growth <i>Unsubsidised</i>	0	50,000	50,000	Developer Driven. High likelihood of need. Bring forward \$50,000 from 27/28 to 26/27 (reduce 27/28 budget).
Cenotaph Corner	235,000	50,000	0	Likely need to upgrade the footpath outside the new BNZ corner building. Move budget of \$185,000 to 28/29.
Stock Underpass Contribution	0	100,000	0	Two requests which are likely to generate requirement for Council share.
Tram Rd / No.10 Road - Intersection Upgrade	450,000	1,150,000	0	Estimated cost to undertake a full upgrade of the intersection including property purchase (subject to Council approval).
West Rangiora ODP	409,400	0	684,888	Move \$409,400 from 26/27 out to 28/29 (total budget \$637,696 in 28/29).
Rangiora Woodend Rd Improvements incl. Boys Rd (widen & hazard removal)	50,000	0	50,000	Move budget of \$150,000 from 27/28 out to 28/29 (total budget \$480,000 in 28/29). Timed with Woodend Bypass.
TOTALS	\$1,144,400	\$1,300,000		

- (c) **Notes** that a review of Roading budgets has been undertaken to ensure the projects that are included within the budget are deliverable while still minimising any impacts to levels of service and ensuring we keep our commitments to NZ Transport Agency to deliver our programme of works as the co-funder of these projects.
- (d) **Notes** that the result of these changes is an increase in capital expenditure in the 2026/27 financial year of \$155,600.
- (e) **Notes** that the Tram Road / No. 10 Road Intersection is the subject of a separate report and subject to Council approvals and NZ Transport Agency approval of co-funding allocation.
- (f) **Circulates** this report to the Community Boards, for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor Goldsworthy commented that it made sense.

The meeting adjourned for refreshments at 10.51am and reconvened at 11.20am.

4.8 **Solid Waste – Utilities and Roading Department Staff Submission to the Draft 2026/27 Annual Plan** – K Waghorn (Solid Waste Manager) and G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roading)

Councillor Mealings sat back from the table and took no part in this report consideration.

K Waghorn took the report as read. She noted that staff had received advice from Transwaste indicating that their disposal and transportation charges had been affected by recent fuel price increases. These charges were now expected to exceed the previously provided indicative levels, which would, in turn, affect gate charges. As a result, staff recommended a substantial increase in gate charges.

G Cleary stated that staff had managed the increase within the accounts to the point where it added 0.02% to the total average rates increase, bringing the overall average increase to 4.99%.

Mayor Gordon asked what impact this would have on gate charges. K Waghorn advised that while staff had initially projected an increase of 2.7% to 3%, it was now looking more likely to be in the range of 5% to 5.5%.

In response to a question from Councillor Cairns, K Waghorn noted that the Council was selling compost bins at a price below retail. The Council charged only enough to cover its own costs, including overheads, and supported this approach to encourage residents to compost at home.

Moved: Councillor Ward

Seconded: Mayor Gordon

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260428104569.
- (b) **Approves** deferring the \$270,000 budget allowance in the Waste Minimisation Account for the Southbrook resource recovery park upgrades PJ 101568 from 2026/27 to 2027/28.
- (c) **Approves** deferring the \$165,000 budget allowance in the Disposal Account for the Southbrook transfer station upgrades PJ 100843 from 2026/27 to 2027/28.
- (d) **Notes** that these adjustments to capital works budgets do not have any rates implications in the 2026/27 financial year as they were being funded out of account surpluses.
- (e) **Approves** increasing the GST-inclusive charges for WDC-branded rubbish bags as below:
 - i) Retail price from \$4.00 to \$4.10 per bag,
 - ii) Retail price from \$20.00 to \$20.50 per 5-pack,
 - iii) Retail price from \$40.00 to \$41.00 per 10-pack,
 - iv) Retail price from \$97.50 to \$100.00 per 25-pack, and
 - v) Wholesale price from \$95.00 to \$97.50 per 25-pack.
- (f) **Approves** amending the following GL codes that are associated with WDC rubbish bag sales and purchases:
 - i) GL 10.400.020.1517 Refuse Bag Revenue increased from \$304,070 to \$309,880.
 - ii) GL 10.400688.2910 Refuse Bags increase from \$17,530 to \$22,870.
- (g) **Notes** that this recommended 2.5% increase in bag charges has been set to recover a 30.5% increase in bag manufacturing costs owing to global oil price rises; and that the bag retail prices are set to fully recover the costs for manufacturing and delivery of the bags to retail outlets, their collection from kerbside and the disposal of the contents.
- (h) **Approves** removing a \$30,000 budget allowance for a Contestable Fund from the "Waste Minimisation Implementation" GL 10.402.261.2502 in the Waste Minimisation Account, reducing the operational budget from \$218,894 to \$188,894.
- (i) **Notes** that the proposed budget adjustments do not have any rates implications and will not impact Development Contributions.
- (j) **Circulates** this report to the Community Boards for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor Ward thanked staff for their hard work.

4.9 **Staff Submission – Rangiora Airfield 2026/27 Financial Year Budget Change Requests** – D Roxborough (Strategic and Special Projects Manager)

C Brown took the report as read.

Councillor Ward asked whether, in the event of a wet spring, staff would consider undertaking the re-grassing at that time rather than waiting until autumn. C Brown responded that it was not possible to predict whether there would be a wet spring. He noted that the recently sown grass had required irrigation due to the prolonged lack of rain, and that at this time of year, dew alone was insufficient to support growth. Undertaking the work in autumn was preferable, as it was typically followed by a wetter period that supported the development of a strong root structure.

Councillor Cairns questioned whether the Council might eventually reach a point where airfield users contributed substantially more, and ratepayers correspondingly less, than they currently did. C Brown noted that funding had been allocated for the next financial year to review the airfield's ownership structure and determine whether an alternative model could support a more business-oriented approach.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260429105555.
- (b) **Notes** there is a separate report to the Annual Plan deliberations meeting regarding Airfield Governance, seeking additional annual operational budget of \$20,000 per annum to the airfield activity budgets for the purposes of engagement of an Independent Chairperson for the proposed Rangiora Airfield User Group, subject to this role being confirmed via adoption of the recommendations in the separate Airfield Governance Review report.
- (c) **Notes** that some of the current multi-year capital project budgets (completing next financial year) at the airfield are currently expected to be delivered significantly under budget, although the impact of this including negative rates impacts (i.e. net reductions) cannot be fully forecast at this time.
- (d) **Approves** additional one-off capital budget (Levels of Service) of \$30,000 in the 2026/27 financial year to augment the existing forecast carryover budget for the purposes of upgrading airfield operational area boundary fencelines in order to meet the requirements of CAA Part 139 and the previous Aeronautical Study findings; noting that this loan-funded addition has a rates impact of \$0.10 per property, or 0.00% (i.e. negligible) points.
- (e) **Approves** additional one-off capital budget (Levels of Service) of \$45,000 in the 2026/27 financial year for the purposes of completing main runway 07 – 25 renovations (north side); noting that this loan-funded project has a rates impact of \$0.15 per property, or 0.00% (i.e. negligible) points.
- (f) **Approves** additional one-off operational budget of \$20,000 in the 2026/27 year for the purposes of anticipated solicitor and professional fees associated with ongoing engagement with Daniel and Annette Smith Investments Ltd for the private Airpark Development, including such matters as Private Developer Agreements, Land Transfer Agreements, and Airfield Access Agreements; noting that this has a rates impact of \$0.79 per property, or 0.02% points.
- (g) **Notes** that a number of other proposed projects to improve safety and levels of service at the airfield are currently unbudgeted and will be subject to future requests to the forthcoming 2027/37 draft Long Term Plan process.

- (h) **Notes** that future submissions to the Long Term Plan will also include additional budget requests in outer years for projects associated with the longer-term development plans for the airfield and also associated with the adjacent private Airpark development (e.g. eventual runway extensions).

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Redmond commented that there had been significant activity at the Rangiora Airfield, including the appointment of the Airfield Manager and the introduction of a number of changes, as well as manuals, policies, and procedures. He believed the airfield was now being operated in line with best practice, which inevitably incurred costs. Deputy Mayor Redmond noted that several upgrades had already been completed, with others proposed. One of the additional costs related to the D Smith Development. He emphasised the importance of obtaining legal advice. While acknowledging that the airfield was subsidised by ratepayers, he did not foresee this changing in the near future, given current cost structures. He noted that staff were working to maximise returns from the airfield, but there were constraints.

Councillor Ward thanked staff for the report. She noted that the airfield had improved significantly in recent years and that the work of O Stewart, as Airfield Manager, had contributed greatly to this. Councillor Ward commented that the airfield was looking pristine and that the sealed driveway had made a substantial difference.

Mayor Gordon expressed support for the budget. He acknowledged the questions raised by Councillor Cairns, noting that similar concerns had been raised over several years regarding the cost of operating the airfield. He emphasised that while the Council owned the airfield, it was important that it remained a safe environment and that the rules set by the Civil Aviation Authority were adhered to. Mayor Gordon also acknowledged the work undertaken by O Stewart at the airfield.

4.10 **Rangiora Airfield Governance Review 2026** – D Roxborough (Strategic and Special Projects Manager)

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Redmond

THAT the Council lay the report on the table till the 2 June 2026 Council meeting.

CARRIED

4.11 **Annual Plan 2026/27 - Campgrounds Capital Budget Woodend Beach Campground Water Supply** – R Hawthorne (Property Unit Manager)

R Hawthorne took the report as read, noting that there was a requirement to upgrade the water supply under the Water Services Act 2021. The intention was to reallocate the budget previously assigned to Waikuku and Kairaki to fund this work.

Deputy Mayor Redmond asked, given that funds were being transferred to the Woodend Beach campground, what the lease term was. R Hawthorne advised that the lease with the Te Kōhaka Trust and with the campground operator ran until July 2031.

Deputy Mayor Redmond further asked whether the Council would likely seek an extension. R Hawthorne stated that ownership of improvements would revert to the Te Kohaka Trust in July 2031. On that basis, it was likely that the Council would step back from its involvement at that time.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. (TRIM 260515116560).

- (b) **Notes** the requirement for compliance with the Water Services Act 2021 by late 2030.
- (c) **Approves** the transfer of transfer of \$445,000 (unused capital budgets) from the Waikuku and Kairaki campgrounds to a new capital project for the Woodend Beach Campground, to support future water supply upgrades.
- (d) **Approves** deferral of the sum of \$445,000 currently being carried forward within the Camp Ground Capital Budget from the 2026 / 27 financial year to the following year, 2027/ 28.
- (e) **Notes** this will allow more time for more detailed analysis and for Council to further consider options, financing and timing of any works through the 2027/28 Long Term Plan.

CARRIED

4.12 Fees and Charges – Adoption of Fees and Charges Schedule for 2026/2027 – M Harris (Customer Services Manager)

M Harris spoke to the report, noting that it sought adoption of the fees and charges for the 2026/27 financial year. She advised that there were several changes from the schedule consulted on, including the Building Research Association Levy becoming subject to GST from 1 July, as well as adjustments arising from changes to the solid waste budget.

Councillor Bartle observed that the plasterboard gate charges for all vehicles, based on weight, had decreased and asked whether this was correct. M Harris confirmed that some of the solid waste charges had been reduced.

Councillor Powell noted that there was no proposed increase for the Kaiapoi Marine Precinct and asked whether any advice had been received from Greenspace regarding this. M Harris explained that business units did not always increase or adjust their fees each year.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No.260512114341.
- (b) **Approves** the attached schedule of fees and charges to be included in the Annual Plan 2026/2027, to take effect from 1 July 2026 (TRIM: 260514116098). Incorporating changes to the solid waste charges approved at the 26 May 2026 meeting.
- (c) **Notes** that the Building Research Association building levy becomes subject to GST from 1 July 2026.

CARRIED

Mayor Gordon thanked staff and acknowledged the work undertaken by the Customer Services team, particularly in managing interactions with more challenging individuals.

Councillor Goldsworthy expressed his appreciation for the sensible approach taken.

4.13 Budgeted Carry Forwards from 2025/26 to 2026/27 Financial Year – P Christensen (Finance Manager)

P Christensen spoke to the report, noting that it provided an update to the budget for projects originally intended to be completed in the 2025/26 financial year which would not be finished as planned, and that the associated budgets therefore needed to be carried over to the 2026/27 year.

Moved: Councillor McLaren

Seconded: Councillor Bartle

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 260515112785.
- (b) **Adopts** the carry forwards as listed (260513114645) for inclusion in the 2026-27 Annual Plan.
- (c) **Notes** the rates impact of the carry forwards is to reduce rates by an estimated 0.17% in 2026-27.

CARRIED

5 CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2026-2027

Moved: Councillor Mealings

Seconded: Councillor McLaren

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Resolves** that all proforma recommendations be adopted as per the debate and motion that occurred during the meeting.

CARRIED

1. CHANGES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1.1 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.006.1, Pegasus Residents Group INC

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Council supports the rates' affordability and therefore a rates targeted model in principle. This is because we are committed to keeping rates affordable for our community and have a proven track record of doing so. Any rates target model should be viable, workable, and enable core services and functions to be provided while also providing an opportunity for communities to have a say on the services and functions that are provided.

CARRIED

1.2 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.010.2, Drucilla Kingi-Patterson

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Council acknowledges the link between local government reforms and resource management reforms.

CARRIED

1.3 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.015.1, Kristine Price

AP2026.017.1, John Peddie

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Council recognises that any proposed changes to local government should focus on improving how public services are planned, funded, and delivered for the benefit of local communities, while carefully managing costs and maintaining service quality for the community.

CARRIED

1.4 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.018.1, Graham Cutts

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** in April 2025, the Council provided feedback to Local Government New Zealand that supports recommendations to increase participation in elections by reviewing methods of informing voters of their choices.

CARRIED

1.5 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.019.1, David Prosser

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** this positive feedback on affordability and infrastructure planning.
- (c) **Notes** the Council recognises that any proposed changes to local government should focus on improving how public services are planned, funded, and delivered for the benefit of local communities, while carefully managing costs and maintaining service quality for the community.
- (d) **Notes** that the Council advocates regularly on topics of relevance to Central Government, on behalf of the Waimakariri and our community. Council also wants our communities to thrive and have healthy environments, quality infrastructure, vibrant economies, and housing that is affordable.

CARRIED

1.6 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.021.1, Heather Woods

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.

- (b) **Notes** the Simplifying Local Government proposal will require Combined Territorial Boards to work on Regional Reorganisation Plans to improve efficiency, strengthen collaboration across councils, and ensure decisions are made closer to communities.
- (c) **Notes** the Council supports the intent of the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Amendment Bill and is supportive of unlocking growth.

CARRIED

1.7 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.022.1, Tessa Warburton

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the opportunity to modernise the local government sector is welcomed; however, recent Council submissions to central government have raised concerns about the ambitious scale and pace of reform and the risk of unintended consequences, particularly alongside the concurrent resource management reform programme. Council's focus will be ensuring that any changes deliver practical benefits for our residents, businesses, and farmers while continuing to protect the unique character and environment of our District.

CARRIED

1.8 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.024.1, Glen Blake

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledge** that rates increases impact on the budgets of people in the community, and that significant work has been undertaken to keep the rates increase as low as possible while providing for continued growth, and maintaining current levels of service for the community.
- (c) **Notes** that the Council advocates regularly on topics of relevance to Central Government, on behalf of the Waimakariri and our community, and will continue to undertake this advocacy work.

CARRIED

1.9 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.025.1, Neil Wilkinson

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the proposed Regional Reorganisation Plans may prompt discussion about combining services or even amalgamating councils, potentially reshaping how local government is structured in the future.

CARRIED

1.10 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.033.1, Woodend Sefton Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Board's recognition of the opportunity these reforms may present to modernise the local government system and to improve how it responds to the needs of communities.
- (c) **Agrees** with the Board's view that meaningful reform must be supported by changes to the current funding framework.
- (d) **Acknowledges** and values the Board's ongoing commitment to the wellbeing of the Woodend–Sefton community and its role in ensuring that local perspectives are effectively communicated to decision makers. Strong local representation and advocacy remain important as reforms are developed and implemented.

CARRIED

1.11 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.034.1, Rangiora Ashley Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** the view that mayors are primarily elected to represent their local communities and that this could create challenges in balancing district-specific priorities with broader regional interests. The potential impacts on cohesive regional planning, inter-district relationships, and decision-making dynamics are important considerations.
- (c) **Notes** the Board's concerns about voting arrangements on CTBs, including the potential for population-weighted voting to disadvantage smaller districts and limit equitable representation. Ensuring that regional governance arrangements appropriately reflect both population size and the needs of smaller or less urbanised communities is a key issue raised through consultation.
- (d) **Acknowledges** that structural change proposals can give rise to uncertainty and concern about longer-term implications for local identity, representation, and autonomy.

CARRIED

1.12 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.035.1, Mark Maxwell

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that pressures on infrastructure, housing, and resilience—particularly in large urban centres—are part of ongoing national discussions about the sustainability of current arrangements.

CARRIED

1.13 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.040.1, Brett Nasmith

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** the submitters concerns about the level of central government influence over local decision-making, the risks associated with delayed or insufficient investment, and the potential long-term cost impacts of under-investment.
- (c) **Notes** the submitters opposition to any potential amalgamation of district councils and concerns based on lived experience of the Auckland local government reorganisation. The Council acknowledges that amalgamation and structural reform proposals can raise significant concern for communities, particularly regarding local identity, service levels, accountability, and cost impacts.

CARRIED

1.14 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.042.1, Details withheld

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Agrees** that any changes arising from national reforms should be implemented in a way that is proportionate, well-reasoned, and focused on delivering tangible benefits for the community.

CARRIED

1.15 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.047.1, Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Council recognises that any proposed changes to local government should focus on improving how public services are planned, funded, and delivered for the benefit of local communities, while carefully managing costs and maintaining service quality for the community.
- (c) **Notes** that the Council advocates regularly on topics of relevance to Central Government, on behalf of the Waimakariri and our community, and will continue to undertake this advocacy work.

CARRIED

1.16 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.049.1, Ross Williams

AP2026.052.1, Martin Pinkham

AP2026.054.1, Heather Thomas

AP2026.060.1, details withheld

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the opportunity to modernise the local government sector is welcomed; however, recent Council submissions to central government have raised concerns about the ambitious scale and pace of reform and the risk of unintended consequences, particularly alongside the concurrent resource management reform programme. Our focus will be ensuring that any changes deliver practical benefits for our residents, businesses, and farmers while continuing to protect the unique character and environment of our District.

CARRIED

1.17 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.051.1, Dave Trayner

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the opportunity to modernise the local government sector is welcomed; however, recent Council submissions to central government have raised concerns about the ambitious scale and pace of reform and the risk of unintended consequences, particularly alongside the concurrent resource management reform programme. Our focus will be ensuring that any changes deliver practical benefits for our residents, businesses, and farmers while continuing to protect the unique character and environment of our District.
- (c) **Notes** that any rates cap should be viable, workable, and enable core services and functions to be provided while also providing opportunity for communities to have a say on the services and functions that are provided.

CARRIED

1.18 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.055.1, Eve Wood

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Supports** the principle that growth should pay for growth to the greatest extent practicable, and that development should contribute fairly to the infrastructure and services needed to support it.
- (c) **Notes** that schools are planned, funded, and delivered by central government agencies (primarily the Ministry of Education). While the Council can advocate and work closely with central government to support timely education provision in growth areas, it does not have the statutory role to require a developer to deliver a school.

CARRIED

1.19 Changes to Local Government

AP2026.057.1, North Canterbury Province of Federated Farmers

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** the breadth of issues raised, including governance scale, boundary alignment, service delivery clarity, environmental management, local representation, and central–local government relationships.
- (c) **Notes** many of the points raised reflect long-standing debates within the local government sector about how best to balance scale, efficiency, accountability, and local voice.

CARRIED

1.20 Changes to Local Government - Changes to Regional Councils

AP2026.002.1, Mark Colley

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Council shares the view that any consideration of change should focus on opportunities to improve how public services are planned, funded, and delivered for the benefit of the Waimakariri District, while carefully managing costs and protecting service quality for our community.
- (c) **Notes** that the Council advocates regularly on topics of relevance to Central Government, on behalf of the Waimakariri and our community, and will continue to undertake this advocacy work.

CARRIED

1.22 Changes to Local Government - Changes to Regional Councils

AP2026.010.1, Drucilla Kingi-Patterson

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Council recognises that any proposed changes to local government should focus on improving how public services are planned, funded, and delivered for the benefit of local communities, while carefully managing costs and maintaining service quality for the community.
- (c) **Notes** that the Council advocates regularly on topics of relevance to Central Government, on behalf of the Waimakariri and our community, and will continue to undertake this advocacy work.

CARRIED

1.23 Changes to Local Government - Resource Management Act (RMA)

AP2026.043.1, Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Board's view.

CARRIED

1.24 Changes to Local Government - Resource Management Act (RMA) - Quarry in Loburn

AP2026.034.2, Rangiora Ashley Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that Council staff and the community will need to carefully negotiate the legislation produced under the RMA reforms.

CARRIED

1.25 Changes to Local Government - Rates Capping

AP2026.002.3, Mark Colley

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Council supports the rates affordability and therefore a rates targeted model in principle.
- (c) **Notes** that any rates cap should be viable, workable, and enable core services and functions to be provided while also providing opportunity for communities to have a say on the services and functions that are provided.

CARRIED

1.26 Changes to Local Government - Rates Capping

AP2026.034.3, Rangiora Ashley Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that any rates cap should be viable, workable, and enable core services and functions to be provided while also providing opportunity for communities to have a say on the services and functions that are provided.

CARRIED

1.27 Changes to Local Government - Rates Capping

AP2026.043.2, Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Board's view that mandated limits on rate increases would significantly constrain the Council's ability to respond to growth pressures, maintain and renew essential infrastructure, and respond to unplanned events such as emergencies.
- (c) **Notes** that any rates cap should be viable, workable, and enable core services and functions to be provided while also providing opportunity for communities to have a say on the services and functions that are provided.
- (d) **Acknowledges** the Board's comments regarding the impacts of inflation, fuel costs, and other external factors that can be difficult to accurately forecast over long planning horizons.

CARRIED

1.28 Changes to Local Government - Infrastructure and Financing Amendment Bill

AP2026.034.4, Rangiora Ashley Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that improving the efficiency and accessibility of funding mechanisms has the potential to help unlock growth where it is appropriately planned and supported by infrastructure.

CARRIED

1.29 Changes to Local Government - Infrastructure and Financing Amendment Bill

AP2026.043.3, Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** that maintaining distinct community character and place-based identity is an important consideration alongside accommodating growth.

CARRIED

1.30 Changes to Local Government - Development Levies

AP2026.002.2, Mark Colley

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Council supports the Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill's intent to ensure growth pays for growth and to maximise cost recovery of growth-related costs through development levies. This was recognised in the recent submission to central government on supporting growth through a development levies system.
- (c) **Notes** the detailed information about how development levies are to be determined is not yet available. The Council has requested that all councils be able to provide feedback when this is available.

CARRIED

1.31 Changes to Local Government - Development Levies

AP2026.034.5, Rangiora Ashley Community Board

AP2026.043.4, Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** support for the principle of "growth paying for growth" whilst ensuring alignment with the District's community outcomes.

CARRIED

1.32 Changes to Local Government - Waimakariri's View

AP2026.034.6, Rangiora Ashley Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Council recognises that any proposed changes to local government should focus on improving how public services are planned, funded, and delivered for the benefit of local communities, while carefully managing costs and maintaining service quality for the community.
- (c) **Notes** that the Council advocates regularly on topics of relevance to Central Government, on behalf of the Waimakariri and our community, and will continue to undertake this advocacy work.

CARRIED

1.33 Changes to Local Government - Waimakariri's View

AP2026.043.5, Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** the Board's view that greater financial support from central government is necessary to enable councils to sustainably deliver services and infrastructure.
- (c) **Agrees** that funding issues, including the return of GST collected on rates and equitable cost-sharing for services utilised by central government agencies, remain long-standing matters of concern for the local government sector.

CARRIED

2. LOCAL WATER DONE WELL

2.1 Local Water Done Well

AP2026.002.4, Mark Colley

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the support for the in-house water services business unit.
- (c) **Notes** the Water Services unit as part of economic regulation will be required to publish annual costs and from November 2027 will be publishing an annual report.

CARRIED

2.2 Local Water Done Well

AP2026.006.2, PEGASUS RESIDENTS GROUP INC
AP2026.015.2, Kristine Price
AP2026.018.2, Graham Cutts
AP2026.019.2, David Prosser
AP2026.024.2, Glen Blake
AP2026.042.2, Details withheld
AP2026.060.2, details withheld

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the support for the in-house water services business unit.

CARRIED

2.3 Local Water Done Well

AP2026.017.2, John Peddie

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the support for continuing to invest in the future of our water services.

CARRIED

2.4 Local Water Done Well

AP2026.021.2, Heather Woods

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the support for the in-house water services business unit.
- (c) **Notes** the importance of providing reliable water services to our community.

CARRIED

2.5 Local Water Done Well

AP2026.022.2, Tessa Warburton

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the concerns raised by the submitter on the pollution of groundwater and waterways.
- (c) **Notes** that discharges that influence nitrate levels in groundwater are managed by Environment Canterbury rather than the Waimakariri District Council.
- (d) **Notes** that the nitrate levels in all of the Council's public drinking water supplies remain within the limits set by the Drinking Water Standards.

CARRIED

2.6 Local Water Done Well

AP2026.025.2, Neil Wilkinson

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the support for the in-house water services business unit.
- (c) **Notes** the support for collaborating with other councils.

CARRIED

2.7 Local Water Done Well

AP2026.033.2, Woodend Sefton Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Board's acknowledgement of the Council's efforts and investment in water services.

CARRIED

2.8 Local Water Done Well

AP2026.034.7, Rangiora Ashley Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Board's acknowledgement of the Council's efforts and investment in water services.
- (c) **Notes** the Board's concern regarding the smaller rural water supply schemes.
- (d) **Notes** that the upcoming rating review proposed as part of the 2027-37 Long Term Plan will provide the opportunity to consider alternative approaches to how costs for water services are rated for across different schemes.

CARRIED

2.9 Local Water Done Well

AP2026.036.1, Dawn Maley

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the feedback regarding the importance of local water down well being successful.

CARRIED

2.10 Local Water Done Well

AP2026.043.6, Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the support for the in-house water services business unit.
- (c) **Notes** that currently the Council requires that properties wishing to connect to reticulation cover the costs of doing so. Any financial incentives to connect would mean that some costs of connection would need to fall upon existing residents on that scheme, which potentially could be seen as inequitable.

CARRIED

2.11 Local Water Done Well

AP2026.046.1, Ben Smith

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that the Oxford WWTP upgrade is included in the Annual Plan.
- (c) **Notes** that the Oxford WWTP upgrade project is currently in the investigation phase and is on-track for the design to commence in 2027/28 as per the programme set out in the LTP and WSDP.

CARRIED

2.12 Local Water Done Well

AP2026.047.2, Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that the rating review which is proposed to be considered as part of the 2027-37 Long Term Plan process will provide the opportunity for the Council to consider water rating arrangements.
- (c) **Notes** that the rating review can be undertaken in parallel with the establishment of the new water services business unit.

CARRIED

2.13 Local Water Done Well

AP2026.049.2, Ross Williams

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the support for the in-house water services business unit.
- (c) **Notes** that the Council is not currently considering a system to harvest and storage water from the Waimakariri River on a large scale.

CARRIED

2.14 Local Water Done Well

AP2026.051.2, Dave Trayner

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the support for the in-house water services business unit.
- (c) **Notes** that the options to work with Kaikoura and Hurunui were originally explored, however ultimately it was concluded that different approaches suited the different councils.

CARRIED

2.15 Local Water Done Well

AP2026.052.2, Martin Pinkham

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that while the Castalia report did present areas where some efficiencies may be gained, it is important to note that it did not cover the loss of efficiency that would be expected on the remainder of the Council, should water services be removed from Council entirely, and that on-balance it was assessed that the business unit model was the most efficient model for the Council overall, as was supported by the majority of the submitters at the time.
- (c) **Notes** that different councils with different circumstances and debt levels are expected to reach different conclusions in terms of the model that best suits them, and as a result while the Council Controlled Organisation Model (CCO) was determined to be best suited to Kaikoura and Hurunui, this does not mean it was the model that best suited Waimakariri.
- (d) **Notes** that Council will continue to make sound investment in its water services under the governance of its elected members.

CARRIED

2.16 Local Water Done Well

AP2026.054.2, Heather Thomas

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission.
- (b) **Notes** the support for the in-house water services business unit.
- (c) **Notes** that the Council understands the desire from some residents to have chlorine free water, and remains in discussions with the Drinking Water Authority-Taumata Arowai regarding possible pathways to chlorine free water, and while a pragmatic pathway has not yet been identified, the Council will continue to monitor and engage with the regulator on this matter.

CARRIED

3. RANGIORA EASTERN LINK (REL) UPDATE

3.1 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.002.5, Mark Colley

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** it is important to provide infrastructure in a timely manner to address congestion, improve safety and support our growing districts needs.
- (c) **Notes** the submitters comments around transparency and that decision making reports related to the Rangiora Eastern Link, including the Business Case, are publicly available on Council's website.
- (d) **Notes** that should co-funding not be approved through the National Land Transport Plan (NLTP), then further Community feedback would need to be sought.
- (e) **Notes** that this project is funded across a number of areas (Levels of Service, Growth and NLTP co-funding), with a set funding split across the different funding areas. Any increases (or decreases) in cost will need to be equally shared across all areas and cannot be all directed to one specific area. It is also noted that putting all the risk onto contractors will result in higher costs at the tender box, likely driving the overall price higher.
- (f) **Acknowledges** that costs of construction continue to increase over time, and therefore further delays are likely to result in further cost increases.

CARRIED

3.2 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.003.1, Kathryn Clarke

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitters support for the Rangiora Eastern Link Road.
- (c) **Notes** it is important to provide infrastructure in a timely manner to address congestion, improve safety and support our growing districts needs.
- (d) **Notes** that should co-funding not be approved through the National Land Transport Plan (NLTP), then further Community feedback would need to be sought.
- (e) **Notes** that costs of construction continue to increase over time, and therefore further delays are likely to result in further cost increases.

CARRIED

3.3 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.006.3, PEGASUS RESIDENTS GROUP INC

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** it is important to provide infrastructure in a timely manner to address congestion, improve safety and support our growing districts needs.
- (c) **Notes** that should co-funding not be approved through the National Land Transport Plan (NLTP), then further Community feedback would need to be sought.
- (d) **Notes** that costs of construction continue to increase over time, and therefore further delays are likely to result in further cost increases.

CARRIED

3.4 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.010.3, Drucilla Kingi-Patterson

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitters support for the Rangiora Eastern Link Road.
- (c) **Notes** it is important to provide infrastructure in a timely manner to address congestion, improve safety and support our growing districts needs.
- (d) **Notes** that should co-funding not be approved through the National Land Transport Plan (NLTP), then further Community feedback would need to be sought.

CARRIED

3.5 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.012.1, Stuart Jenkins

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's support for the project.
- (c) **Notes** the submitter's concerns about right-turning traffic on Bellgrove Boulevard.
- (d) **Notes** that there is space for a right turning vehicle to move to the centre of the road (between the planted medians) before turning.
- (e) **Notes** that Bellgrove Boulevard will be monitored as future stages progress and the road is connected through to Coldstream Road, and that should further road marking or improvements be required, then they would be implemented at the time.

CARRIED

3.6 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.014.1, Mike Paulsen

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitters support for the Rangiora Eastern Link Road.
- (c) **Notes** it is important to provide infrastructure in a timely manner to address congestion, improve safety and support our growing districts needs.
- (d) **Notes** that should co-funding not be approved through the National Land Transport Plan (NLTP), then further Community feedback would need to be sought.
- (e) **Notes** that costs of construction continue to increase over time, and therefore further delays are likely to result in further cost increases.

CARRIED

3.7 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.015.3, Kristine Price

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitters support for the Rangiora Eastern Link Road.
- (c) **Notes** it is important to provide infrastructure in a timely manner to address congestion, improve safety and support our growing districts needs.
- (d) **Notes** that should co-funding not be approved through the National Land Transport Plan (NLTP), then further Community feedback would need to be sought.
- (e) **Notes** that costs of construction continue to increase over time, and therefore further delays are likely to result in further cost increases.

CARRIED

3.8 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.017.3, John Peddie

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's support for the Rangiora Eastern Link Road.
- (c) **Notes** the request for safe cycle and pedestrian crossing provision.
- (d) **Notes** that walking and cycling connectivity, including crossing points at intersections, will be considered through detailed design and safety-in-design processes.
- (e) **Notes** that provision for active modes is an important part of the corridor's role as an urban connector.

CARRIED

3.9 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.018.3, Graham Cutts

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's broader concerns about growth, road condition, car parking and traffic management in Rangiora.
- (c) **Notes** that decisions on housing growth have been made through the District Plan process and are outside the scope of this Annual Plan submission topic.
- (d) **Notes** that town centre parking improvements are planned for and included in the Long Term lan, as are improvements to park-and-ride facilities.
- (e) **Notes** that the Rangiora Eastern Link is intended to manage the transport effects of planned growth and provide an alternative route to reduce pressure on Southbrook Road.

CARRIED

3.10 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.019.3, David Prosser

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitters support for the Rangiora Eastern Link Road.
- (c) **Notes** it is important to provide infrastructure in a timely manner to address congestion, improve safety and support our growing districts needs.
- (d) **Notes** that should co-funding not be approved through the National Land Transport Plan (NLTP), then further Community feedback would need to be sought.
- (e) **Notes** that costs of construction continue to increase over time, and therefore further delays are likely to result in further cost increases.
- (f) **Notes** that the current proposal allows for a fit for purpose road with "no frills".
- (g) **Notes** further consideration will be given to opportunities to improve signage for this route.

CARRIED

3.11 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.011.1, Jayne Rattray

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's comments on making better use of Rangiora Woodend Road and the existing Woodend route.
- (c) **Notes** that improvements to the (current) SH1/Rangiora-Woodend Rd intersection sits with NZ Transport Agency as the State Highway road controlling authority but this is likely to be transferred to Council on completion of the Woodend Bypass Project.

- (d) **Notes** that the Woodend route and Woodend Bypass may provide benefits for some northern Rangiora, Ashley and Loburn trips, however does not remove the need for the Rangiora Eastern Link, where the majority of trips originate from within Rangiora rather than as a through route from the north.
- (e) **Notes** that the Rangiora Eastern Link Road has been assessed through a Business Case process as the preferred option to address Southbrook congestion, providing an additional connection for East Rangiora growth areas, and improving access to Southbrook and Lineside Road.

CARRIED

3.12 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.021.3, Heather Woods

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitters comments on a User Pays system for local infrastructure.
- (c) **Notes** that this would be extremely difficult and costly to administer, and is not considered viable at this time.
- (d) **Notes** that the project will be funded from a number of areas including Levels of Service (Rates), Growth (through Development Contributions) and co-funding through the National Land Transport Plan (subject to funding approvals).

CARRIED

3.13 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.023.1, Robert Devlin

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's qualified support for the project.
- (c) **Notes** the concerns about MacPhail Avenue carriageway width, parking bays, emergency service access and possible public transport use.
- (d) **Note** that the carriageway width of McPhail Avenue is 11.5m which is wider than the minimum width for a Collector Road in the District Plan (10.2m)
- (e) **Notes** that school provision is not determined through the Rangiora Eastern Link project and is the responsibility of the Ministry of Education, however school travel demand and safe access are relevant transport planning considerations.
- (f) **Notes** that the Rangiora Eastern Link corridor and connecting roads must operate safely as urban growth proceeds.

CARRIED

3.14 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.024.3, Glen Blake

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's concern about cost increases and the need for active cost management.

- (c) **Notes** that the Business Case includes a revised cost estimate, risk assessment, value-for-money review and no-frills scope assessment.
- (d) **Notes** that the project should only proceed to construction if NZTA co-funding is approved and there will be a second gateway at the end of design to ensure that the cost remains affordable.
- (e) **Notes** the concerns about the risk of moving congestion further south on to Lineside Road.
- (f) **Notes** that traffic modelling has confirmed that there will be some increase in congestion at the Lineside Rd/State Highway One interchange, however the delays are materially lower than the time savings, due to the Rangiora Eastern Link not passing through Southbrook and Rangiora.

CARRIED

3.15 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.025.3, Neil Wilkinson

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's support for the Rangiora Eastern Link Road.
- (c) **Notes** it is important to provide infrastructure in a timely manner to address congestion, improve safety and support growth.
- (d) **Notes** that construction remains subject to NZTA co-funding approval.
- (e) **Notes** that further delays are likely to increase project cost.

CARRIED

3.16 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.029.1, John Roy

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's concern about traffic, including heavy vehicles, using streets that are or will be residential in character.
- (c) **Notes** that the corridor has been planned as an urban connector through East Rangiora and will need to balance movement, safety and local amenity.
- (d) **Notes** that detailed design will address speed environment, intersection form, walking and cycling provision and access management.
- (e) **Notes** that the Rangiora Eastern Link is intended to reduce pressure on Southbrook Road while providing access for planned growth, not to create an unmanaged heavy vehicle route through residential streets.
- (f) **Notes** that the Rangiora Eastern Link is not a bypass, and that Southbrook will remain a destination for heavy vehicles servicing industrial and commercial business in the area, as such this will not remove all heavy trucks from Southbrook Road.

CARRIED

3.17 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.033.3, Woodend Sefton Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Board's broad support for the need to invest in transport infrastructure and relieve Southbrook congestion.
- (c) **Notes** the Board's concern about the increase in estimated project cost.
- (d) **Notes** that Council's current position is that the project should not proceed to construction without NZTA co-funding.
- (e) **Notes** that the Business Case includes the updated estimate, funding structure, risk allowance and affordability assessment.
- (f) **Notes** that the NZTA co-funding if approved will be for the pre-implementation phase initially with a second gateway at the end of detailed design for both NZTA and Council to consider funding the construction phase.

CARRIED

3.18 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.034.8, Rangiora Ashley Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Board's support for the Rangiora Eastern Link, subject to NZ Transport Agency co-funding being secured.
- (c) **Notes** the Board's concerns about cost escalation.
- (d) **Notes** that improvements to the Townsend/Fernside/Flaxton route and Skew Bridge are included within the Long Term Plan, subject to NZ Transport Agency co-funding.
- (e) **Notes** that improvements at the Lineside Road crossings require coordination with both NZ Transport Agency and KiwiRail, as well as funding commitment.
- (f) **Notes** that these improvements have merit as complementary network projects but do not replace the need for the Rangiora Eastern Link.
- (g) **Notes** that the Rangiora Eastern Link remains the project identified in the Business Case to address Southbrook congestion and provide for planned East Rangiora growth.

CARRIED

3.19 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.036.2, Dawn Maley

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's support for measures that ease congestion into Rangiora.

- (c) **Notes** that the Rangiora Eastern Link is intended to reduce pressure on Southbrook Road and improve access to East Rangiora and Southbrook.
- (d) **Notes** that construction remains subject to NZ Transport Agency co-funding approval.

CARRIED

3.20 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.037.1, Olwen Glanville

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's preference for investment in the Flaxton/Fernside/Townsend/Skew Bridge route.
- (c) **Notes** that improvements to that route may have separate safety, resilience and access benefits and can be considered through the wider transport programme.
- (d) **Notes** that the Skew Bridge route is not a direct substitute for the Rangiora Eastern Link because it does not provide the planned East Rangiora north-south connection or address the same Southbrook and growth-access problems.

CARRIED

3.21 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.042.3, Details withheld

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's support for investment in transport infrastructure.
- (c) **Notes** it is important to provide infrastructure in a timely manner to address congestion, improve safety and support growth.
- (d) **Notes** that construction of the Rangiora Eastern Link remains subject to NZ Transport Agency co-funding approval.

CARRIED

3.22 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.043.7, Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Community Board's broad support for the Rangiora Eastern Link and its concerns about cost and congestion benefits.
- (c) **Notes** the request to reconsider the priority of Skew Bridge and to provide grade-separated or otherwise safe walking and cycling access in any future bridge design.
- (d) **Notes** that Skew Bridge is a separate network project and may be considered through the wider transport programme.

- (e) **Notes** that Skew Bridge improvements do not remove the need for the Rangiora Eastern Link to serve East Rangiora growth and reduce pressure on Southbrook Road.
- (f) **Notes** that walking and cycling provision should be considered in any future Skew Bridge project scope.

CARRIED

3.23 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.044.3, Sandra Stewart

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's opposition to the REL and preference for Skew Bridge, demand management and tolling.
- (c) **Notes** that the Business Case assessed options and identified the Rangiora Eastern Link as the preferred response to Southbrook congestion and East Rangiora growth.
- (d) **Notes** that the project is estimated to deliver a positive economic return, including a BCR of 3.3, subject to the funding and scope assumptions in the Business Case.
- (e) **Notes** that local congestion pricing or tolling on Southbrook/Lineside Road is not considered a practical or proportionate alternative for this project at this time.

CARRIED

3.24 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.047.3, Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Community Board's reluctant support for the Rangiora Eastern Link subject to NZ Transport Agency co-funding and cost control.
- (c) **Notes** the concern that earlier consultation occurred with less developed information than is now available.
- (d) **Notes** that the Business Case has now been completed, endorsed by Council and submitted to NZ Transport Agency.
- (e) **Notes** that construction should not proceed without NZ Transport Agency co-funding.
- (f) **Notes** that further cost escalation will need to be managed through detailed design, scope control, procurement and governance processes.

CARRIED

3.25 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.049.3, Ross Williams

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's support for early delivery.

- (c) **Notes** that timely delivery can reduce exposure to further escalation.
- (d) **Notes** that construction remains dependent on NZ Transport Agency co-funding.
- (e) **Notes** that Council will need to balance timely delivery with affordability, debt and procurement risk.

CARRIED

3.26 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.050.1, Maureen Matthews

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's concerns about debt, interest rates, environmental effects, flooding and population growth assumptions.
- (c) **Notes** that the Business Case includes funding, affordability, risk and value-for-money assessments, and that the funding structure is designed to minimise reliance on general rates.
- (d) **Notes** that growth assumptions are based on the adopted District Plan and Greater Christchurch planning context, which provide for substantial East Rangiora growth.
- (e) **Notes** that flooding and environmental effects will continue to be addressed through design, consenting and mitigation.

CARRIED

3.27 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.051.3, Dave Trayner

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's support for the Rangiora Eastern Link.
- (c) **Notes** that the route and Business Case information are now publicly available and have been considered by Council.
- (d) **Notes** that traffic signal changes alone are not expected to address the long-term growth and network capacity issues identified in the Business Case.
- (e) **Notes** that the Lineside Road connection, roundabout operation and rail crossing safety are critical design matters and will continue to be assessed through detailed design, traffic modelling, KiwiRail engagement and level crossing safety processes.
- (f) **Notes** that the project should not proceed to construction unless these safety issues are appropriately resolved.

CARRIED

3.28 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.052.3, Martin Pinkham

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.

- (b) **Notes** the submitter's support for the Rangiora Eastern Link Road.
- (c) **Notes** it is important to provide infrastructure in a timely manner to address congestion, improve safety and support growth.
- (d) **Notes** that construction remains subject to NZ Transport Agency co-funding approval.

CARRIED

3.29 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.054.3, Heather Thomas

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's support for the project and comments on remaining bottlenecks.
- (c) **Notes** that the Rangiora Eastern Link is expected to improve access to East Rangiora and reduce pressure on Southbrook Road, but it will not remove the need for ongoing management of the existing corridor.
- (d) **Notes** the submitter's support for walking and cycling connections.
- (e) **Notes** that active mode provision and links to existing paths will be considered through detailed design and future staging, subject to affordability and scope decisions.

CARRIED

3.30 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.055.2, Eve Wood

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's support for the project.
- (c) **Notes** the importance of well-designed junctions to existing and future residential roads.
- (d) **Notes** the comment regarding Kippenberger Avenue roundabout and notes this intersection will be included in wider transport network monitoring.
- (e) **Notes** that timely delivery is desirable to reduce further escalation risk, subject to NZ Transport Agency co-funding approval.

CARRIED

3.31 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.056.2, Spokes Canterbury

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** Spokes Canterbury's support for walking and cycling provision alongside the Rangiora Eastern Link.
- (c) **Notes** that active mode provision is an important part of the corridor's urban connector function.

- (d) **Notes** that the current affordable scope and any deferred elements should preserve the ability to provide safe and connected walking and cycling facilities.

CARRIED

3.32 Rangiora Eastern Link Update

AP2026.060.3, details withheld

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's support for the Rangiora Eastern Link Road.
- (c) **Notes** it is important to provide infrastructure in a timely manner to address congestion, improve safety and support growth.
- (d) **Notes** that construction remains subject to NZ Transport Agency co-funding approval.

CARRIED

4. CAPITAL PROGRAMME

4.1 Capital Programme

AP2026.002.6, Mark Colley

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Council shares the view about ensuring the size of the capital works programme aligns with the organisation's capacity to deliver.
- (c) **Notes** that the Council will take on board feedback about balancing the desire to minimise costs on projects while not compromising unnecessarily on design standards.

CARRIED

4.2 Capital Programme

AP2026.006.4, PEGASUS RESIDENTS GROUP INC
AP2026.017.4, John Peddie
AP2026.019.4, David Prosser
AP2026.021.4, Heather Woods
AP2026.024.4, Glen Blake
AP2026.051.4, Dave Trayner
AP2026.060.4, details withheld

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.

CARRIED

4.3 Capital Programme

AP2026.007.1, Karen Dewit

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that the Council is committed to delivering on what was signalled through the Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034 and are continually exploring opportunities to achieve greater value for money.
- (c) **Acknowledge** that rates increase impacts the budgets of people in the community and that significant work has been undertaken to keep the rates increase as low as possible while providing for continued growth, and maintaining current levels of service for the community.

CARRIED

4.4 Capital Programme

AP2026.018.4, Graham Cutts

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Council agrees that when capital works are undertaken, efforts should be made to ensure other required works are considered, and combined where it makes sense to do so, and notes that staff currently have systems in place to align capital works in this manner.

CARRIED

4.5 Capital Programme

AP2026.028.1, Waimakariri Access Group

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that the Council recognises the importance of input from the Waimakariri Access Group on relevant projects to ensure that accessibility needs are considered through the design process, and for this reason a number of staff in the capital delivery space have received training on this topic.
- (c) **Notes** that there are in excess of 100 distinct capital projects delivered by the Council in any given year, and while not all will have an accessibility element to them, staff are happy to explore opportunities with the Waimakariri Access Group on how to better engage on these projects, and to determine criteria for when input should be sought.

CARRIED

4.6 Capital Programme

AP2026.033.4, Woodend Sefton Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.

- (b) **Notes** that there will be opportunities for the Board to engage with staff through the preparation of the 2027-37 Long Term Plan, and the scope of this input can extend to the capital programme.

CARRIED

4.7 Capital Programme

AP2026.034.9, Rangiora Ashley Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that there will be opportunities for the Board to engage with staff through the preparation of the 2027-37 Long Term Plan, and the scope of this input can extend to the capital programme.

CARRIED

4.8 Capital Programme

AP2026.042.4, Details withheld

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that aligning growth related capital works with the rate of development is an ongoing challenge that is actively managed by Council in a proactive manner where possible.

CARRIED

4.9 Capital Programme

AP2026.043.8, Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that a factor in prioritising capital works is the level of community support and buy-in for the proposed works, and as such the level of community board support for a given project would be considered as part of any future reprioritisation process.

CARRIED

4.10 Capital Programme

AP2026.047.4, Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that while an Annual Plan will typically have a shorter term outlook, the Long Term Plan will provide a good opportunity to consider the consistency of the size of the Council's annual capital works programme.
- (c) **Notes** that the desire to support local businesses must be balanced against requirements to ensure tender processes are open and competitive, and that individual procurement plans are used to consider these factors before works are put to the market.

CARRIED

4.11 Capital Programme

AP2026.049.4, Ross Williams

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that while there would be some advantages to not reducing the size of the Council's capital programme, it is also important to set clear and realistic signals as to what is achievable at the time of budget setting.
- (c) **Notes** that there are a range of reasons why a capital project may not be delivered in the timeframe originally intended, and while resourcing can be a factor, often there are external factors that must be considered as well when assessing the deliverability of any given project.

4.12 Capital Programme

AP2026.052.4, Martin Pinkham

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the suggested criteria for prioritising projects are factors that are considered by relevant asset managers and the Council in determining the recommended programme.

CARRIED

4.13 Capital Programme

AP2026.053.1, Prudence Stone

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that the Council recognises the importance of input from the Waimakariri Access Group on relevant projects to ensure that accessibility needs are considered through the design process, and for this reason a number of staff in the capital delivery space have received training on this topic.
- (c) **Notes** that there are in excess of 100 distinct capital projects delivered by the Council in any given year, and while not all will have an accessibility element to them, staff are happy to explore opportunities with the Waimakariri Access Group on how to better engage on these projects, and to determine criteria for when input should be sought.

CARRIED

4.14 Capital Programme

AP2026.054.4, Heather Thomas

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that where projects have been proposed to be deferred, this has taken into account the growing demand on the district's infrastructure as noted by the submitter.

- (c) **Notes** that there have been a range of reasons for some projects to have not been delivered in 2025/26, which includes additional project complexity, dependancies on others (developers, external agencies), resourcing challenges, and changes in central government funding.

CARRIED

4.15 Capital Programme

AP2026.056.3, Spokes Canterbury

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that investment in cycleways is generally reliant upon contributions from NZTA, and with significant reductions in funding available to the Council this has impacted Council's overall programme, however some improvements have still been able to be delivered in the current year even without this funding.
- (c) **Notes** that the future programme which will be considered through the 2027-37 Long Term Plan process will require consideration of the likely available funding through NZTA to assist with the delivery of these works, and there will be future opportunity to submit on that process.
- (d) **Notes** that there are minimum requirements for new developments in terms of transport connectivity, hence there are still opportunities to grow the Council's walking and cycling network as part of new development areas coming online, and the Council reguarly works with developers to enable these opportunities.

CARRIED

5. OTHER COMMENTS

5.1 Other Comments

AP2026.017.5, John Peddie

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** this positive feedback and appreciates the time taken to provide it. This feedback will inform our ongoing oversight and continuous improvement.

CARRIED

5.2 Other Comments

AP2026.018.5, Graham Cutts

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitter's dissatisfaction with the consultation process and concern that decisions may be perceived as predetermined.
- (c) **Acknowledges** that consultation processes can feel frustrating, particularly where outcomes are complex or constrained.

- (d) **Notes** that Council remains committed to transparency and to engaging meaningfully with the community within those constraints.

CARRIED

5.3 Other Comments

AP2026.019.5, David Prosser

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** this positive feedback and appreciates the time taken to provide it. This feedback will inform our ongoing oversight and continuous improvement.

CARRIED

5.4 Other Comments

AP2026.022.3, Tessa Warburton

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** the sense of frustration and loss of control the submitter describes, particularly in relation to environmental stewardship, decision-making, and the scale and pace of change occurring through resource management reform.
- (c) **Notes** while the Council does not control the design of national resource management legislation, it does have an ongoing responsibility to advocate for the district's interests, to work constructively within the legislative framework as it evolves, and to give effect to environmental protection and sustainable management through its plans, policies, and operational decisions.

CARRIED

5.5 Other Comments

AP2026.055.3, Eve Wood

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that the Council is committed to delivering on what was signalled through the Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034 and are continually exploring opportunities to achieve greater value for money.
- (c) **Acknowledge** that rates increase impacts the budgets of people in the community and that significant work has been undertaken to keep the rates increase as low as possible while providing for continued growth, and maintaining current levels of service for the community.

CARRIED

6. UTILITIES AND ROADING

6.1 Bus Routes

AP2026.006.13, PEGASUS RESIDENTS GROUP INC

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that Public Transport (PT) in the Greater Christchurch area is managed by the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee, of which Council is a member.
- (c) **Notes** that Public transport provides important access opportunities for members of the community and is important for our district.
- (d) **Notes** that Council partners of the Greater Christchurch Partnership have endorsed the Public Transport Futures Business Case and this is being implemented over the next 10 years.
- (e) **Notes** that Council continues to advocate for improved intra-district bus services within Waimakariri.
- (f) **Notes** that requests for extended or additional services need to be well back up with evidence of support.

CARRIED

6.2 Covered Cycle Stands

AP2026.054.6, Heather Thomas

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that in Rangiora CBD the majority of cycle stands are uncovered.
- (c) **Notes** the feedback around covered stands encouraging cycle use.
- (d) **Notes** this will be further considered as part of the upcoming Long Term Plan.

CARRIED

6.3 Cycling and Walking Infrastructure

AP2026.056.1, Spokes Canterbury

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitters support for walking & cycling.
- (c) **Notes** that providing access to pedestrian and cycling facilities is important for our district.
- (d) **Notes** that walking and cycling provides good health benefits and dedicated facilities can encourage these alternate modes of travel.
Notes that the Government Policy Statement on Transport has very limited funding for walking and cycling projects, and Waimakariri District Council did not receive any co-funding in this area.
- (e) **Notes** that Council by resolution moved a number of projects which did not receive co-funding out to future years.

- (f) **Notes** that Council has continued to progress some key walking and cycling connections where possible (Woodend to Ravenswood and also Kaiapoi to Pineacres) as unsubsidised works.
- (g) **Notes** that Council will continue to work towards the goals of the Walking and Cycling Plan, however notes that this is likely to be challenging in the current economic environment.
- (h) **Notes** that walking and cycling connections area a key consideration as part of any new development.

CARRIED

6.4 Development of Roadside Parking – Coldstream Road (Showgrounds Area)

AP2026.026.1, Northern A&P Association
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THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the North A&P Associations request for improvements on Coldstream Road adjacent to the showgrounds.
- (c) **Notes** that Council has budget of \$350,000 for New Kerb & Channel Major Towns in 2026/27 and that this road is included within the roads to be prioritised for improvements.
- (d) **Notes** that the prioritisation process will be workshopped with Council this financial year and then taken for formal decision in a report.
- (e) **Notes** that in the interim, maintenance repairs and filling of potholes has been undertaken, and the area will be monitored.

CARRIED

6.5 Five Cross Roads and Gressons Road Intersection

AP2026.048.2, Gillian Giller

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitters concerns about safety at the intersection.
- (c) **Notes** that funding for the design of intersection improvements currently sits in the 2026/27 financial year.
- (d) **Notes** that significant consultation, property purchase and coordination will be required prior to any construction starting.

CARRIED

6.6 Location of Pedestrian Crossings

AP2026.028.5, Waimakariri Access Group
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THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Thanks** the Waimakariri Access Group for their submission and notes the concerns raised about pedestrian priorities in a number of Rangiora town centre and Park and Ride locations.
- (c) **Notes** that formal pedestrian crossings are considered where pedestrian numbers are higher. This ensures the formal crossings operate effectively and drivers expect to see pedestrians and do not become complacent.

- (d) **Notes** that staff will investigate pedestrian facilities in the areas noted, and will report the findings to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board and Council.
- (e) **Notes** the request for a lower speed limit on High Street near the Warehouse.
- (f) **Acknowledges** the request for additional seats to assist those walking longer distances, however notes there is no specific funding for roadside seats in the Long Term Plan.

CARRIED

6.7 Mafeking Bridge Widening

AP2026.052.6, Martin Pinkham

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that providing access to pedestrian and cycling facilities is important for our district.
- (c) **Notes** that walking and cycling provides good health benefits and dedicated facilities can encourage these alternate modes of travel.
- (d) **Notes** that the Government Policy Statement on Transport has very limited funding for walking and cycling projects, and Waimakariri District Council did not receive any co-funding in this area.
- (e) **Notes** that Council by resolution moved a number of projects which did not receive co-funding out to future years (including Mafeking Bridge).
- (f) **Notes** that Council has continued to progress some key walking & cycling connections where possible (Woodend to Ravenswood and also Kaiapoi to Pineacres) as unsubsidised works.
- (g) **Notes** that Council will put this project forward as part of the next National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) bid, however it is noted that the funding landscape is unlikely to change.

CARRIED

6.8 Main Street Oxford

AP2026.047.7, Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Community Boards submission and request for a plan for sealing Main Street Oxford.
- (c) **Notes** that resealing is largely condition driven, as this ensures that pavements are reaching their full life and not being replaced prematurely.
- (d) **Notes** that for the area on Main Street Oxford to west of Harewood Road, there are currently no plans to replace the existing chipseal surface with asphalt surfacing.

CARRIED

6.9 Operational Programme

AP2026.056.4, Spokes Canterbury

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.

- (b) **Thanks** the submitter for their comments.
- (c) **Notes** that Waimakariri District Council has a programme of minor safety improvements which is utilities to deliver low cost safety improvements across a number of areas, including walking and cycling.
- (d) **Notes** that Waimakariri District Council is in the process of rolling out school variable speed zones, which will include a mixture of 30km/h and 60km/h speed zones outside schools throughout the District.
- (e) **Notes** that Waimakariri District Council has continued this programme of works despite not receiving co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).

CARRIED

6.10 Pedestrian Crossing

AP2026.028.4, Waimakariri Access Group
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THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the concerns about driver / pedestrian intervisibility at the zebra crossings on High Street.
- (c) **Notes** that some minor improvements at the zebra crossings are underway with the marking of the dragons teeth on some of the ramps (not all at this stage), upsizing of the belisha disks on pedestrian poles, and widening of the pedestrian crossing bars to help improve conspicuity of the zebra crossing.
- (d) **Notes** that staff will be holding a briefing with Council on the issues raised around accessibility, including consideration of plantings in the planter boxes.
- (e) **Notes** that this is a low speed environment, and that both drivers and pedestrians have a responsibility to proceed with care at a pedestrian crossing.
- (f) **Notes** that staff will work with the Communications Team on messaging about pedestrian crossings.

CARRIED

6.11 Pedestrian Crossings on High Street

AP2026.041.1, Evan Clulee

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the concerns about driver / pedestrian intervisibility at the zebra crossings on High Street.
- (c) **Notes** that some minor improvements at the zebra crossings are currently underway with the marking of the dragons teeth on some of the ramps, upsizing of the belisha disks on pedestrian poles, and widening of the pedestrian crossing bars to help improve conspicuity of the zebra crossings.
- (d) **Notes** that staff will be holding a briefing with Council on the issues raised around accessibility, including consideration of plantings in the planter boxes.
- (e) **Notes** that this is a low speed environment, and that both drivers and pedestrians have a responsibility to proceed with care at a pedestrian crossing.

- (f) **Notes** that the planter boxes were installed in 2016 as part of the Town Centre Upgrade works and were designed to meet the standards in place at the time.

CARRIED

6.12 Railway Station Project – Kaiapoi

AP2026.010.4, Drucilla Kingi-Patterson

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitters request to discuss a future railway station in Kaiapoi
- (c) **Notes** that Council has made provision for land to accomodate a possible rail platform in Kaiapoi, however there is currently no funding provision within the Long Term Plan for construction.
- (d) **Notes** that further regional work is required to confirm the viability of regional passenger transport rail to inform future decision making on the timing of investment.

CARRIED

6.13 Roading Rates

AP2026.008.1, Ross McEwan

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Thanks** the submitter for their submission and notes the views expressed.
- (c) **Advise**s that Council is not considering a change to the assessment of Roading Rates in the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan.
- (d) **Notes** that auditing of unsealed roads is continuing to ensure that the required levels of service is being met.
- (e) **Notes** that Waimakariri district has approximately 1600km of roads within the district, with 590km of these being unsealed roads.
- (f) **Notes** that many of these unsealed roads are low volume, and carry under 100 vehicles per day.
- (g) **Notes** that Council's Road Reserve management Policy outlines the criteria for when sealing will be considered.
- (h) **Notes** that the cost of sealing and ongoing maintenance of a sealed road is, in the whole of lifecycle cost, higher than an unsealed road.
- (i) **Notes** that resealing is an important part of maintaining the surface of a sealed road, and that the resealing cycling is carefully assessed and programmed to ensure that resealing is undertaken at the right time to protect the integrity of the road pavement, and to reduce the risk of having to do more expensive repairs and interventions due to surface deterioration.

CARRIED

6.14 The Rangiora-Oxford Rail Trail

AP2026.031.1, Matthew Wilkinson

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.

- (b) **Notes** that providing access to pedestrian and cycling facilities is important for our district.
- (c) **Notes** that walking and cycling provides good health benefits and dedicated facilities can encourage these alternate modes of travel.
- (d) **Notes** that the Government Policy Statement on Transport has very limited funding for walking and cycling projects, and Waimakariri District Council did not receive any co-funding in this area.
- (e) **Notes** that the Walking and Cycling Network Plan has a number of prioritised projects previously been agreed with Council, however this linkage is not within the initial list of projects to progress.

CARRIED

6.15 Tolling of Woodend Bypass -

AP2026.034.11, Rangiora Ashley Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Community Boards comments around tolling of the Woodend Bypass.
- (c) **Notes** that Council continues to oppose tolling of the new road.
- (d) **Acknowledges** there will be impacts on local roads should tolling be approved by the Minister.
- (e) **Agrees** that tolling will add financial stress and burden for our Community.

CARRIED

6.16 Traffic signals Williams Street and Smith Street

AP2026.020.1, Paul Scotter

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitters request for traffic signals at the Williams Street / Smith Street intersection.
- (c) **Notes** that the roundabout at the Williams St / Smith St intersection has operated effectively for a number of years, however with roundabouts queuing can occur resulting in delays when the traffic flow is uneven on the different legs.
- (d) **Notes** that as Kaiapoi grows and development continues, there will be a need for further consideration of improvements at this intersection, and that this is likely to require the installation of traffic signals. This would also provide improved crossing facilities for pedestrians.

CARRIED

6.17 Transport Network

AP2026.057.5, North Canterbury Province of Federated Farmers

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitters comments about safety improvements and maintenance of the rural network.

- (c) **Notes** that the rural arterial and collector network continue to be the heavy lifters in regards to the movement of traffic around the district, and as such are prioritised for repair and renewal as required.
- (d) **Notes** that in addition, Council has undertaken a programme of safety improvements over the last 24 months, which includes upgrades to address crash risk at high risk intersections. This work includes intersection widening and improvements to signage / road marking to reinforce the presence of the intersection and improve safety.

CARRIED

6.18 Walking/Cycling budgets

AP2026.054.5, Heather Thomas

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitters comments.
- (c) **Notes** that providing access to pedestrian and cycling facilities is important for our district.
- (d) **Notes** that walking and cycling provides good health benefits and dedicated facilities can encourage these alternate modes of travel.
- (e) **Notes** that the Government Policy Statement on Transport has very limited funding for walking and cycling projects, and Waimakariri District Council did not receive any co-funding in this area.
- (f) **Notes** that Council by resolution moved a number of projects which did not receive co-funding out to future years.
- (g) **Notes** that Council has continued to progress some key walking and cycling connections where possible (Woodend to Ravenswood and also Kaiapoi to Pineacres) as unsubsidised works.
- (h) **Notes** that Council will put forward walking and cycling projects as part of the next National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) bid, however it is noted that the funding landscape is unlikely to change.

CARRIED

6.19 Woodend Bypass

AP2026.006.12, PEGASUS RESIDENTS GROUP INC
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THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that the Belfast to Pegasus RoNS Project (including the Woodend Bypass) is an NZ Transport Agency led project, with Waimakariri District Council involvement as a key stakeholder and due to the interface with the local road network.
- (c) **Notes** that the Woodend Bypass is considered critical infrastructure for Canterbury and our District, and as such Council support this project.
- (d) **Notes** that consideration of impacts, such as noise, is the responsibility of NZ Transport Agency as the designer of the Woodend Bypass, and that coordination with impacted residents is being managed by NZTA.

CARRIED

6.20 Recycling Infrastructure

AP2026.034.14, Rangiora Ashley Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that the Council has made budget provision within the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 and Long Term Plan 2024/2034 to continue to provide education around waste minimisation within schools, the community and to businesses, and to support local initiatives that will improve diversion and recycling and reduce landfilled waste, out of operational budgets.
- (c) **Notes** that the Council has made budget provision within the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 and Long Term Plan 2024/2034 to fund the capital the works required to upgrade Southbrook resource recovery park and transfer station, Oxford transfer station, and rural recycling infrastructure.

CARRIED

6.21 Nitrate Contamination of Drinking Water Supplies

AP2026.004.1, Luis Arevalo

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that all Council water supplies fully comply with the Drinking Water Standards for nitrates.
- (c) **Notes** that nitrate level and trend information for Council water supplies is published on the Council's website.

CARRIED

6.22 Water Rates

AP2026.044.1, Sandra Stewart

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that the upcoming rating review proposed as part of the 2027-37 Long Term Plan will provide the opportunity to consider different approaches to how costs for water services are rated for across different schemes.

CARRIED

6.23 Wastewater Treatment and Ocean Outfall Improvements

AP2026.016.1, Kaiapoi River Protection Society

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that the Long Term Plan already included budget provision for upgrading the Eastern Districts / Ocean Outfall wastewater treatment system.
- (c) **Notes** that the Eastern Districts sewer scheme was fully compliant with all consent conditions in 2024/25, with the exception of low dissolved oxygen levels measured at the Woodend and Rangiora WWTPs which had no environmental impact on the receiving environment.

- (d) **Notes** that a \$1m project is underway this financial year to remove sludge from the Kaiapoi WWTP.

CARRIED

6.24 Kaiapoi River - Freshwater Ecosystem

AP2026.044.2, Sandra Stewart

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that saline incursions have been shown by the Earth Sciences New Zealand (ESNZ) report to be likely to become more frequent from sea level rise, beyond what can be managed as a freshwater environment even with minimum flow management of the Waimakariri River or changes to dredging practices.

CARRIED

7. COMMUNITY AND RECREATION

7.1 Operational support to Pegasus Residents Group

AP2026.006.10, Pegasus Residents Group

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** the submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** the value that Pegasus Residents Group bring to the Pegasus Community.
- (c) **Declines** a request for support with operational costs.
- (d) **Recommends** that Pegasus Residents Group Inc reach out to Community Team staff for assistance toward the acquisition of philanthropic or DIA funding to support its operational costs

CARRIED

7.2 Food Resilience Policy

AP2026.027.1, Food Secure North Canterbury

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Requests** staff bring a report back to Council incorporating a response to this submission point and a recent deputation that was given to the Community and Recreation Committee by the submitter on 21 April 2026.

CARRIED

7.3 Community Safety

AP2026.034.13, Rangiora Ashley Community Board

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** the submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** the contribution of the various local organisations listed in the submission, toward improving the safety of the communities across the Waimakariri District.

- (c) **Continues** to support, as appropriate, the work of the various organisations that support community safety

CARRIED

7.4 Supporting and Promoting Arts in the Region

AP2026.059.1, Louise Johns

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** this submission.
- (b) **Acknowledges** the value that the Nga toi o Waimakariri Arts Strategy and associated employment of an arts facilitator has brought to the local arts sector in the first year of its establishment.
- (c) **Acknowledges** the six suggested means to support and develop arts in the Waimakariri.
- (d) **Advises** the submitter that those suggestions will be considered as part of the implementation of that strategy.

CARRIED

7.5 Pegasus Security Support

AP2026.006.5, Pegasus Residents Group Inc

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Commends** the Pegasus Residents Group Incorporated on the initiatives that they have implemented to increase security for the Pegasus area.
- (c) **Declines** the request for the ongoing operational cost of \$5,000 noting that Council currently does not provide operational funding for private cameras and security services.
- (d) **Notes** that Pegasus Residents Group Inc reach out to Community Team staff for assistance toward the acquisition of philanthropic or other external funding to support its operational costs associated with security in Pegasus.

CARRIED

7.6 Fixing wetland trails in Pegasus

AP2026.006.11, Pegasus Residents Group

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that the wetlands are located within land parcels owned by the Tūhaitara Trust.
- (c) **Notes** that Council works in partnership with the Tūhaitara Trust to support the provision of recreational amenities across the coastal areas they manage. This support includes staff time to provide technical advice, as well as access to community grant funding.
- (d) **Notes** that Council works alongside other partner agencies, including Environment Canterbury and the Department of Conservation, to support access, connection, and appropriate use of coastal areas, including the margins around Pegasus and the associated wetlands.

- (e) **Notes** staff are to approach the Trust to work collaboratively to consider opportunities to prioritise track maintenance within the existing program they are managing.

CARRIED

7.7 Animal Welfare

AP2026.009.4, Caroline Cook

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Council adopted the Waimakariri Natural Environment Strategy in 2024, which dedicates, time, resource and funds to ensure that biodiversity and ecological outcomes are improved, managed and sustained for the district. Flora and fauna are integral to the strategies implementation plan.
- (c) **Notes** under the Environment Canterbury Regional Pest Plan, Waimakariri District Council has a legal obligation to undertake pest animal and pest plant work. Pest species are noted as a contributor to harm of the natural environment and as such local authorities have a responsibility to aide in there control.

CARRIED

7.8 Changing Places Fully Accessible Toilet

AP2026.028.3, Waimakariri Access Group

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** staff are committed to working with the Waimakariri Access Group to promote access to public facilities creating a barrier-free, inclusive environment for all. This will include seeking input into the upgrade and further development of facilities which might benefit their users and the wider community.
- (c) **Notes** that the Council currently has approximately \$19 million identified in the Long Term to extend the Trevor Inch Memorial Library. As part of this expansion the Council will be investigating provision of a changing places toilet.

CARRIED

7.9 Mobility Parking - Dudley Skatepark

AP2026.028.7, Waimakariri Access Group

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Council has approved staff investigating the establishment of an accessible car park adjacent to Dudley Skate Park.
- (c) **Notes** this is being reported as part of the wider car parking provision within the town centre and is being presented to the Rangiora Ashley Community Board. At present the report is going through Whitiara for comment prior to it going to the Board.
- (d) **Notes** that no funding will be required to implement any proposed accessible parking should it be approved by the Board.

CARRIED

7.10 Loburn Domain Upgrades

AP2026.034.12, Rangiora Ashley Community Board

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the concerns raised regarding safety and visibility at the Loburn Domain entrance from Loburn Whiterock Road
- (c) **Notes** that staff are to provide further information on lighting option and cost as part of the Long Term Plan process.
- (d) **Notes** that the other matters raised within the submission are being managed through the Greenspace Parks and Facilities team in liaison with the Loburn Domain Advisory Group.

CARRIED

7.11 Tree Planting at Mandeville

AP2026.047.8, Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** this project is being led by Greenspace for the replanting of the area and staff will continue to liaise and work alongside the Mandeville Committee.
- (c) **Notes** that there is an agreed planting plan which has budget available from July 2026 for implementation.

CARRIED

7.12 Park Ranger

AP2026.048.1, Gillian Giller

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that staff are investigating the option of an internal ranger team through existing budgets and will be reporting this back to Council prior to the draft 2027/37 Long Term Plan

CARRIED

7.13 Women's Cricket Pitch

AP2026.051.5, Dave Trayner

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that staff are currently working with Canterbury Country Cricket and Canterbury Cricket on this project, noting it has been deferred from next financial year into year one of the draft 2027/37 Long Term Plan.
- (c) **Notes** that staff will be bringing further information relating to the project to Council prior to the draft 2027/37 Long Term Plan.
- (d) **Notes** staff are preparing a master plan for the Coldstream Precinct, which will consider car parking provision and the overall spatial layout for the area, and that the outcomes of this work are to be reported back to Council in due course.

CARRIED

7.14 Fuller Street / Addeley Terrace Landscaping

AP2026.052.5, Martin Pinkham

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** the submission relating to the condition of the rail corridor on the north side of Fuller Street between Otaki Street and the Northern Motorway.
- (b) **Notes** that the land is primarily owned by Land Information New Zealand (LINZ), with some trees located on adjoining Council-owned road reserve land.
- (c) **Notes** that Kaiapoi Borough School is owned by the Ministry of Education, and that the Licence to Occupy held by the school relates to a significantly larger and different area of Crown land.
- (d) **Notes** that staff have been working with LINZ and other relevant Government agencies over an extended period to clarify land tenure and explore potential options for improvement of the area, and that due to the size and nature of the landholding, the matter has not been identified as a priority for LINZ at this time.
- (e) **Notes** that options to purchase or transfer the land have been explored with LINZ, however these have not been supported due to the legal and administrative costs associated with such an approach.
- (f) **Notes** that while Government agencies have indicated general openness to discussions regarding land use, no Government funding is available to contribute to remediation or vegetation management works, and Council would likely be responsible for the full cost of any works undertaken.
- (g) **Notes** that Development Contributions funding cannot be applied to this project, and that any works to tidy or improve the area would be operational in nature and cannot be accommodated within existing contracts or budgets.
- (h) **Directs** staff to consider the project through the draft Long-Term Plan process, including the preparation of an operational funding bid to allow Council to assess the proposal alongside other priorities and funding pressures.
- (i) **Notes** that any future works in this area would need to ensure continued restriction of access to the railway corridor and apply Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles, potentially including fencing or other physical barriers.

CARRIED

7.15 Town Entry Signage

AP2026.052.7, Martin Pinkham

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that the Kaiapoi Tuahiwi Community Board approved its town entrance signage project at its April 2026 Board meeting.
- (c) **Notes** that the Kaiapoi Tuahiwi Community Board have approved a standard sign design for use at each of its town entrances.
- (d) **Notes** Kaiapoi Promotions could approach the Kaiapoi Tuahiwi Community Board for consideration of the placement of a sign as this delegation sits with the Community Board. The Board can include the funding of such a sign as part of their consideration for future years General Landscape Funding.

CARRIED

7.16 Purchase of 65 Hilton Street

AP2026.052.8, Martin Pinkham

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that Council do not support the acquisition of 65 Hilton Street, Kaiapoi.

CARRIED

7.17 Library Extension/Refurbishment

AP2026.025.4, Neil Wilkinson

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that staff are currently undertaking updates to the concept design options for the Library extensions including updated costings, and will present these to the 2027/37 Long Term Plan process.

CARRIED

7.18 Kaiapoi Park carpark asphalting

AP2026.030.1, Kaiapoi Park Trustees - Graeme McDonald

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that estimated costs for the work to the car park (prior to the international fuel situation) had indicated a sum in the region of \$146,000.
- (c) **Notes** that the quotes sourced by the club have been noted as being highly competitive.
- (d) **Approves** a grant of up to \$90,000 for the Club to undertake car park renewal and improvements during the 2027/28 financial year as a one off payment.

CARRIED

Mayor Gordon noted it was a very well used facility and was available to the Council at times of Civil Defence. He acknowledged the huge effort the Trustees put in. The grounds were used for community events. The carpark condition was poor and it did need resolving. He was fully supportive of the request.

Councillor Cairns noted the small amount of funding the Council provided each year was minimal. The fields were pristine. This one off grant to sort out the carpark was a great investment.

7.19 Supporting Para and Accessible Sport Development - Boccia Ball sets and Referee Equipment

AP2026.028.8, Waimakariri Access Group

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Waimakariri Access Group could apply to the four Community Boards discretionary fund which is set up to help support applications such as this.

- (c) **Notes** staff are to work with the Waimakariri Access Group to consider alternative sources of funding or sponsorship for the equipment.
- (d) **Notes** staff will approach the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust to see if they are able to support the procurement of the Boccia equipment.
- (e) **Notes** Council's level of service does not allow for the provision of sporting equipment purchase or ownership.

CARRIED

7.20 Funding for Ohoka Domain

AP2026.039.1, Ohoka Domain Advisory Group

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Ohoka Domain Advisory Group has an annual grant of \$9,290 in year 2026-2027 of the draft annual plan for works associated with the Domain.
- (c) **Notes** this fund does not extend beyond 2027/28 financial year. The Ohoka Domain Advisory Group needs to be informed of this by staff so they are aware of this prior to the draft 2027/37 Long Term Plan process.
- (d) **Acknowledges** and thanks the Ohoka Domain Advisory Group for the work its dedicated committee members continue to deliver for the community.

CARRIED

7.21 Funding Support for Oxford Gallery

AP2026.058.1, Oxford Arts Trust

Councillor Cairns asked if the increase was a one-off payment of \$2,000 or what it be a yearly increase. C Brown stated this was for the Annual Plan, so it was a one off. It would be a Long Term Plan process if they wanted more.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Doody

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point. Acknowledges the proactive approach of the Oxford Gallery in making the arts more relevant and accessible to the Oxford Community.
- (b) **Declines** this request for additional \$5,000 in funding toward community-based projects.
- (c) **Notes** that typically project costs are funded via philanthropic or central government funding bodies.
- (d) **Recommends** that the gallery reach out for Community Development support to seek funding for suggested projects.
- (e) **Approves** an increase of \$2,000 to cover increased operational costs in particular building warrant of fitness.

CARRIED

Mayor Gordon commented that the Gallery was very important, it was on Council land. If community use of the land if the group ever folded the facility and associated building would revert to Council ownership so a small amount make sure they were compliant for community use made sense. He thought it should be ringfenced as a one off.

Councillor Doody noted the Group worked hard and did amazing work on a limited budget.

Councillor Cairns noted since their Annual Plan submission he would be spending time with the Group to see how they could operate more sustainably.

8. PLANNING, REGULATION AND ENVIRONMENT

8.1 Inclusionary zoning

AP2026.005.2, Sarah Elicker

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point
- (b) **Notes** that inclusionary zoning was investigated and forms part of initial actions under the Greater Christchurch Joint Housing Action Plan.
- (c) **Notes** that further investigation is best considered following a greater understanding of central governments resource management reform package.

CARRIED

8.2 Containers on rural land

AP2026.013.1, Amanda Smith

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** this request will be subject to progression of the new resource management system.

CARRIED

8.3 Animal Welfare – Dogs in Pounds

AP2026.009.1, Caroline Cook

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point
- (b) **Notes** that Council will always look to keep good records and where required improve those records.
- (c) More specifically:
 - i. All information mentioned regarding reunited, adopted, transfers or euthanized is recorded by staff in our systems and available through the OIA process. Also, much of the Submission information provided is reported by Council to the DIA annually and is available on Council's Website. However, based on the submission we will look to separate owner and guardian information where possible.
 - ii. Better reuniting results: Council reunites many dogs with their owners. Where we do not find the owner of impounded dogs, we are able to rehome the vast majority with new owners through the organisation, Dog Watch.

- iii. build relationships with rescue organisations: Council has an on-going, good relationship with the following organisations: SPCA, Dog Watch and Bull Breed Rescue. With these relationships, we are able to rehome many dogs when appropriate, work with these organisations and also hold joint training sessions for staff.
- iv. use foster based assessments instead of temperament testing AMOs continuously assess a dog's temperament throughout its time in the shelter. From intake to release, each dog's behaviour and developing personality traits are closely observed and regularly communicated among the team. Over the standard seven day holding period, AMOs gain a basic understanding of each dog, including its behaviour in the yard (such as digging or fence jumping), responses to nearby dogs, comfort with different handlers, lead walking ability, and any indications of food-related reactivity.
- v. If no owner is located or comes forward during the holding period, the information gathered through ongoing temperament assessment is used to determine the most appropriate outcome for the dog. This may include transfer to a specific rehoming or rescue organisation suited to the dog's needs and behaviour profile, or, where a dog presents an unacceptable risk and no safe placement options are available, euthanasia may be considered as the safest option for the community.
- vi. Due to capacity limitations, the shelter is unable to formally assess behaviours such as prey drive toward cats or interactions with young children. Where a dog passes the AMOs' initial behavioural assessment, it may be referred to a rehoming organisation that has the time and resources to further evaluate these areas over time and find suitable rehoming outcomes. The use of Foster care creates risk to Council regarding how a dog may react to any particular person, even when trained.
- vii. The AMOs use a calm, observational approach to temperament assessment, prioritising real-world behaviour over structured or time limited testing. This low stress method allows dogs to demonstrate their typical responses across everyday situations, resulting in a clearer understanding of each dog's temperament and needs.
- viii. Provide support options for families and dogs to be reunited: Council provides support to families and dogs to be reunited. Through microchipping we will return dogs to their owners without impounding where appropriate. We also provide information to help owners stop their dogs from wandering.

CARRIED

8.4 Animal Welfare – Ban Fireworks

AP2026.009.2, Caroline Cook

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** Council cannot ban private purchase or use of Fireworks. Any future overarching decision to ban fireworks at this point, is the responsibility of Central Government. However, Council does prohibit fireworks in areas set out in the North Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2025. Also, in the Neighbourhood Reserves Management Plan fireworks are prohibited unless written approval by Council has been given.

CARRIED

8.5 Animal Welfare – Humane Cat Management

AP2026.009.3, Caroline Cook

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this Submission point.
- (b) **Notes** Council is not responsible for cat management. However, Council can post educational material on its Website, which promotes humane cat management, compassion and science based approaches where applicable.

CARRIED

8.5 Pegasus Lake toxicity

AP2026.006.6, Pegasus Residents Group Inc

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the concerns about future funding of operation and maintenance of Pegasus Lake once the Council takes over responsibility for the lake.
- (c) **Notes** that Pegasus Lake is currently owned by Templeton Pegasus Limited (TPL) and that compliance with the regional council consents needs to be considered prior to vesting the lake with the Council.
- (d) **Notes** that staff will continue working with TPL, the regional council, Pegasus Residents Group Incorporated, and the community on lake management options.

CARRIED

8.6 Pegasus Lake

AP2026.033.7, Woodend Sefton Community Board

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the support for ongoing engagement with the owner of Pegasus Lake, the regional council, and the community on mitigation measures and ongoing management of the lake.

CARRIED

9. STRATEGY, ENGAGEMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9.1 Event Funding for Coastal Settlements (outside Kaiapoi)

AP2026.006.7, PEGASUS RESIDENTS GROUP INC

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Defers** any decisions about event funding until the 2027/37 Long Term Plan process noting that this process will be informed by the emerging Waimakariri Events Plan.

CARRIED

9.2 Pegasus Internet Connectivity

AP2026.006.8, PEGASUS RESIDENTS GROUP INC

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** the importance of reliable, high-quality digital connectivity for Pegasus residents and businesses.
- (c) **Notes** that fibre network provision and commercial investment decisions sit primarily with telecommunications providers operating within national frameworks.

CARRIED

9.3 NZ Post disruption

AP2026.006.9, PEGASUS RESIDENTS GROUP INC

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Council raised concerns about the impact of the proposed changes to a New Zealand Post (NZ Post) representative at a Council meeting on 24 March 2026.
- (c) **Notes** it is expected NZ Post will provide the Council with an update on the final changes following community and Council feedback.

CARRIED

9.4 Watties Factory Closure - Unemployment

AP2026.010.5, Drucilla Kingi-Patterson

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the potential impact the Watties factory closure will have on employees and supplier vegetable growers in the District.

CARRIED

9.5 Affordable Transportable Housing

AP2026.021.5, Heather Woods

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Council has a Housing Policy that sets out where and how it may be involved in housing, including its role across different housing types. The Council is currently committed to the ongoing provision of elderly housing. The policy also enables the Council to consider the use of land it administers for other housing outcomes, such as low-cost private home ownership.

CARRIED

9.6 Woodend Pegasus Area Strategy

AP2026.033.6, Woodend Sefton Community Board

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** the Board's support for progressing the Woodend–Pegasus Area Strategy Review and agrees that collaborative planning with communities and local businesses in Woodend, Ravenswood, and Pegasus is critical.

CARRIED

9.7 Community Foundation

AP2026.035.2, Mark Maxwell

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the submitters request for Council to provide support to any future group that forms in relation to a North Canterbury Community Foundations
- (c) **Requests** staff bring a report back to Council highlighting options for participation and/or support of a North Canterbury Community Foundation, should a formal request or proposal for such be received from an appropriate group or organisation.

CARRIED

9.8 Partnership with Ngai Tuahuriri

AP2026.042.5, Details withheld

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that Council has a Partnering Agreement with Whitiara Centre Limited, who act as key representatives and advisors to Te Ngai Tuahuriri Runanga.
- (c) **Notes** that this Partnering Agreement enables Council to seek the views of mana whenua on matters of interest to the runanga, and discuss matters of shared interest.
- (d) **Acknowledges** the importance of all residents, local community groups and organisations being able to participate in local democracy and access Council services.
- (e) **Notes** that Council recently approved the appointment of an independent member for the Council's Audit and Risk Committee, but that this position does not have voting rights and is yet to be appointed. And that not other elected body of Council includes unelected or Council appointed members.

CARRIED

9.9 Alcohol Licensing Fees

AP2026.045.1, Alcohol Healthwatch

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission.
- (b) **Acknowledges** the need to undertake a comprehensive review of all the costs associated with alcohol licensing.
- (c) **Acknowledges** that the Council can cover the actual costs of administering alcohol licences through establishing a new Alcohol Licensing Fees Bylaw.
- (d) **Acknowledges** the potential impact of Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Improving Alcohol Regulation) Amendment Bill on the administration of alcohol licences if enacted.
- (e) **Notes** that development, implementation and ongoing maintenance of an alcohol licensing fee bylaw would increase Council's administrative workload and associated costs.

CARRIED

9.10 Oxford Wastewater System

AP2026.046.2, Ben Smith

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** our commitment to sustainable energy is part of a regional approach led by the Canterbury Mayoral Forum with an action to 'support the region to foster partnerships and advocate to improve our energy security and systems'.
- (c) **Notes** an update on the regional approach to energy is due to be reported to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum in May.

CARRIED

9.11 Democratic Decision Making

AP2026.060.6, details withheld

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that Council has a Partnering Agreement with Whitiara Centre Limited, who act as key representatives and advisors to Te Ngai Tuahuriri Runanga.
- (c) **Notes** that this Partnering Agreement enables Council to seek the views of mana whenua on matters of interest to the runanga, and discuss matters of shared interest.
- (d) **Acknowledges** the importance of all residents, local community groups and organisations being able to participate in local democracy and access Council services.
- (e) **Notes** that Council recently approved the appointment of an independent member for the Council's Audit and Risk Committee, but that this position does not have voting rights and is yet to be appointed. And that not other elected body of Council includes unelected or Council appointed members.

CARRIED

9.12 Visual Accessibility of Council Documents

AP2026.028.2, Waimakariri Access Group

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that work to update online content to meet Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) has been included into the Communication and Engagement Teams work programme for this year.

CARRIED

9.13 Service Delivery

AP2026.047.5, Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that the Council undertook the three yearly Customer Satisfaction Survey at the end of 2025, and the collated and analysed results of this survey will be utilised to inform the proposed work programme and budgeting process for the upcoming Long Term Plan.

CARRIED

9.14 Drop-in Sessions

AP2026.051.5, Dave Trayner

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that the Council undertook a number of drop in sessions during the Annual Plan consultation period including having an all day stand at the Oxford A & P Show on Saturday 11th April.
- (c) **Notes** that promotion of drop in sessions occurred across the normal advertising platforms in advance of these sessions.

CARRIED

9.15 Animal Welfare – Civil Defence

AP2026.009.5, Caroline Cook

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Accepts** the suggestion that Council consider animal welfare within it's local response and recovery arrangements

CARRIED

9.16 Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM)

AP2026.028.6, Waimakariri Access Group

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.

- (b) **Notes** the feedback on accessibility issues with the Mandeville Sports Club.
- (c) **Notes** the insights that WAG can provide to help develop more holistic approaches for emergency management for our Waimakariri Communities.

CARRIED

9.17 Strengthening Emergency Management for At-Risk Residents - Accessible Emergency Communications

AP2026.038.1, Karyn Ward

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that our Council follows the NZ Accessibility Guide and Web Content Accessibility Guideline in how it communicates.

CARRIED

9.18 Strengthening Emergency Management for At-Risk Residents - Support for Household-Level Preparedness

AP2026.038.2, Karyn Ward

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that Council is currently in the process of exploring mechanisms to overcome barriers to getting prepared.

CARRIED

9.19 Strengthening Emergency Management for At-Risk Residents - District-Wide Accessibility Standards for EM

AP2026.038.3, Karyn Ward

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Declines** the request for district wide Accessibility Standards.

CARRIED

9.20 Strengthening Emergency Management for At-Risk Residents - Pathways for Evaluating Community-Led Preparedness Innovations

AP2026.038.4, Karyn Ward

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the suggestion of transparent pathways for proposing and evaluating community-led preparedness solutions.

CARRIED

9.21 Strengthening Emergency Management for At-Risk Residents - Strengthened Coordination with Disability, Māori, and Community Groups

AP2026.038.5, Karyn Ward

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Accepts** the suggestion that Council coordinate with disability organisations, Māori partners, and community groups for preparedness as part of the Emergency Management Office programme of work.

CARRIED

9.22 Strengthening Emergency Management for At-Risk Residents - Audit of Council and Community Facilities for Emergency Use

AP2026.038.6, Karyn Ward

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the suggestion of an audit of Council-owned and community facilities for emergency use.

CARRIED

9.23 Strengthening Emergency Management for At-Risk Residents - Continuity Planning for Essential Needs

AP2026.038.7, Karyn Ward

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the suggestion that Council strengthen planning for continuity of essential needs.

CARRIED

9.24 Strengthening Emergency Management for At-Risk Residents - Exploration of Emerging Preparedness Innovations

AP2026.038.8, Karyn Ward

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Accepts** the suggestion that Council consider innovations, research and options to improve preparedness for residents with higher needs where appropriate within the Emergency Management Office programme of work.

CARRIED

9.25 Strengthening Emergency Management for At-Risk Residents - Integration of Climate and Spatial Vulnerability into EM Planning

AP2026.038.9, Karyn Ward

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.

- (b) **Notes** that Council has begun to integrate climate change impacts and hazard exposure into EM planning, and that this will continue as part of the Emergency Management Office work programme.

CARRIED

10. FINANCE AND BUSINESS SUPPORT

10.1 Funding of Te Kaha stadium

AP2026.025.5, Neil Wilkinson

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that the Council currently has made no provision to fund either operational or capital expenditure associated with the Christchurch Stadium within the Annual Plan or Long Term Plan.

CARRIED

10.2 Capital Grant (Redevelopment Levy) for Canterbury Museum Redevelopment

AP2026.032.1, Canterbury Museum Trust Board

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that the Council currently has included provision for the Museum's operating levy of \$731,154 in the Annual Plan, which reflects a 4.2% increase from 2025/26.
- (c) **Notes** that the Council currently has made no provision to fund the proposed additional \$2.1 million capital levy requested from the Museum. This is because the additional levy was not allowed for in the Long Term Plan 2024/34.

CARRIED

10.3 Council's Financial Position

AP2026.043.9, Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** this positive feedback received on Council's financial position and maintaining prudent debt levels.

CARRIED

10.4 Underwriting Community Projects

AP2026.043.10, Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that the Council has provided \$3.5 million in loan funding to South Link Education Trust to operate an urgent after hours medical centre as a strategic investment in primary health care.

- (c) **Notes** any further investment in strategically significant projects would be considered on a case by case basis, taking into account the business case, alignment with Council's strategic direction, and relevant funding needs and financial constraints.

CARRIED

10.5 Rates Revenue

AP2026.049.5, Ross Williams

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that growth in the population increases the need for infrastructure and public services alongside increasing the district's ratepayer base. The Council's financial and infrastructure strategies balance the need to cater for growth within future infrastructure needs alongside ratepayer affordability.
- (c) **Notes** that the reduction in the size of the capital programme is to align budgets to what is considered achievable to deliver.

CARRIED

10.6 Average Rates Figures

AP2026.047.6, Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** and thanks the Board for their submission and the suggestion to provide additional locality specific information regarding proposed rates.

CARRIED

10.7 Rates

AP2026.033.5, Woodend Sefton Community Board

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** and thanks the Board for its submission, noting Council's hard work to balance affordability with the need to maintain the level of service that the community expects.

CARRIED

10.8 Rates

AP2026.034.10, Rangiora Ashley Community Board

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** and thanks the Board for its submission, noting Council's ongoing commitment to balancing affordability with the need to maintain the levels of service expected by the community.

CARRIED

10.9 Rates

AP2026.057.2, North Canterbury Province of Federated Farmers

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** the Council's financial strategy provides for sustainable surpluses to meet immediate funding needs, maintain prudent debt levels, and provide for the future replacement of assets and cater for growth.
- (c) **Notes** that accumulated surpluses generated from targeted rates for Water Supply, Wastewater, Stormwater and Solid Waste are maintained in reserve accounts to fund future asset renewal.

CARRIED

10.10 Rates

AP2026.057.3, North Canterbury Province of Federated Farmers

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** and thanks NC Federated Farmers for their submission and advised:
- (c) **Notes** Council is currently prioritising as suggested to hold rates increases and deliver expected outcomes.
- (d) **Notes** Council is not currently considering introducing a general rate differential in the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan.
- (e) **Notes** Council is already maximising the use of fixed charges in its rating.
- (f) **Notes** Targeted rates are widely used to identify beneficiaries of services where possible.

CARRIED

10.11 Rates Assistance Scheme

AP2026.005.1, Sarah Elicker

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that Council continues to follow with interest the development and progress of the Ratepayer Assistance Scheme as Government approvals are sought.

CARRIED

10.12 Rating Values

AP2026.013.2, Amanda Smith

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Notes** that this submission point is acknowledged and that people are directed to the Council website for accurate rating valuation information.

CARRIED

10.13 Revenue

AP2026.057.4, North Canterbury Province of Federated Farmers

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** and thanks NC Federated Farmers for their submission, and advises that in future additional information will be provided on fee charges higher than the inflation rate.

CARRIED

10.14 North Woodend Ward

AP2026.006.14, PEGASUS RESIDENTS GROUP INC

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** the request to split the current Kaiapoi-Woodend ward into 2 separate wards.
- (c) **Notes** the Council will be undertaking a Representation Review during 2027 with the outcome determined by early April 2028, and effective for the October 2028 Local Body Elections.

CARRIED

10.15 Voting Rights

AP2026.060.5, details withheld

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** this submission point.
- (b) **Acknowledges** the request
- (c) **Notes** the Council may choose to have independent representation on committees where a need is identified. The need for any independent member to have voting rights would be considered on a case by case basis as part of this consideration.

CARRIED

6 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

7 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

8. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

In accordance with section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act (or sections 6, 7 or 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may be), it is moved:

Moved: Councillor Goldsworthy

Seconded: Councillor Mealings

That the public is excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

8.1 Staff Submission to the Annual Plan 2026/27 - Tram Road / No. Intersection Improvements

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

Item No.	Subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public-
REPORT			
8.1	Staff Submission to the Annual Plan 2026/27 - Tram Road / No. Intersection Improvements	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons and enabling the local authority to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial) negotiations and maintain legal professional privilege as per LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(a), (g) and (i)

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

The public excluded portion of the meeting went from 9:56am to 10:26am.

OPEN MEETING

9. NEXT MEETING

The Council is scheduled to meet at 11:30am on Tuesday 16 June 2026 to adopt the 2026/27 Annual Plan.

The next ordinary monthly meeting of the Council is scheduled for **Tuesday 2 June 2026**, commencing at 9am, to be held in the Council Chamber, Rangiora Service Centre, 215 High Street, Rangiora.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12:41PM.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson
Mayor Dan Gordon

16 June 2026

Date