

# MINUTES

## FINANCE/PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, 28 March 2024

**Time:** 9.30am

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Present** Cr Jeff Wong  
Cr Fi Dalgety  
Cr Brian Carter  
Cr Simon Loudon  
HWTM Andy Watson

**In attendance** Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive  
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer  
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager- Democracy and Planning  
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager- Corporate Services  
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager- Community  
Mr Warren Pedley, Management and Systems Accountant  
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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## 1 Welcome / Prayer

Cr Dalgety opened the meeting at 9.31am and read the council prayer.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/012**

Apologies received from Cr Maughan, Cr Wilson and Ms Leanne Hiroti.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/013**

That the minutes of Finance/Performance Committee Meeting held on 29 February 2024 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr S Loudon/Cr J F Wong. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Actions

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Finance/Performance Meetings

#### Item 1- Building Consents

It was requested that Mr Cullis provide a report to committee to explain the process of how council notifies QV and how this is added to the rating base.

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/014**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Finance/Performance Meetings' be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - March 2024

Cr Dalgety provided a tabled report.

The committee discussed the impact of inflation on rates and on capital projects.

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/015**

That the Chair's Report –March 2024 be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr S Loudon. Carried

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Finance Snapshot - February 2024

Staff confirmed that it is expected that the roading budget will be spent before applying for further funds.

Mr Tombs will action a year-to-date percentage variation on the capital programme report.

Staff responded to questions that the better off funding report is separate.

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/016**

That the report 'Finance Snapshot – February 2024' be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr S Loudon. Carried

### 9.2 Treasury and Debt - 2023/24

Mr Tombs will be taking a 9 million debt parcel to continue the CAPEX programme.

Staff respond to questions that unbudgeted land purchases are not expected to significantly impact Council's 30 June budget debt position as other budgeted capital projects are expected to be unspent at 30 June.

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/017**

That the report 'Treasury and Debt – 2023/24' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr J F Wong. Carried

### **9.3 Summary of Bad Debts**

Mr Tombs responded to questions that it would be best to clarify from Debt Management Central any of the reporting figures as they provide this report.

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/018**

That the report 'Summary of Bad Debts' be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J F Wong. Carried

### **9.4 Fee Waivers - Quarterly Update**

His Worship the Mayor requested a summary of fee waivers for the end of the year, this is for the committee to compare if there have been significant increases .

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/019**

That the report 'Fee Waivers – Quarterly Update' be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

### **9.5 QV Report**

His Worship the Mayor raised the issue off signing off the compliance of new builds and the timing of a new build being rateable in the next financial year. The rates are set from the 30 June of that financial year and this anomaly of new builds holding off until the 01 July. His Worship the Mayor noted that the process is only being completed for insurance purposes. It was requested that staff confirm that this is correct and then taking this as a remit.

Mr Ross noted this has been an ongoing issue and there is a need to confirm that no other action has been taken.

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/020**

That the QV Report be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

### **9.6 Public Feedback / Performance Report - February 2024**

There is a historical arrangement of Marton library being closed but Bulls and Taihape were already opened when the library service and information centres combined.

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/021**

That the Public Feedback / Performance Report – February 2024 be received.

Cr S Loudon/Cr B Carter. Carried

**The meeting closed at 10.18am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Finance/Performance Committee held on 24 April 2024.**

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**Chairperson**