

MINUTES

FINANCE/PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 30 May 2024
Time: 9.30am
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

- Cr Jeff Wong
- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Simon Loudon
- Cr Greg Maughan
- 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 Johan Cullis, Group Manager- Regulatory (Zoom)
- Mrs Janna Harris, Corporate Planner
- Ms Lorraine Bergen, Manager- Financial Services
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Cr Dalgety opened the meeting at 9.30am and Cr Loudon read the council prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/044

Apologies received from Ms Hiroti, Cr Carter, and Cr Sharland.

Cr F Dalgety/HWTM A Watson. 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

Matters arising: Clarification from Ms Skerman on the Bulls Community Development Trust and whether they can purchase the cage with the grant funding.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/045

That the minutes of Finance/Performance Committee Meeting held on 24 April 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 D Wilson/Cr J F Wong. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Finance/Performance Meetings

Item 1- Smarty Grants

Staff have met and have an alternative to smarty grants, a report on this will come to a committee meeting.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/046

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

Cr S Loudon/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/047

That Finance and Performance receive a report on the alternative to smarty grants.

Cr G Maughan/Cr J F Wong. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - May 2024

The Chair gave a verbal report noting the difficulties with the current economic environment.

The Chair reflected on the previous meeting and that this was not a good outcome and is looking forward to having something to review at the next meeting for the grants process.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/048

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Maughan. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Finance Snapshot - April 2024

His Worship the Mayor requested that a report on the high-level cost once the shared services are brought back in house and a comparison of expenses.

His Worship the Mayor asked about the capital carry- forwards ahead of the financial year and where these figures are. Mr Tombs responded that some are included in the capital program of the Long Term Plan and others are planned to be brought to the September Council meeting for Approval, as per prior years, once the 2023/24 figures are finalised.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/049

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/050

That the Committee approves that the unallocated Budget relating to Resolution 24/FPE/033 to be carried forward to 2024/25 and be reduced by \$1,500 to reflect the Council decision (24/RDC/099) to subsequently provide sponsorship for an additional event.

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Treasury and Debt - 2023/24

His Worship the Mayor asked about the interest position. Mr Tombs responded that a figure of 5% has been used for the Long Term Plan.

His Worship the Mayor noted that the debt levels are self-imposed and other councils have reviewed their own.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/051

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr J F Wong. Carried

10.2 QV Report

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/052

That the QV Report be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

10.3 Statement of Service Provision 9 Month Report: July 2023 - March 2024

Mrs Harris took councillors through the report and highlighted areas of improvement since the last report.

Councillors asked about the request for service process and the roading, Mr Benadie responded that he is unsure if there are more requests but more likely due to staff being away. Mrs Gordon responded that council is looking at building resilience within staff as it moves back in-house.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/053

That the report 'Statement of Service Provision 9 Month Report: July 2023 – March 2024' be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10.4 Better Off Funding Projects - May 2024 Update

Ms Prince updated the committee, noting there was a request that council reallocate some of the funding in the three waters space and that council's response was there was nowhere to reallocate this funding.

There were concerns from councillors that this a risk that they will revoke these funds.

Councillors requested that this item came back to council to endorse councils' position on these projects or the possibility to redirect funds.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/054

That the report 'Better Off Funding Projects – May 2024 Update' be received.

Cr J F Wong/Cr S Loudon. Carried

10.5 Public Feedback / Performance Report - April 2024

Mrs Gordon responded to questions that LGOIMA requests are proactively posted on the council website if any councillors are interested.

Councillors thanked those who work in councils front facing spaces as there is a lot of positive feedback from the community.

Resolved minute number 24/FPE/055

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

The meeting closed at 10.41am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Finance/Performance Committee held on 27 June 2024.

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Chairperson