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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**Notice is hereby given of the Meeting of the  
Invercargill City Council  
to be held in the Council Chamber,  
First Floor, Te Hīnaki Civic Building,  
101 Esk Street, Invercargill on  
Tuesday 26 March 2024 at 3.00 pm**

Mayor W S Clark  
Cr A J Arnold  
Cr R I D Bond  
Cr P M Boyle  
Cr S J Broad  
Cr T Campbell  
Cr A H Crackett  
Cr G M Dermody  
Cr P W Kett  
Cr D J Ludlow  
Cr I R Pottinger  
Cr L F Soper  
Cr B R Stewart

MICHAEL DAY  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

# A G E N D A

**1. Apologies**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

1. Members are reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.
2. Elected members are reminded to update their register of interests as soon as practicable, including amending the register at this meeting if necessary.

**3. Public Forum**

**4. [Minutes of the Bluff Community Board Meeting Held on 12 February 2024](#)**

A5195336

To be moved:

That the minutes of the Bluff Community Board meeting held on 12 February 2024 be received.

**5. [Minutes of the Meeting of Council Held on 27 February 2024](#)**

A5231312

To be moved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 27 February 2024 be confirmed.

**6. [Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting Held on 5 March 2024](#)**

A5242201

To be moved:

That the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 5 March 2024 be received.

**7. [Minutes of the Connected Murihiku Joint Committee Meeting Held on 11 March 2024](#)**

A5260785

To be moved:

That the minutes of the Connected Murihiku Joint Committee meeting held on 11 March 2024 be received

8. [Minutes of the Finance and Projects Committee Meeting Held on 19 March 2024](#)  
A5280435

To be moved:

That the minutes of the Finance and Projects Committee meeting held on 19 March 2024 be received and recommendation to Council be conformed.

**Recommendation to Council**

5. **2023/2024 Quarter Two Performance Update**  
A5235092

6. To approve the forecast changes outlined Schedule of Forecast Changes in the Quarter Two Performance Report.

9. [Invercargill Venue and Events Management Limited \(IVEM\) Dividend and Wind Up](#)  
A5271666

- 9.1 [Appendix 1 - Shareholder Resolution Removal from Register](#)  
A5272483

- 9.2 [Appendix 2 - Shareholder Resolution Approval of Major Transactions](#)  
A5272471

10. [Update on Sister Cities](#)  
A5229392

11. [Elections 2025 Update](#)  
A5269524

12. [Major Late Item - Government Policy Statement on Transport](#)  
A5258869

- 12.1 [Appendix 2 – ICC Submission to the Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024](#)  
A5281628

13. **Public Excluded Session**

Moved, seconded that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting; namely,

- (a) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Bluff Community Board Meeting held on 12 February 2024
- (b) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Council Meeting held on 27 February 2024
- (c) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 5 March 2024

- (d) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Connected Murihiku Joint Committee Meeting held on 11 March 2024
- (e) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Finance and Projects Committee Meeting held on 19 March 2024
- (f) Shareholder Approval Sale of Southern Generation Limited Partnership
- (g) Agreement to Enter into Contract for the Cultural Design within Invercargill Central Limited
- (h) Report from Chief Executive Appraisal Committee

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:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
(a) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Bluff Community Board Meeting held on 12 February 2024	<p><b>Section 7(2)(a)</b> Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p><b>Section 7(2)(i)</b> Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p><b>Section 48(1)(a)</b> That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7</p>
(b) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Council Meeting held on 27 February 2024	<p><b>Section 7(2)(i)</b> Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p><b>Section 48(1)(a)</b> That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7</p>
(c) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Infrastructure Committee	<p><b>Section 7(2)(b)(ii)</b> Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to</p>	<p><b>Section 48(1)(a)</b> That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good</p>

Meeting held on 5 March 2024	<p>prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p><b>Section 7(2)(i)</b> Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	reason for withholding would exist under Section 7
(d) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Connected Murihiku Joint Committee Meeting held on 11 March 2024	<p><b>Section 7(2)(i)</b> Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p><b>Section 48(1)(a)</b> That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7</p>
(e) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Finance and Projects Committee Meeting held on 11 March 2024	<p><b>Section 7(2)(a)</b> Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p><b>Section 7(2)(i)</b> Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p><b>Section 48(1)(a)</b> That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under</p>
(f) Shareholder Approval Sale of Southern Generation Limited Partnership	<p><b>Section 7(2)(h)</b> Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p>	<p><b>Section 48(1)(a)</b> That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under</p>

	<p><b>Section 7(2)(i)</b>            Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	
(g) Agreement to Enter into Contract for the Cultural Design within Invercargill Central Limited	<p><b>Section 7(2)(h)</b>            Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p>	<p><b>Section 48(1)(a)</b>            That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under</p>
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(h) Report from Chief Executive Appraisal Committee	<p><b>Section 7(2)(a)</b>            Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p>	<p><b>Section 48(1)(a)</b>            That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under</p>

**MINUTES OF THE BLUFF COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL CHAMBERS  
AT 18 GORE STREET BLUFF, ON MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.00 PM**

**Present:**

Mr R Fife  
Mr S Graham  
Ms T Stockwell  
Mr J Sutherland  
Ms T Topi  
Cr G M Dermody  
Mrs P Coote - Advisory Member

**In Attendance:**

Cr B Stewart  
Ms T Hurst – Group Manager Community Engagement and Corporate Services  
Mr D Rodgers – Strategic Assets Manager  
Mrs R Suter - Manager Strategy and Policy  
Mr M Keil – Manager Infrastructure Operations  
Mr A Gillespie – Senior Engineer Operations  
Ms A Young – Great South  
Mr M Froom – Great South  
Ms C Manera – Engagement Coordinator  
Mr M Morris – Manager – Governance and Legal  
Mrs N Allan – Manager Bluff Service Centre  
Mrs D Fife – Assistant Manager Bluff Service Centre  
Mrs L Williams – Team Leader - Executive Support

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**1. Apologies**

Nil.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

Nil, the Chair reminded Board members to send any updates to the governance team.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of The Bluff Community Board held on  
18 December 2023**

A5104296

Moved Cr Dermody, seconded Mr Sutherland and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Bluff Community Board held on 18 December 2023 be confirmed.

**4. Minutes of the Meeting of The Bluff Community Board Bursary Subcommittee Meeting held on 23 January 2024**

A5149367

Moved Ms Topi, seconded Mr Graham and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Bluff Community Board held on 23 January 2024 be received.

**5. Bluff Motupōhue Tourism Masterplan Implementation**

A5183487

Note: Ms Topi declared a pecuniary interest and left the room for this item.

Mrs Rhiannon Suter, Ms Amie Young and Mr Mark Froud were in attendance to speak to this item. It was noted that for the last two years there had been a coordinator to work on various projects within the implementation of the Masterplan, the first year funding was from MBIE and the second through Great South. Through the process of working through the Statement of Intent this role would not be funded by Great South, the feedback was however that the role was valuable. It was confirmed that the cost to fund the role was \$18,000 per annum. Options were proposed that the Board could fund or approach Council to fund.

Ms Young noted that the role was valuable and having the local connections had helped seeing the implementation and noted that there had been four projects completed. One of the significant projects had been the Bluff Hill Lookout project and in addition the recreation precinct project in conjunction with Council.

It was noted that one of the options provided was around funding the role from the reserve fund and concern was raised given that the role was held by a current Board member and it was felt that could be questioned and need to look at that closely. It was added that it was important to have the role but concern as to where the funding should come from. Concern raised around social media and the risk of being targeted.

A query was raised around key milestones achieved in the last 12 months. It was affirmed that there had been a lot of projects and that Ms Topi has been connected to a number of the projects. The main one would be working with the Rūnaka to get the project to design but had been a lot of progression on a number of projects.

A query was raised around where Great South would see the work continuing if the role was lost. It was affirmed that projects would not stop but would be slower progress and would need to look at projects. Having someone in place in the community had meant that there had been good progress.

A query was raised how this role and Great South benefit the community of Bluff. It was noted that Bluff was one of the three key tourism areas identified for the region and was at risk if the role did not continue. How do we capture tourists in Bluff, and was there a clear strategy for this community driven by Great South. It was affirmed that Great South was not resourced to undertake that one on one communication with the community and that the Masterplan was a long term plan. It was noted that there were other opportunities around cruise and also a number of things happening that Great South was involved in in Bluff that could not be discussed at this meeting.



A query was raised if the funding through Great South was not available for the next year.

Invercargill City Council funded Great South to an amount of \$1.9 million and yet could not fund \$18,000 for this role that had been confirmed as being valuable. It was proposed that this role be funded out of the existing funding to Great South. Great South confirmed that funding was tight.

There was comment made that money was not being spent in the community, when tourists visit, they come by bus and then leave.

A query was raised if the Board could add an option that the Board requests that Council asks Great South to include this funding as part of Council's existing funding of Great South.

A query was raised around the priorities and where Bluff would sit within that. In the tourism plan it was noted that there were four projects relating to Bluff and confirmed that it was a regional document.

It was reaffirmed that the role was important and that benefits not only Bluff but the region and another option may be share funding with Great South and some funding from the Community Wellbeing Fund. It was noted that that fund had a requirement of co-funding and that there were some other funding options for Bluff.

A query was raised what would happen if the role was not funded and it was affirmed that the Masterplan Implementation would continue but that the progress would be slower.

It was confirmed that the role was funded until the end of June and that the Board would need to look at further options, a new resolution was proposed.

Moved Cr Dermody, seconded Ms Stockwell that the Bluff Community Board:

1. Request that the Invercargill City Council include in their Statement of Intent that Great South fund this role from existing funding.

The motion, now put, was **RESOLVED**.

Mr Frood noted that Great South wanted to work with the Community and were passionate about Bluff.

Moved Cr Dermody, seconded Ms Stockwell that the Bluff Community Board:

1. Receive the report "Bluff Motupōhue Tourism Masterplan Implementation".

The motion, now put, was **RESOLVED**.

## 6. Verbal Update on LTP Engagement

Mrs Rhiannon Suter and Ms Cat Manera were in attendance to speak to this item.

Moved Mr Sutherland, seconded Mr Graham that the Bluff Community Board:

1. Receive the "Verbal Update on LTP Engagement".

Consultation would open on 29 February and finish on 2 April 2024. Mrs Suter proposed that a round table drop-in event over two hours be held on the evening of 5 March at St Johns Hall, Lee Street, Bluff, where the Bluff Community could ask questions and give their thoughts on items such as the swimming pontoon, what reserve land was high priority to keep and what was not high on the list to keep, the boat ramp, toilets and car parking, and any other questions they may have.

The Board noted that they would like to hold a Facebook live consultation event dedicated to Bluff.

It was noted that the Chair had received a draft page of the LTP on Bluff, the other Board members would like a copy emailed to them also, Mrs Suter undertook to do this.

The motion, now put, was **RESOLVED**.

## 7. Bluff Action Sheet

A5032146

Mr Matt Keil, Mr Alan Gillespie and Mr Doug Rodgers spoke to the report.

Moved Mr Sutherland, seconded Mr Graham that the Bluff Community Board:

1. Receive the report 'Bluff Action Sheet'

Waka Kotahi was funding the cycleway footpath for one kilometre from Suir Street to the Information Kiosk. The Board expressed their disappointment that they were not informed before the work started. Waka Kotahi were supposed to be in attendance, but had put in an apology. Board members felt that Stirling Point was a much higher priority over the widening of the footpath. Board members concerns would be conveyed to Waka Kotahi. Cr Dermody would like the Chair to make contact with Waka Kotahi to personally invite them to attend a meeting.

The Board had requested a map showing who was responsible for each area – Parks, Waka Kotahi, Roading, and Environment Southland, Mr Gillespie would provide this to the Board.

Downer water renewals were going well in the Liffey street area.

Mr Keil informed the Board that a new Alliance Manager had been appointed and would commence his role on 18 March, his core duty would be to both support and lead the Waihōpai Alliance for all operational roading matters.

Waihōpai Alliance represents the Invercargill City Council Maintenance Alliance delivered with Fulton Hogan to Invercargill City Council ratepayers. A new alliance logo had been developed by Koukou Creations with the logo representing colour elements of both Invercargill City Council and Fulton Hogan and a Koru.

The footpath renewal was an ongoing program, this year 50% of the budget was going to 13 new footpaths or renewals in Bluff. Cr Dermody would like there to be a discussion with Community Board members about which footpaths were important to them to be new or renewed. Mr Rodgers would have the plan for the footpaths available from the 16 February and would forward to the Chair for distribution to members.

The monthly meetings with Mr Gillespie were very valuable and going forward would like to carry these on. Three things from last month's meeting were, stickers for the new recycling rules were being delivered around Bluff at the moment, wheelie bin clips that were being handed out from the Bluff Service Centre were received very well, it was hoped that more can be sourced, and Stirling Point CCTV was scheduled for June 2024.

Ms Stockwell noted that the gardens and mowing around Bluff are a disgrace, there was no one available to speak to this, and Mr Keil would ask Mrs Rain to respond by email.

Ms Topi noted that the speed signs around the school were great, Ms Stockwell noted that one was missing from the Boyne Street / Foyle Street intersection, staff would follow this up.

Mr Graham noted that Bluff Promotions would like wheel stops at Stirling Point to stop cars and camper van driving over the edge. Mr Rodgers would look into this.

Cr Dermody suggested that the Board approach the local engineering firms to see if they would be interested in designing and supplying new Christmas decorations, which could have lights attached to them. He also suggested approaching SIT, Cr Dermody noted he was happy to investigate.

The Request for Service page in the agenda was going to be updated to four columns:

- Department
- Actioned
- Assigned
- Completed

This should then show which ones had been assigned and which ones had been completed.

Item 22 – Ms Topi would like a copy of the design of the Blackwater / Shannon Street intersection.

Item 78 – Ms Topi noted that the centre lines had not been painted yet, Mr Gillespie would follow this up.

Ms Topi enquired about the hedge adjacent to the Council Chambers, part of it was owned by Waka Kotahi, and Mr Gillespie would talk to Waka Kotahi.

The Community Board would like someone from the compliance team to attend their next meeting to address the unsafe building in Bluff, and to explain how the legislation works to the Board.

Ms Stockwell noted that sumps were flooding around Bluff, Mr Keil reported that it would be because they had been blocked with leaves, rubbish etc, and noted that sometimes the capacity of rain was far too great for the drain. He requested that if any drains were blocked that it be reported as an RFS.

Mr Keil noted that Kiwi Rail would like an agenda for them to attend a Board meeting.

The motion, now put, was **RESOLVED**.

## **8. Report of the Bluff Publicity / Promotions Officer**

A5187926

Mr Lindsay Beer spoke to the report.

Moved Mrs Coote, seconded Mr Sutherland that the Bluff Community Board:

1. Receives the "Report of the Bluff Publicity/Promotion Officer"

Bluff Promotions were invited to display a promotional stall in Esk Street on Waitangi Day they were informed the day before that they could not go under the verandas, because the weather was so bad on the day, they decided not to attend.

Tenders for the promotional sign had been received, and went back to the lowest tenderer for more information and they had decided to pull out and was now talking to another tenderer.

Had done promotion work for the Bluff Flower Show.

Mr Beer spoke to Great South about the work being done around cruise ships, and they confirmed it was the best way to go, need to get businesses and groups to come up with ideas on how to get the visitors to stay in Bluff.

Ms Topi queried who was responsible for the Burt Munro, Bluff Hill Climb, it was confirmed that a Motorcycle Club was, there was concern over the lack of promotion and also the lack of communication for businesses, one local business catered extra food, only to find out there were six food trucks located at Bluff Hill. It was noted that Bluff Promotions should be involved in events that happen in Bluff.

Ms Topi queried at what stage the Event guideline form was, it was noted that it was close to being finished.

The motion, now put, was **RESOLVED**.

## **9. Elected and Appointed Members' Attendance Register – January to December 2023 - Bluff**

A50168608

Mr Michael Morris was in attendance to speak to this item.

Moved Cr Dermody, seconded Mrs Coote that the Bluff Community Board:

1. Receives the report Elected and Appointed Members' Attendance Register – January to December 2023 - Bluff'.

Mr Morris noted that this is usually a LGOIMA request, especially around election time. Mr Morris asked members to contact him if they thought there were any errors.

Mr Morris asked how often the Board would like this information, it was confirmed once a year.

The motion, now put, was **RESOLVED**.

## **10. Chairman's Report - Verbal Update**

Moved Mr Fife, seconded Cr Dermody that the Bluff Community Board:

1. Receive the report "Chairperson's Report - Verbal Update".

The Chair noted that he along with some board members and the Deputy Mayor had met with a company looking at the possibly of using the by-product from Tiwai. He further noted that the Deputy Mayor attending had been valuable given his past role at Tiwai.

Waitangi Day was well received and was a great community day. On behalf of the Bluff Community, we would like to thank the Marae.

The motion, now put, was **RESOLVED**.

## **11. Public Excluded**

Moved Cr Dermody, seconded Ms Topi and **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- (a) Minutes of Public Excluded Session of the Bluff Community Board Meeting Held on 18 December 2023
- (b) Minutes of Public Excluded Session of the Bluff Community Board Bursary Subcommittee Meeting Held on 23 January 2024

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There being no further business, the meeting finished at 9.26 pm

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FIRST FLOOR, TE HĪNAKI  
CIVIC BUILDING, 101 ESK STREET, INVERCARGILL ON TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2024 AT  
3.00 PM**

**Present:**

Cr T Campbell (Chair)  
Cr A J Arnold  
Cr R I D Bond  
Cr P M Boyle  
Cr S J Broad  
Cr A H Crackett (via zoom)  
Cr G M Dermody  
Cr D J Ludlow  
Cr I R Pottinger  
Cr L F Soper  
Cr B R Stewart

**In Attendance:**

Rev E Cook – Māngai – Waihōpai  
Mrs P Coote – Kaikaunihera Māori – Awarua  
Mr M Day – Chief Executive  
Ms E Moogan – Group Manager – Infrastructure  
Mrs P Christie – Group Manager – Finance and Assurance  
Mrs T Hurst – Group Manager – Community Engagement and  
Corporate Services  
Mr R Capil – Group Manager – Community Spaces and Places  
Mr J Shaw – Group Manager - Consenting and Environment  
Mr A Cameron – Chief Risk Officer  
Mr M Morris – Manager – Governance and Legal  
Ms R Suter – Manager – Strategy and Policy  
Mr A Eng – Digital and Communications Advisor  
Ms M Sievwright – Senior Executive Support

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**1. Apologies**

Mayor W S Clark, Cr P W Kett

Moved Cr Dermody, seconded Cr Stewart and **RESOLVED** that the apologies be accepted.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

Nil.

**3. Public Forum**

Nil.

**4. Minutes of the Connected Murihiku Joint Committee Meeting held on Monday 29 January 2024**

A5174411

Moved Cr Broad, seconded Cr Bond that the Minutes of the Connected Murihiku Joint Committee meeting held on Monday 29 January 2024 be received.

In response to a question regarding the update from MBIE, it should read Minister Melissa Lee and not Minister Sandra Lee.

The motion, now put, was **RESOLVED**.

**5. Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 30 January 2024**

A5174610

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Ludlow and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 30 January 2024 be confirmed.

**6. Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2024**

A5199262

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Soper and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2024 be received and recommendations to Council be confirmed.

**Recommendations to Council**

**8. Proposal to Revoke Reserve Status – (Awarua Bay Road Reserves) for the Purpose of Disposal with Two Fee Simple Land Parcels**

A4979116

That Council:

8. Chooses to decline objections against the proposal it would be for the following reasons;
  - (a) Land for housing (including density) is managed through the Invercargill City Council District Plan.
  - (b) There are a number of suitable alternative bird-watching locations near this vicinity.
9. Chooses to endorse one of the following options:
  - (a) To revoke reserve status to dispose of land.
10. Agrees to ratify the revocation of the land reserve status and that the land be declared surplus and be made available for sale subject to approval from the Commissioner.
11. Request approval from the Commissioner to remove the reserve status of Lot 20 DP 2109 and Lot 9 DP 2109.



12. Notes the proceeds of the sale will be credited to the Parks and Reserves Land Sales Fund and would thereby be available to offset part of the cost of the development and upgrade of other reserves.
13. Requests a registered valuation of Lot 20 DP 2109, Lot 9 DP 2109, Section 1 DP 591351 and Section 2 DP 591351 and prepare them for sale as per the ICC Parks and Reserves Disposal Policy.

**7. Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2024**

A5201338

Moved Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Stewart and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2024 be received.

**8. Minutes of the Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 20 February 2024**

A5216149

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Dermody and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Risk and Assurance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20 February 2024 be received and recommendation to Council be confirmed.

**Recommendation to Council**

**10. Financial Risk Update**

A5203080

3. That the fixed/floating interest policy bands in the Liability Management Policy Interest Rate Exposure section be changed to 0-2 years, 2-4 years and 4-10 years.

**9. Minutes of the Finance and Projects Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 20 February 2024**

A5217956

Moved Cr Dermody, seconded Cr Stewart and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Finance and Projects Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20 February 2024 be received.

**10. Adoption of the 2024 – 2034 Long-term Plan Consultation Document and Supporting Materials**

A5210550

Cr Campbell took the meeting through the history of the Long-term Plan (LTP).

Most of the attachments had been approved in December 2023 and had gone to Audit for their sign off. The attachments were the updated documents and Ms Rhiannon Suter took the meeting through those changes.

The Local Government Act was clear that a draft LTP was not allowed to be adopted for consultation. There was a different process this year due to the changes in the affordable water forum. It was agreed that the consultation document would not be audited. Audit had looked through all the supplementary documents and this process was still open, meaning there could be further changes through this process.

In response to a question regarding elderly persons housing rate, it was noted that after further work, a more detailed funding model was available.

In response to a question regarding the change to the rating differentials, it was noted that farmers would receive just under half of a rates increase compared to the city. This was looked at across the whole sector rather than individual properties.

The consultation document was a summary to assist residents in understanding of the Long-term Plan, this enabled people to give informed feedback on issues.

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Ludlow and **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Receives the report "Adoption of the 2024 – 2034 Long-term Plan Consultation Document and Supporting Materials".

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Boyle and **RESOLVED** that Council:

2. Agrees to adjust the rating differentials for farming properties and for 1530 Tiwai Road.

Moved Cr Stewart, seconded Cr Dermody and **RESOLVED** that Council:

3. Adopts the Long-term Plan consultation document (A5228002).

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Stewart and **RESOLVED** that Council:

4. Adopts the following supporting materials which will be available to the public in support of consultation, noting that all remain draft until the Long-term Plan is adopted:
  - a. Asset and activity plans, confirmed at the Council meeting on 19 December 2023.
    - i. 3 Waters (A5229122)
    - ii. Rooding (A4335704)
    - iii. Solid Waste Management (A4895695)
    - iv. Parks and Reserves (A4593897)
    - v. Libraries (A4899018)
    - vi. Aquatic services (A4896660)
    - vii. Arts, culture and heritage services (A4966096)
    - viii. Venues and events services (A4945674)
    - ix. Public transport (A4963863)
    - x. Elderly persons housing (A4935768)
    - xi. Democratic process (A4907367)
    - xii. Regulatory services (A4943663)

- xiii. Corporate services (A4936018)
- xiv. Property services (A4899790)
- xv. Investment (A4938388)
- b. Financial Statements (A5215669)
- c. Financial Impact Statements (A5215671)
- d. Financial Strategy, confirmed at the Council meeting on 19 December 2023, with further updates outlined in this report (A4915537)
- e. Infrastructure Strategy, confirmed at the Council meeting on 19 December 2023, with further updates outlined in this report (A4593618)
- f. Assumptions, confirmed at the Council meeting on 19 December 2023, with further updates outlined in this report (A4848736)
- g. Revenue and Financing Policy, confirmed at the Council meeting on 19 December 2023, with further updates outlined in this report (A5077802)
- h. Rating Policy (A5062660)
- i. Development Contributions Policy, confirmed at the Council meeting on 19 December 2023 (A5098414)
- j. Rating of Māori Freehold Land Policy, confirmed at the Council meeting on 19 December 2023 (A5103858)
- k. Liability Management Policy, confirmed at the Council meeting on 19 December 2023, with further updates outlined in this report. (A5062752)
- l. Investments Policy, confirmed at the Council meeting on 19 December 2023. (A5059534)
- m. Significance and Engagement Policy, confirmed at the Council meeting on 19 December 2023(A5230725).
- n. Draft Long-term Plan Levels of Services and Key Performance Indicators for consultation, which were confirmed at the Council meeting on 7 November 2023 (A4988013).

Moved Cr Boyle, seconded Cr Soper and **RESOLVED** that Council:

- 5. Delegates to the Group Manager – Finance and Assurance to make non-significant changes if required to the consultation materials.

## 11. Public Excluded Session

Moved Cr Stewart, seconded Cr Bond and **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- (a) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Connected Murihiku Joint Committee meeting held on 29 January 2024
- (b) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Council meeting held on 30 January 2024
- (c) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 13 February 2024
- (d) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Risk and Assurance Committee meeting held on 20 February 2024
- (e) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Finance and Projects Committee meeting held on 20 February 2024

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:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
(a) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Connected Murihiku Joint Committee meeting held on 29 January 2024	<b>Section 7(2)(b)(ii)</b> Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	<b>Section 48(1)(a)</b> That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7
(b) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Council meeting held on 30 January 2024	<b>Section 7(2)(a)</b> Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons  <b>Section 7(2)(b)(ii)</b> Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information  <b>Section 7(2)(c)(i)</b> To protect information provided under an obligation of confidence where it is in the public interest that information should continue to be supplied.  <b>Section 7(2)(g)</b> Maintain legal professional privilege	<b>Section 48(1)(a)</b> That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7

**Section 7(2)(h)**

Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities

**Section 7(2)(i)**

Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

- (c) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 13 February 2024

**Section 7(2)(b)(ii)**

Protect the information where the making available of the information would be unlikely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplier or who is the subject of the information

**Section 48(1)(a)**

That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7

**Section 7(2)(g)**

Maintain legal professional privilege

**Section 7(2)(h)**

Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities

**Section 7(2)(i)**

Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

- (d) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Risk and Assurance Committee meeting held on 20 February 2024

**Section 7(2)(a)**

Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons

**Section 7(2)(b)(ii)**

Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information

**Section 7(2)(g)**

Maintain legal professional privilege

**Section 7(2)(h)**

Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities

**Section 7(2)(i)**

Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

**Section 48(1)(a)**

That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7

- (e) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Finance and Projects Committee meeting held on 20 February 2024

**Section 7(2)(a)**

Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons

**Section 7(2)(b)(ii)**

Protect the information where the making available of the information would be unlikely unreasonably to prejudice the

**Section 48(1)(a)**

That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7

commercial position of the person who supplier or who is the subject of the information

**Section 7(2)(c)**

Protect Information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information (i) would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; and would be likely otherwise do damage the public interest

**Section 7(2)(h)**

Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities

**Section 7(2)(i)**

Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 4.20 pm.

**MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FIRST FLOOR, TE HĪNAKI CIVIC BUILDING, 101 ESK STREET, INVERCARGILL ON TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2024 AT 4.00 PM**

**Present:**

Cr A J Arnold  
Cr R I D Bond  
Cr P M Boyle  
Cr S J Broad  
Cr T Campbell (Chair)  
Cr A H Crackett  
Cr G M Dermody  
Cr P W Kett  
Cr D J Ludlow  
Cr L F Soper  
Cr B R Stewart  
Rev E Cook – Māngai – Waihōpai

**In Attendance:**

Mr M Day – Chief Executive  
Ms E Moogan – Group Manager – Infrastructure  
Mrs P Christie – Group Manager – Finance and Assurance  
Mr R Capil – Group Manager – Community Spaces and Places  
Mr J Shaw – Group Manager – Consenting and Environment  
Mr A Cameron – Chief Risk Officer  
Mr R Pearson – Chief Engineer  
Mr D Rodgers – Manager Strategic Assets  
Mr M Keil – Manager Infrastructure Operations  
Mrs H Guise – Property Portfolio Manager  
Mr M Morris – Manager – Governance and Legal  
Mr G Caron – Digital and Communications Advisor  
Mrs L Williams – Team Leader – Executive Support

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**1. Apologies**

Mayor Clark; Cr Pottinger and Mrs P Coote

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Boyle and **RESOLVED** that the apologies be accepted.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

Nil.

**3. Public Forum**

Nil.



**4. Minutes of the Waste Advisory Group Meeting held on Monday 11 December 2023**

A5180662

Moved Cr Stewart, seconded Cr Ludlow (pro forma) and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Waste Advisory Group Meeting held on Monday 11 December 2023 be received.

**5. Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2024**

A5201338

Moved Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Stewart and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2024 be confirmed.

**6. Temporary Road Closures – Great South, St Patricks Day Family Gala**

A5229141

Mr Doug Rogers presented the report.

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Bond and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report "Temporary Road Closure - Great South, St Patricks Day Family Gala".
2. Resolve that the proposed event outlined in the report will not impede traffic unreasonably.
3. Approves the temporary road closure for Esk Street between Dee Street and Kelvin Street between the hours of 10.00 am and 5.00 pm.

**7. Temporary Road Closures – ANZAC Day 2024**

A5213675

Mr Doug Rogers presented the report.

A query was raised around the traffic management plan and issues that arose last year. It was affirmed that there was no issue this year. It was noted that there was a new provider this year and that a health and safety plan had been completed.

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Ludlow and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report titled "Temporary Road Closures – ANZAC DAY 2024".
2. Resolve that the proposed event outlined in the report will not impede traffic unreasonably.

3. Approves the temporary road closures for Gala Street and Victoria Avenue on Thursday 25 April 2024 as outlined in Appendix 1 (A5213676), as permitted under the Local Government Act 1974 (Section 342 and Schedule 10).

## **8. Yarrow Street/Lindisfarne Street Intersection Upgrade – Option Report**

A5222034

Mr Doug Rodgers spoke to the report.

It was noted that at a previous meeting option one had been approved and staff were asked to return with a recommendation around the inclusion of the platform.

Mr Rodgers noted that staff had spoken to residents and had organised alternative parking for one of the shop owners affected and they were now happy. He confirmed that the park would have signage.

A query was raised around Lindisfarne north of Yarrow, and if the park would be past the yellow line that goes approximately 30 metres down the street and had staff talked to homeowners. Mr Rodgers confirmed that the whole area had been covered in the original consultation and confirmed would be shortening the length of the yellow lines.

A query was raised why the whole design could not be re-done if could move the parks and the cycle lane as there were no schools in that area.

The Chair reconfirmed what councillors had asked Mr Rodgers to investigate and come back to them and that the Committee had agreed option one and would not be relitigating that decision. Cr Arnold noted that he was opposed to that at the time and remained so and that it needed to go to Council and so would discuss again at that time, at which time he would reaffirm that he was against.

Mr Rodgers noted the team had looked at the need to reduce speed and had looked at other options but still recommended the platform.

A query was raised if the platform was at Council's discretion, Mr Rodgers confirmed funding not dependent on it but that it was recommended by staff.

A query was raised that this was a main arterial route and the speed bump, if hit by a truck at 50 km, could lose control. Invercargill had an ageing population and people going to the Stadium. A question was asked if these would be put in other areas. It was noted by staff that the decision would be case by case.

A query was raised if a traffic count had been done and if cars or trucks, the area was a 50 km zone both ways and concerned that would create confusion and would signage be a better option than a platform.

A query around cyclists and pedestrians and that traffic calming was important and noted that even though with speed limit changed in South City people speed through the lights. It was also added that there were many intersection accidents in the city.

Looking at the traffic flows what were the movements east to west of Yarrow, staff expected approximately 6,000 and 1,500 for the other direction (staff to confirm).

Moved Rev Cook, Cr Soper seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Approves the design for Option 1, with engagement with one effected party around the provision of short-term parking with a platform.

Voted for: Crs Crackett, Broad, Soper and Rev Cook.

Voted against: Crs Ludlow, Boyle, Dermody, Stewart, Kett, Campbell and Bond.

The motion now put was **LOST**.

Moved Cr Dermody, seconded Cr Kett and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructure Committee:

2. Approves the design for Option 1, with engagement with one effected party around the provision of short-term parking without a platform.

Voted for: Crs Ludlow, Boyle, Dermody, Stewart, Kett, Campbell and Bond

Voted against: Crs Crackett, Broad, Soper and Rev Cook.

The motion now put was **RESOLVED**

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Boyle and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructure Committee:

3. Receives the report "Yarrow Street/Lindisfarne Street Intersection Upgrade – Option Report".

Note: Cr Arnold recorded a vote against the whole proposal.

## **9. Regional Land Transport Plan – Mid-Term Review Submission**

A5228164

Ms Doug Rodgers presented the report and noted that the mid-term review had been done and that priorities had changed with wording rather than intent. Investment, Health and Safety, modes of transport and giving people more choice. Nothing in the mid-term review impacts ICC. Mr Rodgers recommended a submission that confirms the LTP.

A query was raised around the benefit that ratepayers would see, it was a paper that guides investment and the roading within Council's jurisdiction, and if there was any ability to influence the government. Mr Rodgers affirmed he would talk to colleagues at NZTA. A question was asked if this with the paper on public transport would combine / connect in the end and if better outcomes would be achieved. Mr Rodgers replied yes.

A query was raised around if we as Council needed to respond to the government's statement around State Highway 1. It was noted that this was important and council should respond and that State Highway 1 was a key route and lifeline for the region and city and yet again missing out and that council should be going to NZTA with this.

A query was raised around speed limits and it was confirmed this review was a funding statement.

It was noted that an understanding of how the investment funding process worked and the larger the number of benefits the better chance of getting funding and how it stacked against other areas.

It was confirmed that Council needed to keep pushing for Highway 1 but this paper was separate to that.

Ms Moogan noted that she and Mr Rodgers had met with Waka Kotahi and did raise Highway 1 and it was noted that they were looking to do some work in the next 12 months around the estuary.

A query was raised how Council could raise that and it proposed that continuing to have discussions and send a letter to the Minister advocating.

It was noted that it was actually a regional asset for the whole of Southland and need a strong business case supported by all the Mayors of the region, also SouthPort, Richardson Group, take a collective approach.

It was noted that the squeakiest wheel turned the bridge in Queenstown into a priority project.

Mr Rodgers confirmed that this paper was around whether to submit and noted his other council colleagues had decided not to submit but that Council could add information around Highway 1 to any submission it made.

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Bond and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report "Regional Land Transport Plan – Mid-Term Review Submission".
2. Requests staff to prepare a submission supporting the draft RLTP for adoption.
3. That the opportunity is taken to advocate for further investment in Highway 1 from Invercargill to Bluff, with emphasis on the economic benefits for the entire region.

## **10. Exchange of Airport Land for Road**

A5229470

Mr Doug Rodgers and Ms Heather Guise spoke to the report. It was noted that following a review of the airport land and needing access, the airport came to Council with a proposal to exchange the land that had the cycleway / walkway and this would vest the land as road and form part of the roading corridor.

A query was raised around Council paying the costs and it was confirmed that Council would get more land and so would pay the costs. The costs would be around \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Moved Cr Crackett, seconded Cr Boyle and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report "Exchange of Airport Land for Road".
2. Approves the intention to exchange land, noting that the subject portion of unformed road to be exchanged is not required for roading activity.
3. Approves the commencement of the public consultation to consider stopping that portion of unformed legal road as shown on the plan attached pursuant to Section 342 of the Local Government Act 1974, making it available for exchange.

## **11. Activities Report**

A5216560

Ms Moogan spoke to the report.

It was noted the wastewater challenge in February, and continuing to make the most of infrastructure council had and maintaining.

Waihōpai Alliance branding was raised and where the costs had come from, it was noted that as part of the new contract the branding work was done. A query was raised as to what the cost was. Ms Moogan noted she did not have visibility as it was part of the overhead costs.

A query was raised around roadside litter, it was confirmed that staff did have a programme of work and if getting feedback that needed to do more in the Ōtatara area should put in a request for service.

A query was raised around stormwater and with the use of hard ground around housing if the stormwater system could cope. Ms Moogan noted that this was around concern for capacity and that it was not new for Invercargill. In general, the network had a large stormwater network and had not needed to take up the additional capacity.

A query was raised if there would be further discussion in the future around the pockets with a lack of capacity. Ms Moogan confirmed that looking to improve modelling for the city.

A query was raised around the flooding at Turnbull Thomson Park and what the timing of work may be. It was affirmed that the infiltration work would take time but prioritising Turnbull Thomson and would come back with more exact timeframe.

Moved Cr Boyle, seconded Cr Dermody and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the "Activities Report".

12. Public Excluded Session

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Rev Cook and **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- a. Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting Held on 13 February 2024
- b. Ocean Beach Protection Wall

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:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
a. Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting Held on 13 February 2024	<b>Section 7(2)(b)(ii)</b> Protect the information where the making available of the information would be unlikely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplier or who is the subject of the information	<b>Section 48(1)(a)</b> That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7
b. Ocean Beach Protection Wall	<b>Section 7(2)(i)</b> Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	<b>Section 48(1)(a)</b> That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 5.18 pm.



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**MINUTES OF CONNECTED MURIHIKU JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN THE  
COMMUNITY TRUST SOUTH BOARDROOM, 62 DON STREET, INVERCARGILL ON  
MONDAY 11 MARCH 2024 AT 1PM**

**Present:** Mrs Pania Coote  
Cr Steve Broad - ICC  
Cr Sarah Greaney – SDC  
Mr Stacy Hughes – Community Representative  
Mrs Jess Domigan – Community Representative  
Mrs R Morris – Community Representative

**In Attendance:** Ms Rebecca Amundsen – Project Lead  
Ms Rhiannon Suter – Manager – Strategy and Policy  
Mrs Liz Williams – Team Leader – Executive Support

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**1. Apologies**

Cr Paul McPhail, Ms Tracey Wright-Tawha

Moved Cr Broad, seconded Cr Greaney and **RESOLVED** that the apologies be received.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

Nil.

**3. Minutes of Connected Murihiku Joint Committee Meeting held on  
29 January 2024.**

A5174411

Moved Mrs Domigan, seconded Cr Broad and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of Connected Murihiku Joint Committee Meeting Held on 29 January 2024 be confirmed.

**4. Connected Murihiku joint Committee Update Report - March 2024**

A5236256

Ms Amundsen took the Committee through her report and noted in the engagement plans that when speaking with people the same main themes were coming through. Attended a seven hour facilitation workshop which was very useful.

Have been speaking to Southland District Council around attending Community Board meetings, would initially attend a Chairs meeting and noted would meet again with Gore District Council.

Ms Amundsen tabled the leaflet that had been produced and requested that committee members hand them out when meeting people in the community. Field Days was a valuable experience and managed to catch up with many people in the community, she noted that volunteering came out on top as a discussion topic. Pushing information through to the Lets Talk page and noted that if type in the Connected Murihiku website address it took people to that page, she noted that the traffic had increased in terms of views and there had been some spikes.

A query was asked what would people be engaging in, it was noted that there was some information around volunteering and so commenting would push the page out to people. She added that concentrating on volunteering in the meantime. Had received good feedback from the newsletter.

Working with Elm to get material and content ready for the website.

Talks continuing with funders around applications and also with councils around support going forward and possibly would look at submitting to council's LTPs and Annual Plans.

It was noted that hearing from stakeholders would be valuable and looking at the strategy towards financial sustainability.

It was also noted that looking for the shape and look of the projects, being asked what it looked like.

A query was raised around conflicts for councillors if submitting to LTP's and that perhaps Mrs Domigan, Ms Morris and Mr Hughes as community representatives could help to feed in and speak to councils. Be very clear around what it looked like and also present tangibles. What it looked like; who was using it and what the outcomes were.

It was noted that at some council tables the wellbeing aspect was sometimes a nice to have when faced with rates rises and many would look at infrastructure, and the need to illustrate the need to be working "at the top of the cliff".

Be very clear around the holistic approach. It was noted that the marae have a lot of the volunteers that are separate to Volunteer South and so looking at those groupings across Southland is important to start linking up and connecting. This was where some of the tangibles would come in.

A query was raised if looking at volunteering would it become a pool of resources. It was noted that part would be facilitating connection and supporting a community led approach, and in addition the platform under development would have a place for information, one stop shop, and also provide the Southland context.

It was noted that Active Southland was looking at working with Regional Sports Organisation and looking at the role of volunteers and could link in.



It was noted that in the governance space there were a number of things happening but unless you know it was hard to find and then need to look at relevance, could be very different needs.

Another barrier identified was around report writing and also accountability reporting and the need for this along with funding and where to access, there was a feeling that this was still unknown and people did not know where to go.

It was also noted that funding could be by locality i.e. Meridian Fund, and perhaps having a matrix – what was and was not funded even at a basic level, making the pathway easier for people and groups. Another huge need identified was budgeting. Entity status was also an area that people struggle with.

It was noted that it could be good to add key funding dates and information to the newsletter and communications.

MBIE milestones were discussed and noted those were due in April. Spoke to Ms Steph Voight and she noted that those milestones were in project contract and was the only expectation from this group.

Working with Elm on the website, and would like to have some representatives from the committee on this project. Crs Broad and Greaney advised they were happy to help. Ms Amundsen noted that would hold off on content side in the meantime.

The in-person hui would be on 29 April 2024 and would be held at the Murihiku Marae, working on the details.

It was added that the 101 Te Tiriti sessions had been well received and that a large organisation had indicated that they would like to have their trustees and management attend. If the numbers were high could look at running another session.

With funding applications underway Ms Amundsen created a list of milestones and outcomes and asked for feedback and wondered about a case study perhaps around volunteering.

It was noted that there could be a couple of topics that could be used as case studies.

Would look to work with Volunteer South and co-ordinate an event in Invercargill. Also looking at Health and Safety, and using e-newsletter and Lets Talk platforms to get insights.

A query was raised by Elm around social media and it was noted would look at in the future perhaps.

Ms Amundsen asked if anyone had any ideas for articles to please let her know. Also gave the example of coffee chats in Te Anau for new migrants and how well they had been received.

With respect to funding applications, would have the possibility to speak to applications and asked if anyone would be interested in helping with that, Mr Hughes and Mrs Domigan offered to assist.

Moved Cr Greaney, seconded Ms Morris and **RESOLVED** that the Committee:

1. Receive the "Connected Murihiku Report 11 March 2024".

## 5. Public Excluded

Moved Cr Broad, seconded Mrs Domigan that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting; namely

- (a) In Committee Minutes of Connected Murihiku Joint Committee Meeting held on 29 January 2024
- (b) Financial Update Report – March 2024

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:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
(a) In Committee Minutes of Connected Murihiku Joint Committee Meeting held on 29 January 2024	<b>Section 7(2)(b)(ii)</b> Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	<b>Section 48(1)(a)</b> That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
(b) Financial Update Report – March 2024	<b>Section 7(2)(i)</b> Enable a local authority to carry out commercial activities.	<b>Section 48(1)(a)</b> That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 2.20 pm

**MINUTES OF FINANCE AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
FIRST FLOOR, TE HĪNAKI CIVIC BUILDING, 101 ESK STREET, INVERCARGILL ON TUESDAY  
19 MARCH 2024 AT 3.00 PM**

**Present:** Cr G M Dermody (Chair)  
Mayor W S Clark  
Cr A J Arnold (via zoom)  
Cr R I D Bond  
Cr T Campbell  
Cr B R Stewart

**In Attendance:** Cr P Boyle  
Rev E Cook – Māngai – Waihōpai  
Mrs P Coote – Kaikaunihera Māori – Awarua  
Mr M Day – Chief Executive  
Mrs P Christie – Group Manager – Finance and Assurance  
Mrs T Hurst – Group Manager – Community Engagement and Corporate Services  
Mr R Capil – Group Manager – Community Spaces and Places  
Mr J Shaw – Group Manager - Consenting and Environment  
Ms E Moogan – Group Manager Infrastructure  
Mr A Cameron – Chief Risk Officer  
Mr M Morris – Manager – Governance and Legal  
Mr J Botting – Manager Financial Planning  
Ms S Roberts – Manager Financial Services  
Mrs R Suter – Manager – Strategy and Policy  
Mrs L Knight – Manager – Strategic Communications  
Mr G Caron – Digital and Communications Advisor  
Mrs L Williams – Team Leader - Executive Support

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## **1. Apologies**

Cr Ludlow, Cr Soper, and Cr Pottinger.

Moved Cr Stewart, seconded Mayor Clark and **RESOLVED** that the apologies be accepted.

## **2. Declaration of Interest**

Nil.

## **3. Public Forum**

Nil.

**4. Minutes of the Finance and Projects Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 20 February 2024**

A52174956

Moved Cr Stewart, seconded Cr Arnold and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Finance and Projects Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20 February 2024 be confirmed.

**5. 2023/2024 Quarter Two Performance Update**

A5235092

Mrs Rhiannon Suter and Mr Jaimee Botting presented the report and noted that the overall levels of service were lower than the previous quarter, which was due to timing, but tracking ahead of last year. It was noted that satisfaction had started to increase again. Strong performance in core activities particularly in the area of water, and noted a number of requests for service had been received due to heavy rain earlier in the year. There has been a softening in solid waste performance and the team were monitoring.

Mr Botting spoke to the financial performance and noted the deficit was \$11.5 million.

Mrs Patricia Christie noted that had been a change in practice with financial results in the performance report reflecting a payments approach and that there had been gains in efficiency with having the new processes in place but that it did create timing variances that would level out by the end of the year.

A query was raised around the accruals and what would happen at the end of the year, it was confirmed that accruing for part of projects for any work done in June would be shown in the June result.

A further query was raised around showing depreciation or not, it was confirmed that the end of year would include depreciation. It was noted that due to the revaluations that it was difficult to reflect an accurate depreciation planned number and that was why separating out depreciation. It was noted that the variance without depreciation was around \$1 million worse than forecast.

It was queried that for half of the year council were tracking at \$11 million overspent.

A query was raised around readjusting the forecast at the end of a quarter. It was noted that the forecast was to provide Council with an update as to where the finances sat. It was further noted that with the new system in place it would reflect a better and more accurate position as at the end of June.

It was confirmed that managers had been tasked to do a deep dive to look at their forecasts. There was discussion around whether forecasts should be changed, and it was confirmed that forecast would not be changed to allow for an increased budget to be added, it was purely around ensuring on track and phased correctly.

Capital spend was tracking below plan and some big projects were due to start and some due to end, there was a large amount of road sealing happening at present and this would be reflected in the forecasting process.

A query was raised around democratic process and that the results from the public satisfaction survey were not good around consultation, and should more work be put into this area. Should look at more real time consultation, to avoid the feedback that consultation was "tokenism".

Mrs Suter confirmed that the team were constantly looking at this and how improvements could be made. Negative comments / feedback could come from feeling that residents are not listened to when decisions are not what a submitter had wanted.

She added that there had been a lot of discussion in the sector around democracy and what people expected was changing and it was a complex picture, how to respond to that was a challenge. Also challenges around media and how to connect with people, utilising traditional media and social media to try to get messages out to the community.

A query was raised around how intra-Council (within Council) invoicing was handled and the impact on the financial position. It was confirmed that operate a centralised model and that there was a need to ensure that invoicing requests were sent through to finance in a timely manner.

It was noted that the KPI's around democracy were not good, and a query was raised if should be considering do we consult not how we consult.

A query was raised if Council could contact people with what was happening each month and that could not do too much in that space. It was noted that if look at the Long-term Plan there was a significant amount of engagement being undertaken, but the reach seemed to be small in some instances, and look at what else could be done.

It was noted that there was good reach on social media and had two Facebook Live sessions coming up in the next few weeks.

A query was raised around water billing and that it was behind and would the new process fix that issue. It was noted that water billing was done quarterly and that invoices were not processed in December, and needed to get the timing right.

Staff were commended for the work they had been doing around consultation.

Mrs Chami Abeysinghe, Chief Executive Great South spoke to the Committee around the performance relating to Great South.

It was noted that received good feedback around the activations in Esk and Don Streets and that they created a good atmosphere in the city and would like to see more.

It was noted that Great South had committed to 20 City Centre activations and that the New Year's Party on Don Street only had about 800 attendees but the weather had not been good, but the feedback around the event had been positive.

The Busker's Festival had been a good event but needed to build on the history and build on learnings from other areas. Feedback had come in from retailers slightly off Esk and Don Street around how they could be included and looking at ways to bring them in.

A query was raised around the business mentors programme and it was confirmed that the national body was now running that programme. It was noted that Great South did not receive data around this programme. It was further noted that looking at gaps and trends and how Great South could fill those gaps working with other entities such as Coin South and the Chamber.

It was noted that businesses in Southland were looking for mentorship and there were more businesses than there were mentors available.

A concern was raised that there was a disconnect around He Waka Tuia and that a number of comments were from people that had not used the service and should that be reported on. Another area was the bus service and comments were from people not using the service.

It was confirmed that the KPI was measured around those using the services and the results were filtered by that but it was difficult to filter out any not completing the survey in good faith. All comments were included and could look at the way the comments were provided.

Mrs Suter advised that next year looking at getting comments and feedback at the point of service. It was noted that participants in online surveys did tend to be more negative in their responses.

It was noted that comments around participating in public forums being daunting and what could be done around that to make less formal.

It was noted that the multicultural festival had presented a good opportunity to talk to people and people were engaged.

A query was raised around He Waka Tuia's performance, it was rated higher and confusing that a comment further down that satisfaction was lower. It was noted KPI's were only indicators and looking at ways to improve the data and reporting to improve.

It was noted that in Australia a museum used QR codes. Mrs Suter confirmed that had used QR codes and these work well in areas like public transport.

A query was raised around projects going forward and it was queried why Project 1225 had an opening date 13 months later than the completion of the building. Ms Moogan advised that the programme for the opening date had been re-set, but believed the fitout had always been expected to be longer than six months.

A query was raised around the need to get a busker's license weekly, it was confirmed that was not the case.

Moved Mayor Clark, seconded Cr Stewart and **RESOLVED** that the Finance and Projects Committee:

1. Receive the report "2023/2024 Quarter Two Performance Update" and the 2023/2024 Quarter Two Performance Report (A5165345).
2. Note that 67 of 99 measures (68%) of the levels of service performance indicators are on track to be achieved. This is a decrease from 2023/2024 Quarter One where

72% of measures were achieved. For comparison in Quarter Two of 2022/2023 65% of indicators were on track.

3. There are 13 measures which are being watched as potential risks and a further ten measures which have already failed or are very unlikely to be met in 2023/2024.
4. Note 12 of the 19 activities' net operating financial performance were lower than forecast at the end of December 2024.
5. The performance report contains provisional results and these may change as more data is accumulated throughout the year.

**Recommends to Council:**

6. To approve the forecast changes outlined Schedule of Forecast Changes in the Quarter Two Performance Report.

## **6. Financial Update – February 2024**

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Mr Jaimee Botting and Ms Stephanie Roberts spoke to the report and highlighted that the accounting practice as previously noted was reflected in the actuals and further that next year would have phasing in place. It was noted that the deficit was lower and that a large number of subsidies due to be received in January and not been received until February.

A query was raised around other expenses and the honoraria was very precise and why that was under. It was noted that would be around timing and also that a councillor had resigned and so had a vacant position for some time and that impacted the numbers.

It was also noted that we may not have had the final honoraria figures when the Annual Plan was compiled.

WasteNet revenue was raised and it was queried what Gore District Council's share was of that given they did not recycle. It was advised that did not have that information to hand and would come back with an answer.

Moved Mayor Clark, seconded Cr Arnold and **RESOLVED** that the Finance and Projects Committee:

1. Receive the report "Financial Update – February 2024".
2. Note the current state of Council finances.

**7. Public Excluded Session**

Moved Mayor Clark, seconded Cr Stewart and **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- a) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Finance and Projects Committee Meeting Held on 20 February 2024
- b) Financial Update – February 2024
- c) Freeholding and Potential Disposal of Industrial Endowment Land – 14 Mersey Street, Invercargill

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:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
a) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Finance and Projects Committee Meeting Held on 20 February 2024	<p><b>Section 7(2)(c)</b> Protect Information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information (i) would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; and would be likely otherwise do damage the public interest</p> <p><b>Section 7(2)(b)(ii)</b> Protect the information where the making available of the information would be unlikely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of</p>	<p><b>Section 48(1)(a)</b> That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7</p>



the person who supplier  
or who is the subject of  
the information

**Section 7(2)(h)**

Enable any local  
authority holding the  
information to carry out,  
without prejudice or  
disadvantage,  
commercial activities

**Section 7(2)(i)**

Enable any local  
authority holding the  
information to carry on,  
without prejudice or  
disadvantage,  
negotiations (including  
commercial and  
industrial negotiations)

- b) Financial Update –  
February 2024

**Section 7(2)(a)**

Protect the privacy of  
natural persons, including  
that of deceased natural  
persons

**Section 7(2)(i)**

Enable any local  
authority holding the  
information to carry on,  
without prejudice or  
disadvantage,  
negotiations (including  
commercial and  
industrial negotiations)

**Section 48(1)(a)**

That the public conduct of  
this item would be likely to  
result in the disclosure of  
information for which good  
reason for withholding  
would exist under Section 7

- c) Strategic  
Freeholding and  
Potential Disposal of  
Industrial  
Endowment Land –  
14 Mersey Street,  
Invercargill

**Section 7(2)(i)**

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There being no further business, the meeting finished at 4.27 pm.

## INVERCARGILL VENUE AND EVENTS MANAGEMENT LIMITED (IVEM) DIVIDEND AND WIND UP

**To:** Council

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 26 March 2024

**From:** Stephanie Roberts – Manager Financial Services

**Approved:** Patricia Christie - Group Manager - Finance and Assurance

**Approved Date:** Tuesday 19 March 2024

**Open Agenda:** Yes

**Public Excluded Agenda:** No

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### Purpose and Summary

#### Invercargill Venue & Events Management Ltd (IVEM)

Approval is sought to distribute the surplus assets of IVEM by way of payment of a final dividend of \$272,398.55 to Council dated 31 March 2024.

It is proposed that application then be made to the Companies Office to remove IVEM from the Companies Register (to wind up the Company).

### Recommendations

That Council:

1. Receives the report "Invercargill Venue and Events Management Limited (IVEM) Dividend and Wind Up"
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive, Mr Michael Day to sign resolutions on behalf of Council to do the following:
  - I. Approve a major transaction to distribute the surplus assets of IVEM to its shareholder by way of payment of a dividend of \$272,398.55 on 31 March 2024.
  - II. Sign a resolution of shareholders to remove IVEM from the Companies Register under s 318(1)(d)(i) of the Companies Act 1993 dated 30 April 2024.

## **Background**

IVEM is a profit-oriented entity incorporated in New Zealand under the Companies Act 1993 and is domiciled in New Zealand. The company is 100% owned by Invercargill City Council. It is a Council Controlled Organisation as defined in Section 6(1) of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) and is registered under the Companies Act 1993.

The primary objective of the company was to manage and operate the Civic Theatre, the Scottish Hall and Rugby Park as well as promote events in Southland.

In a Finance and Policy meeting dated 26 June 2019 it was recommended to transfer the undertaking of the company to Council and make the company exempt from the CCO and accounting provisions of the LGA. It was also recommended to wind up the company if the Council saw no further benefit or opportunity for IVEM as a separate entity. It was noted that wind up of a company was easier as more time elapsed due to creditors having more time to establish whether any debts were outstanding.

The company's undertakings were transferred to Council from the beginning of the 2020 financial year. Since this time there have been minimal expenses and a small amount of interest income has been earned.

The company has now been inactive for over four and a half years therefore it is now appropriate to take the necessary steps to wind the company up.

## **Issues and Options**

### **Analysis**

The Directors of IVEM have the authority under the company's constitution to approve the payment of dividends, however in this instance the payment of the dividend is deemed to be a major transaction as its value is greater than 50% of the company's total assets.

Application cannot be made to remove the company from the Companies Register until the company's surplus assets have been distributed. The Dividend equates to the closing balance of the company's bank account at 31 March 2024.

### **Significance**

The proposed decision is not significant in terms of ICC's Significance & Engagement Policy for the follow reasons:

- The matter is not of a nature or significance that requires consultation (LGA 2002, s82(4)(c).
- The decision will not impact the public as IVEM has not been operating for the past four and a half years.
- The decision does not affect a strategic asset. It is only a transfer of cash between IVEM and Council. The dividend will be disclosed as income in the Council's Annual Report, but will be removed on consolidation from the Group result.

### **Options**

1. Retain the status quo: There is no benefit in this option. The cost of doing nothing is staff administration time to prepare the IVEM Annual Report each year, annual tax return preparation costs, bank fees and company filing fees.
2. Distribute the surplus assets and wind up the company: This will make the funds held in IVEM available to Council and will remove an inactive entity. It will also simplify the consolidation process for Annual Report preparation.

### **Community Views**

There is no requirement to consult under the ICC's Significance & Engagement Policy. Further the decision will not have any impact on the Community.

### **Implications and Risks**

#### **Strategic Consistency**

Winding up IVEM is financially prudent as it simplifies our Annual Reporting requirements and removes an inactive entity that provides no benefit to the community.

#### **Financial Implications**

The payment of the dividend and company removal results in the transfer of funds within a wholly-owned group structure. It will mean that the funds from the dividend will be available to be used by Council.

The dividend will be paid into Council's general reserves.

#### **Legal Implications**

Council must approve payment of the dividend as it is a major transaction as set out in clause 17.4.2 of IVEM's Constitution.

Council must resolve to remove IVEM from the Companies Register in accordance with s 122 and s 318(1)(d)(i) of the Companies Act 1993.

#### **Climate Change**

The decision will have no impact on climate change.

#### **Risk**

The decision will not affect the Risk Management Framework.

## Next Steps

DATE	IVEM DIRECTORS	COUNCIL	FINANCE
31 March 2024			Pay dividend to Council and close bank account. Finalise IVEM 2024 Annual Report.
9 April 2024	Sign off IVEM 2024 Annual Report.		
30 April 2024		Approve resolution to remove IVEM from the Companies Register.	
30 April 2024			Apply to the IRD for approval to removal company from the Register.
			Once approval is received, apply to the Companies Office for removal from the Register.

It should be noted that it can take six to eight weeks for the IRD to issue approval. It then takes a further month for the company to be removed from the register after application is made.

## Attachments

1. Shareholder Resolution Removal from Register (A5272483)
2. Shareholder Resolution Approval of Major Transactions (A5272471)

## INVERCARGILL VENUE & EVENTS MANAGEMENT LIMITED

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### **Resolution of Shareholders in lieu of meeting to remove company from register under s 318(1)(d)(i)**

**RESOLUTION** of the shareholders of Invercargill Venue & Events Management Limited passed by means of a resolution signed as provided in s 122 of the Companies Act 1993.

**RESOLVED** as a special resolution:

That pursuant to s 318 of the Companies Act 1993 (the Act), since the company has ceased to carry on business, has discharged in full its liabilities to all its known creditors, and has distributed its surplus assets in accordance with its constitution and the Act (being grounds for removal contained in s 318(2)(a) of the Act), the Registrar be requested to remove the company from the Register and that Thomas Campbell, a director of the company, be authorised to make such application.

Dated 30 April 2024

### **SIGNATURES OF SHAREHOLDERS OF INVERCARGILL VENUE & EVENTS MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

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Invercargill City Council

## INVERCARGILL VENUE & EVENTS MANAGEMENT LIMITED

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**Special Resolution of Shareholders in lieu of meeting to approve the distribution of surplus assets of the company.**

**RESOLUTION** of the shareholders of Invercargill Venue & Events Management Limited passed by means of a special resolution signed as provided in s 122 of the Companies Act 1993.

**RESOLVED** as a special resolution:

That the resolution passed by the Board of Directors to pay a dividend of \$272,398.55 in order to distribute the surplus assets of the company dated 31 March 2024 be approved.

It is noted that the above distribution will constitute a major transaction as referred to in clause 17.4.2 of the Company's Constitution.

Dated 26 March 2024

**SIGNATURES OF SHAREHOLDERS OF INVERCARGILL VENUE & EVENTS MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

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Invercargill City Council

## UPDATE ON SISTER CITIES

<b>To:</b>	Council
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday 26 March 2024
<b>From:</b>	Michael Morris – Manager Governance and Legal
<b>Approved:</b>	Michael Day - Chief Executive
<b>Approved Date:</b>	Tuesday 19 March 2024
<b>Open Agenda:</b>	Yes
<b>Public Excluded Agenda:</b>	No

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### Purpose and Summary

Invercargill has two sister cities – Suqian in China and Kumagaya in Japan. Invercargill has formerly had a Sister City relationship with Hobart in Tasmania, which ended in the 1990's.

### Recommendations

That Council:

1. Receives the report "Update on Sister Cities".

### Background

#### **Kumagaya**

The Sister City relationship between Invercargill and Kumagaya began in the 1990's with a formal agreement being signed in 1993.

This has been re-signed every ten years, with the recent agreement signed in 2023 for the 30 year Anniversary.

A delegation has travelled to Kumagaya in 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2023.

A delegation has come to Invercargill in 2007, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2018 and 2023.



## **Suqian**

The Sister City relationship between Invercargill and Suqian began in 2013 with a Memorandum of Understanding being signed in 2013 and again in 2017.

2023 marked the 10 year Anniversary for this agreement. A delegation has travelled to Suqian in 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017 (staff exchange and rugby coach) and 2018 (to receive a friendship award).

A delegation has come to Invercargill in 2012, 2013, 2017 (staff exchange), 2018 (staff exchange).

In January 2023, Invercargill was invited to Suqian as it was the 10 year Anniversary of the Sister City relationship, however it was resolved that Invercargill would not travel to Suqian and several non-travel options were proposed such as exchanging letters and online meetings. The last correspondence with Suqian was in May 2023, when Mayor Clark sent a letter congratulating Suqian on the election of their new Mayor, Mr Liu Hao. The travel restrictions caused by the Covid-19 response has been a factor when looking at this relationship.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Invercargill and Suqian in August 2017 to develop closer ties, including economic opportunities.

Both the Chamber of Commerce and the then Venture Southland were part of the delegation and were signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding.

Council can resolve to request a report from Great South be presented relating this Memorandum of Understanding.

## **Issues**

Sister City relationships are a feature of every New Zealand City and many other cities around the world. They help build friendships, understanding as well as other possibilities.

The relationship is built on a two way understanding and mutual respect for each City/ region but is a relationship that also needs attention to ensure it can flourish.

## **Future Events**

A citizen's delegation will be visiting in November 2024. While this will be coordinated by the Kumagaya Friendship Association, councillors will have an opportunity to meet the delegation.

## **Attachments**

Nil.

## ELECTIONS 2025 UPDATE

<b>To:</b>	Council
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday 26 March 2024
<b>From:</b>	Michael Morris – Manager Governance and Legal, Deputy Electoral officer
<b>Approved:</b>	Michael Day - Chief Executive
<b>Approved Date:</b>	Tuesday 19 March 2024
<b>Open Agenda:</b>	Yes
<b>Public Excluded Agenda:</b>	No

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### Purpose and Summary

The 2025 Council elections are scheduled for 11 October 2025. This report provides an update to recent changes and proposed changes relating to the elections and what will happen in the lead up to the elections.

### Recommendations

That Council:

1. Receives the report titled "Elections 2025 Update"

### Background

Council elections are held every three years with the next election date being 11 October 2025.

There are a number of steps that need to be completed, can be considered and resolved in the lead up to each election.

### Issues

#### ***Representation Review***

Section 19H of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (the Act) requires Council to consider its representation arrangements every six years (every other term).

These arrangements are a full review of all matters subject to representation and includes the question of the number of Councillors, whether to have Wards or be at large and the number and name of Community Boards.

Council last conducted a thorough review of these issues in 2021- 2022 in time for the 2022 elections. No changes were made at that time. Council is able to resolve to conduct a further Representation Review outside of the six year window if it determines to do so.

The next Representation Review will be conducted in the 2025-2028 term.

### **Māori Wards**

Under Section 19Z of the Act, councils are able to determine if they have a Māori Ward as part of the elections issues.

This was fully explored by Council in the last Representation Review and there was no appetite amongst the wider community at that time. Mana Whenua were against the proposal.

Section 19Z allows councils each term, by 23 November of a year that is two years before the next election to determine if it wishes to create a Māori Ward.

For the 2025 Elections this was 23 November 2023.

The timeframe was changed for the 2022 elections and it became a required decision of all councils to make. Many councils adopted a Māori Ward for the first time in the 2022 elections.

One of the key reasons for the timeframe is that the creation of a Māori Ward triggers the requirement to hold a Representation Review. For Council, the creation of a Māori Ward would require the creation of a Ward system for Council.<sup>1</sup>

The previous Government released provisions of the Act that allowed for the community to demand a Poll be held on the creation of a Māori Ward.

The current Government has indicated it is likely to restore this provision. We are awaiting the draft legislation to understand what if any implications this might have for Council.

As we currently do not have a Māori Ward it is not expected that there will be an implication, however as soon as this is apparent we will advise.

The Future for Local Government final report<sup>2</sup> indicated support for the creation of Māori Wards, however this is in addition to Mana Whenua/ Iwi groups having Councillor status at the council table, with full voting rights.

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<sup>1</sup> There are a large number of options for the wards- it could be 1 Māori Ward councillor and 11 General Ward Councillors or break the City into smaller wards. These options are full explored in the Representation Review.

<sup>2</sup> He piki tūranga, he piki kōtuku, The Future for Local Government, Wellington 2023, see p.88 for the discussion.

### *Resolution as to Order of Candidates*

Regulation 31 of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 (the Regulations) provides that councils, each term, may resolve to determine the order candidates' names appear on voting documents.

The regulations set out that there are three options:

1. Alphabetical (by surname).
2. Pseudo-random (by surname).
3. Random (by surname).

A failure to resolve an order will see the default of alphabetical adopted. For the last two elections (and By-elections) Council has resolved to adopt a Random order.

This decision will be required by 30 June 2025 and a further report will be presented in the first half of 2025 asking if Council wishes to adopt an order.

### *2025 Election Period*

The Election period is generally considered to start at the first Public Notice of the Election, set for 16 July 2025.

Staff normally enter this period from 1 July 2025 to ensure political neutrality- however it is noted that the business of Council continues.

### *Coming into and going out of office*

Following the election, all members of this Council remain in office until the date of the Declaration of Results. This must be completed by 16 - 19 October 2025.

Councillors remain at their current remuneration until the date of the Declaration.

The incoming Council will then commence and come "into office" on the day after the Declaration of results. Their remuneration commences from this date.

If you are a returning Councillor you receive your current remuneration up to the date of the Declaration, the day after, your new remuneration will be at the minimum allowable rate as set by the Remuneration Authority in their July 2025 determination until further determination is made by the Authority.

While the new Council is "in office" no decisions or actions can be made until the Mayor and Councillors are sworn in and the inaugural meeting is held.

Members retiring at the next election are offered the opportunity to deliver a valedictory speech at the final Council meeting of the term.

Members who are not re-elected having stood, have not in the past been offered a chance to deliver a valedictory speech.

### *Mana Whenua Seats*

As part of the consultation on the Representation Review in 2021 and the Māori Ward question asked at that time, Mana Whenua indicated strong preference to be present around the Council table.

When Council rejected the creation of a Māori Ward, it asked for a report to be prepared on options looking at Mana Whenua roles at Council.

At the 27 July 2021 meeting of Council, it was resolved that two seats<sup>3</sup> be created on the two Council Committees that operated in the areas of most interest to Mana Whenua<sup>4</sup> as well as extending a non-voting attendance at all other Committee and Council meetings.

In addition an advisory role was established on the Bluff Community Board for the representative of Te Rūnanga o Awarua.

On 28 September 2021 the current appointees were duly appointed to the Committees.

The appointments are limited to the term of Council. At the inaugural meeting on 1 November 2022, Council reconfirmed the appointments, with the two Committees being Infrastructure and Community Well-being with an invitation to attend and speak, but not vote at other Committee and Council meetings. The advisory role on the Bluff Community Board was also continued.

### *Legal Requirements*

The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) sets out the requirements for appointments to Committees at Clause 31 (3) of Schedule 7 and it sets out:

*The members of a committee or subcommittee may, but need not be, elected members of the local authority, and a local authority or committee may appoint to a committee or subcommittee a person who is not a member of the local authority or committee if, in the opinion of the local authority, that person has the skills, attributes, or knowledge that will assist the work of the committee or subcommittee.*

This clause allows Council to appoint people who are not Councillors to a Committee, where Council believes that person has skills, attributes or knowledge that will assist the work of the Committee.

This clause is also relied on for the appointment of the Independent Chair and Member of the Risk and Assurance Committee.

The Act and the LGA both have provisions that mean appointed members cannot vote at Council, only those who fit the definition of an elected member may do so. There is no prohibition on allowing appointed members being allowed to speak at Council meetings as advisory members.

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<sup>3</sup> Two Mana Whenua seats were adopted as there are two Rūnaka within the City District.

<sup>4</sup> Infrastructural services and Performance, Policy and Partnerships.

## **Up Coming Legislation**

In addition to the upcoming Government Bill expected on Māori Wards there is also a Private Members Bill to abolish the Ratepayer Electoral Roll.

It is unknown if this Bill will be adopted by the Government at this time or will be voted down at first reading.

The Bill proposes to abolish the Ratepayer Electoral Roll, which provides for people and entities that own property in other districts than where they reside most of the time a right to vote in certain elections. For example, owning a holiday home in Riverton would entitle an Invercargill resident to vote for the City Council elections, as well as for the Mayor, Ward Councillor and Community Board Members for Riverton in the Southland District Elections.

## **Attachments**

There are no attachments to this report.

## GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT ON TRANSPORT

<b>To:</b>	Council
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday 26 March 2024
<b>From:</b>	Doug Rodgers – Manager - Strategic Asset Planning
<b>Approved:</b>	Erin Moogan - Group Manager - Infrastructure Services
<b>Approved Date:</b>	Monday 25 March 2024
<b>Open Agenda:</b>	Yes
<b>Public Excluded Agenda:</b>	No

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### Purpose and Summary

The purpose of this report is to summarise the Government Policy Statement for Transport, (GPS) released 4 March 2024, outline the governments priorities, and offer a draft submission for consideration.

The GPS has changed priorities with focus on maintenance of state highways and local roads being at the forefront.

The overarching priority for the government is the economic benefits of the road network. This will drive decisions on investment as all other priorities sit beneath this.

This report has been approved by the Chair of the Infrastructure Committee for consideration by Council. This is nothing that in the ordinary course of events this report would have gone to the Infrastructure Committee first, but the chair has sent the delegation to consider this up to Council in order for it to be submitted in time.

### Recommendations

That Council:

1. Receives the report "Government Policy Statement on Transport".
2. Approves the submission attached as Appendix 2.
3. Delegates to the Chief Executive the ability to lodge the submission on Council's behalf.

### Background

The previous Government had released its Government Policy Statement on Transport in August 2023. With a new incoming government this has been shelved and a new draft produced (Appendix 1 appended to this report).

Council has the opportunity to submit on this plan by 2 April 2024. No extensions will be granted.

## **Ministerial Expectations**

The Minister has made it clear that his expectations are in six key areas.

1. Delivery
2. A focus on core business
3. Value for money
4. Seeking alternative funding sources
5. Increased performance and efficiency
6. NZTA ensures that RCA's carry out these expectations

## **Issues and Options**

### **Differences between Draft GPS 2023 and Draft GPS 2024**

The previous Government released their draft GPS in August 2023. The priorities within the original document were:

- Maintaining and operating the system;
- Increasing resilience;
- Reducing emissions;
- Safety;
- Sustainable urban and regional development;
- Integrated freight system,

The new Government's priorities are:

- Economic growth and productivity;
- Increased maintenance and resilience;
- Safety;
- Value for money.

Whilst there are fewer priorities, some have been combined or reworded to an extent, from the previous draft. Value for money is included as a driver for a quality spend and better outcomes, from an economic lens.

The government intends to make the transport network, through NZTA, show improved effectiveness and efficiencies within the priorities for investment establish in the draft. The Agency is expected to reduce expenses at NZTA head office by 7.5% to accommodate increased spending in other areas in the GPS.

The value for money priority is also meshed with road safety and is adjoined with a caveat of sorts; where road safety investment is applied it should ensure that investment is focussed on efficient changes, which make improvements to the roading network at the lowest cost.



It is clear from the draft GPS that the Government wishes to make efficient and effective operation of both the State Highway and local road network a priority. This includes value for money focus on investment.

The intent in this has some collateral for Councils that have a strong focus on alternate modes (public transport, walking, cycling) and for modular treatment of speed and safety in corridors and local area traffic management (LATM) projects.

### **System Reform**

The GPS acknowledges the role that transport plays in economic growth and as an enabler for people and goods moving safely and efficiently connecting people with social and economic opportunities.

The GPS states the Government will enact system reform.

A National Infrastructure Agency is to be established. This agency will work in conjunction with the Infrastructure Commission and NZTA to produce a 30-year plan for infrastructure. Interestingly a drive for connection with local and off shore investors will be sought for transport projects. How this manifests is unclear.

Fast tracking of consents for major infrastructure projects, to avoid delays in construction time frames is included as well as making selling land that is no longer required for transport purposes, easier.

The revenue system of the National Land Transport Fund is to be reformed. This will include light electric vehicles (EV) being required to pay road user charges. Further on, the next steps will include requiring all vehicles to pay road user charges, moving away from fuel excise duty, tolling legislation is to be reformed and, to combat congestion, time of use charging will be allowed for.

It is planned to advance all these initiatives over the course of the GPS.

Another reform is to amend the Land Transport Management Act (LTMA) to require future GPS for Transport to include a 10-year investment plan to align with local government long term plans (LTP). This is to provide greater certainty to NZTA, local government.

To address the absence of climate change, emissions reduction policies in the GPS, it is intended to re-establish the emissions trading scheme (ETS) in a credible manner. Matter relating to climate change and emissions reduction are to be addressed with changed setting in the ETS. These are to be worked through and addressed during a second development of the WETS. It is noted that the GPS will be updated reflecting the status of the ETS when the final GPS 2024 is published.

The impact on ICC of the GPS, in terms of climate change initiatives, has a changed methodology. The goal to net zero carbon by 2050 remains, but the tools available have moved.

## **Priorities GPS 24**

### **Economic growth and productivity**

A feature of this priority is the re-introduction of roads of national significance. A list of this is attached in Appendix 1.

Within this priority is the statement that New Zealand has amongst the least affordable houses in the world. The GPS aims to address this, partly, by utilising Roads of National Significance and "major public transport projects" to open greenfields developments to housing, support greater intensification to improve supply and affordability.

The GPS states that there is an expectation that land transport funding will be directed into activities and projects that will support productivity and economic growth.

The GPS includes the need for optimising the use of existing networks, and this optimisation will lead to greater use of technology with a particular regard to New Zealand's supply chain.

Road tolling forms part of this priority as an opportunity for additional revenue to offset the increase in funding from the Government.

### **Public Transport**

There are no major investment priorities sign called for the South Island for public transport. The government expects NZTA to use alternative funding sources to deliver major public transport investments, including 'Build, Own, Operate, Transfer' schemes and value capture new ways of thinking and different delivery models to increase delivery speed.

There is a focus on major North Island projects including rapid transit.

The GPS notes that whilst crown funding for public transport has increased 71%, patronage has risen 23%. The impacts of COVID are noted and it is recognised that patronage in many places has not returned to pre-covid levels.

Low fares have not had an ongoing positive impact on patronage in terms of sustaining growth. Fares reach a point where even a free fares option would not produce a significant ongoing patronage growth in some regions.

An expectation from the government is increased fare box recovery and third-party revenue is increased. Essentially Public Transport Authorities need to consider funding their network through more direct funding from users. Private share of funding public transport in 2010 was 34% it is now 10% and the difference is made up from the Government and local authorities.

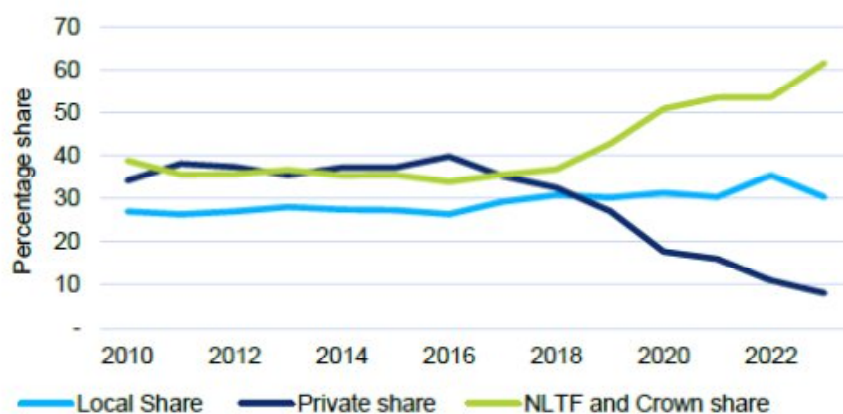
Fares have been contentious and would need to be examined in some depth to continue to offer subsidised or even free fares.

A concern from Council would be whether subsidy rates are amended to remedy this and make up the shortfall through increased fares and additional local government funding. The detail underlying this expectation is not yet clear, but the risk needs to be recognised.

Whilst there hasn't been an indication that subsidy rates will be amended, the overall amount of funding available will be reduced by around 10%, thereby limiting longer term growth plans and funding opportunities beyond the current level.

Council has the option to increase fares should rates of funding be lowered.

### Local, private and NLTF/Crown shares of public transport services and infrastructure funding



### Walking and Cycling

There is a significant shift in the government's intentions for active modes of travel. This manifests with stating that investment in walking and cycling should only take place where there is a clear benefit for increasing economic growth or a clear benefit for improving safety where demonstrated volumes of pedestrians and cyclists exist.

This does indicate that proactively accommodating and encouraging mode shift from private vehicles to active travel modes is not prioritised as it was in the past.

Investment in these modes is to come from the Walking and Cycling activity class including maintenance of existing walking and cycling infrastructure.

### Increased maintenance and resilience

This priority has a lens on economic growth and productivity as an outcome. The Government has indicated that efficient travel is key to their aims for the economy and a road network with fewer delays and deficiencies is key to this objective.

Maintenance funding trends for local roads since 2018 have shown that less kilometres of rehabilitations and reseals have taken place (down 30% and 12% respectively) with funding conversely increased in that period by 20%

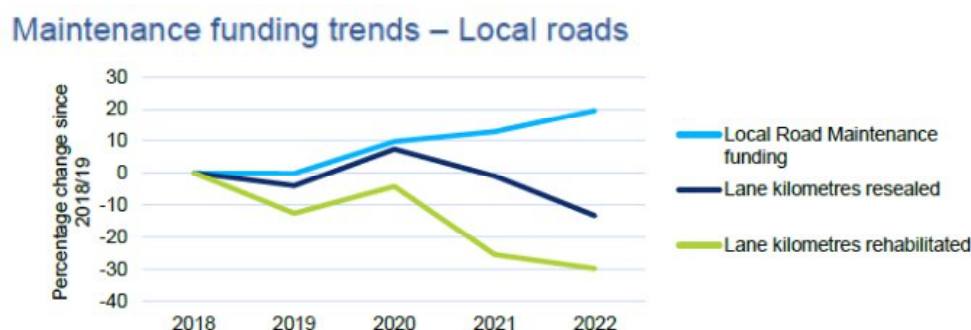
The Government wishes to see spending levels match material outcomes in the network. To this end, the Government has increased funding for maintenance and expects a proactive approach to road maintenance, rather than reactive.

The Government has established a new approach and new activity classes for targeting specific road maintenance issues; the State Highway Pothole Prevention activity class and the Local Road Pothole Prevention Activity Class.



The concern from the Government here is around more funding for local roads, but less is being achieved.

This is shown in the figure below.



### Actions by Government

The Government will appoint independent members to the Road Efficiency Group (REG) to ensure and oversee that spending on roads is carried out in the most efficient manner.

The REG has a number of focus areas;

- Efficiency in road maintenance
- Standardising maintenance processes for efficiency gains
- Reducing expenditure on temporary traffic controls
- Reviewing Network Outcome Contracts (NOC)

### Safety

The focus of the GPS in terms of crashes has been to increase enforcement. Whilst this is one lever to pull, proactive engineering design to prevent crashes seems to be a lower priority given the messaging. The GPS makes it clear that the lowest cost investment in safety improvements for the highest return is what government requires of NZTA.

The GPS focuses on enforcement and targeting the highest contributing factors in crashes (alcohol, drugs) as well as a value for money proposition with safety improvement sat a more minor level.

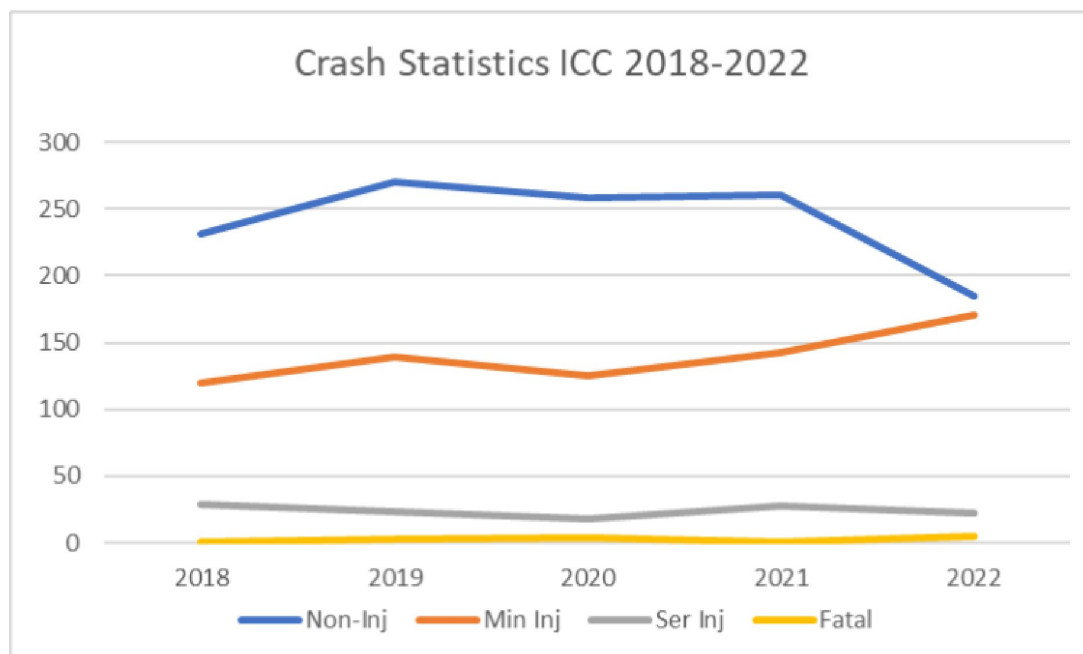
Whilst Safety funding is to be embedded within the overall roading activity class, it is concerning that this funding is not explicitly tagged as in the past. The increase in enforcement rather than prevention appears to be an "ambulance at the bottom of the cliff" approach to safety.

The movement away from modular, and corridor treatment as the preferred methods of undertaking wider area treatments is also a limiting factor in treatment options and reduces Council's ability to address more than one mode for safety treatments.

It is concerning that giving alternate modes of transport a lower priority and finding will effect the transport disadvantaged the most and have a negative impact on congestion and emissions reduction goals. The Government indication that an emended ETS would lead in emissions reduction has yet to clarified in deliverability.

Overall crash statistic shows a downward trend, however in some causal categories it is inconsistent in terms of trends. There is also the years 2020 and 2021 which were affected by COVID with less people travelling.

The downward trend nationally and in Invercargill is shown below.



These crash statistics show a general downward trend in non-injury but an increase in minor injury crashes. Serious injury and fatal crashes are relatively constant. Note: 2023 data is incomplete currently.

The GPS makes it clear that whilst acknowledging that speed is a factor in DSI crashes, the "Government will not be continuing with a blanket approach to reducing speed limits."

Crash trends in terms of deaths and serious injuries had been downward from the 1980's to the 2010s. Conversely from this point deaths and serious injuries (DSI's) from alcohol and drug related causes have been on an upward trajectory.

### Deaths in crashes involving alcohol or drugs



### New Zealand crash trends - Alcohol and Drug causality

#### Value for money

The 'Value for Money' priority is formed around a focus to improve effectiveness and efficiency with investment, increase maintenance investment, increased "user pays" for public transport, and seeking and sourcing alternate funding streams for transport.

A holistic approach to the use of technology and digital infrastructure is also a feature.

Investment in safety is tagged to the maximum improvement that can be achieved concurrent with the lowest cost of investment. There is also an increased focus on enforcement.

#### Significance

The significance of the Government Policy statement for Transport is high and although the direct impact on Council is limited to risks around funding future projects not currently funded, the redirection of priorities to other activity classes in the NLTP needs to be noted.

An increase in funding is proposed from the GPS for maintenance and renewals, but limits the application of safety improvements, with corridor and local area treatments needing to be funded through a number of activity classes.

The quantum of funding has increased, which is positive, but how that funding manifests will need to be clarified.

### **Options**

1. Submit to GPS 24 outlining Councils position.
2. Do not submit.

### **Community Views**

Given the shortened consultation period Council will be representing their own views on behalf of the city, based on inherent need and alignment with Councils LTP and future intentions.

### **Implications and Risks**

#### **Strategic Consistency**

The GPS focus areas and priorities are aligned with Council strategies for the management of network assets.

#### **Financial Implications**

Councils core activities will continue as continuous programme funding has been identified as not being affected from discussions with the Ministry of Transport and NZTA. Outside Maintenance and renewals, the move has been away from alternate modes and towards accommodating an efficient and effective transport network for cars and heavy vehicles.

The overriding priority is for economic development to drive investment decisions for transport.

With the confirmation of NLTP funding now not being confirmed until September, Government funding remains unclear. However, Council does not have significant exposure in the funding categories that Government has decided to limit.

#### **Legal Implications**

No legal implications

#### **Climate Change**

No direct Climate change implications

#### **Risk**

Risk of funding changes impacting forward work programmes, including subsidy rates. This is lower in terms of ICC as core business is a focus for infrastructure.

### **Next Steps**

Once approval of the submission has been received, staff will submit accordingly.

## **Attachments**

1. Appendix 1 – Roads of National Significance (RONS) below.
2. Appendix 2 – ICC Submission to the Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024 (A5281628)



## **Appendix 1 - Roads of National Significance**

**Whangarei to Auckland**, with the following stages prioritised:

- Alternative to Brynderwyns
- Whangarei to Port Marsden
- Warkworth to Wellsford.

**Tauranga to Auckland**, with the following stages prioritised:

- Cambridge to Piaere
- Tauriko West State Highway 29.

**Auckland roads:**

- Mill Road
- The East West Link.

**Roads to unlock housing growth:**

- Hamilton Southern Links
- Petone to Grenada Link Road and the Cross Valley Link
- North West Alternative State Highway (SH 16).

**Other major routes:**

- Takitimu Northern Link Stage 2
- Hawkes Bay Expressway
- Second Mt Victoria Tunnel and Basin Reserve upgrade
- the Hope Bypass
- The Belfast to Pegasus Motorway and Woodend Bypass.



2 April 2024

Tēnā koe Minister

**Invercargill City Council Submission to the Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2024.

Council appreciates the partnership with Waka Kotahi – New Zealand Transport Agency and the support for our Council programme of capital works underpinning our ability to deliver a safe and connected roading activity for the Invercargill Community.

Roading is essential to the community outcome we are working to deliver for our city "A future focused economy delivered through innovation and partnership and supported by appropriate infrastructure."

We support the Government's priority areas for roading. Within these areas, we request the Government to consider the following issues:

**Road of National Significance – State Highway One between Invercargill and Bluff**

Council supports the call of many of the South Island's Mayors that State Highway 1 be recognised as a Road of National Significance. We particularly request that the section between Invercargill and Bluff be recognised in view of both the safety rating of this section of road and that this highway is the only route in and out of Bluff, connecting South Port with the rest of the region. The community is effectively isolated every time the road is closed as the result of an accident. There are low-lying areas of the road which are at risk as a result of climate change. It is essential that further investment is made into this area in order to achieve economic, resilience and safety outcomes.

In the past 5 years crashes on this section of the Highway from Elles Road to the end of State Highway 1, have resulted in 9 serious crashes, of which 3 were fatal.

20% of traffic on the section of State Highway 1 between Invercargill and Bluff is heavy vehicles. These vehicles carry export goods to overseas markets and generate significant GDP from Southland and Otago from a community with a small population base.

**Strategic redesign of start/end of State Highway One - Stirling Point**

Tourism is a growth industry for Southland and Bluff-Motupōhue has been identified as a priority area for development in the Murihiku Destination Strategy. The sign at the end of State Highway 1 is one of New Zealand's iconic must-dos. This popularity results in congestion and unsafe conditions for tourists and locals alike at the end of the highway.

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Council wrote to the previous Minister in March 2023 to request priority be given to making speed limit changes in this area, and we have not yet had an indication of whether this work will proceed.

A long-term strategic solution is needed to this congestion. Government support will be required to scope and make the changes needed in this challenging and constrained coastal environment.

#### **Future focused solution for passenger and integrated transport**

Invercargill is Southland's major community where the majority of businesses, including those supporting the export sector, are based.

As the Draft GPS outlines passenger transport investment has increased without increases in the number of passengers using the services. The Invercargill Bus service is an important factor supporting the city's economy, however our experience echoes that identified by the Government.

The provision of public transport in Invercargill is an important priority as a significant portion of Invercargill's community are solely reliant on public transport for connection with their community, work, schools and healthcare. Currently around 15,000 passenger trips are made each month in Invercargill, with around half of those being people under 25.

We believe that it is important to explore different models to achieve the outcomes the community and the Government is seeking.

On that basis we request the Government to consider making investment available to enable cities to scope and test new public transport systems. This would include smaller, flexible on-demand services which would better meet the changing needs of the community.

In addition, we request that requirements on communities to electrify their fleet be delayed to give more time to develop the significant charging and other supporting infrastructure required. We note the work the industry has done preparing for the previous Government's requirements in this area, and request the Government to work with industry to limit the impact of potential stranded assets should the Government not continue to support charging infrastructure necessary for electrification.

While we support this Government's focus on appropriate funding of the roading network we request that continued focus and support be available for integrated transport including walking and cycling in order to ensure that living conditions do not degrade as a result of increased traffic.

Investigations into an Integrated Transport network would need an in depth investigation into safety, construction, prioritising, measures to ensure all modes are efficiently and effectively accommodated with the corridor safely. An integrated transport system accommodates all modes and embeds interchange opportunities and encourages the broader use of the current network.

Costs for an investigations project of this size would be estimated at \$400,000 to meet a full business case approach to investment and ensure that economic return is achieved from improved network performance in safety and efficiency.

### **Funding to support economic development**

Southland produces 15% of New Zealand's tradeable exports. Research undertaken in 2021/2022 showed that Southland's transport sector and drivers contribute significantly more in various road related taxation than is in turn spent on the region's roads.

Maintaining quality transport networks is essential to ensuring the continued competitiveness of Southland's export sector.

Invercargill's roading programme qualifies for a 51% funding assistance rate from Waka Kotahi under the current agreement. Council would like to see an increase in this rate where NZTA increases their proportion of investment to reflect the needs of our community. Invercargill City Council plans to invest \$276.5 million in the roading network, footpaths and parking between 2024 – 2034. Of this \$103.1 million (37.3%) is forecast to be Waka Kotahi funding. Council is investing over and above in our network to support improved safety (including CCTV and local safety projects outside schools and at high risk intersections) and economic vibrancy in the inner city, to support the delivery of our vision – Our City with Heart – He Ngākau Aroha.

In 2022 our residents were surveyed about Council services and where increased funding is required. The top area for more spending identified was roading. 41% thought more should be spent compared to 6% who thought less should be spent. The top source of additional funding identified was Central Government funding. Along with our community, Council supports the Government's priority through this GPS that more needs to be spent on roading.

Our Council is focused on investing to support economic resilience and growth and fully supports the Government's prioritisation of this area. We request a review of the approach with the lens of ensuring export focused regions receive the investment they need.

Ngā mihi nui

**Tom Campbell**  
**Deputy Mayor**  
**Chair – Infrastructure Committee**