



NOTICE OF MEETING

**Notice is hereby given of the Meeting of the
Invercargill City Council
to be held in the Council Chamber,
First Floor, Civic Theatre,
88 Tay Street, Invercargill on
Tuesday 29 October 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 Hearings for the Disability Policy Held on 17 September 2024](#)

A5549102

To be moved:

That the minutes of the Hearings for the Disability Policy held on 17 September 2024 be received and recommendations to Council be confirmed.

Recommendations to Council:

6. To adopt the draft Equity and Access Policy for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled People with the changes as agreed in resolution 5.
7. To agree to request to the Mayor to establish a disability portfolio and that four members of this hearing panel become part of.
8. To agree to request development of an Action Plan on disability inclusion in follow up to implementation of the Policy in preparation for the 2027 – 2037 Long-term plan.

4.1 [Appendix 1 - Equity and Access Policy for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled People](#)

A4051340

5. [Minutes of Council Held on 24 September 2024](#)

A5558220

To be moved:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 September 2024 be confirmed.

6. [Minutes of the Bluff Community Board Meeting Held on 14 October 2024](#)

A5584191

To be moved:

That the minutes of the Bluff Community Board meeting held on 14 October 2024 be received.

7. [Minutes of the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee Meeting Held on 15 October 2024](#)

A5589377

To be moved:

That the minutes of the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee meeting held on 15 October 2024 be received and recommendation to Council be confirmed.

Recommendations to Council:

10. Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan

A5140898

4. Accepts the submissions received.
5. Appoints five Councillors and invites a Mana Whenua representative to be a member of a hearings panel to consider the submissions following the closure of stage two consultation. Confirm Cr Soper, Cr Campbell, Cr Stewart, Cr Boyle, Cr Broad, Cr Dermody, Cr Ludlow, Cr Crackett, Cr Bond, and Mrs P Coote be appointed to the panel.
6. Approves the Public Consultation period for submissions to be from 9 November 2024 to 31 January 2025 on the draft Sandy Point Domain Management Plan (Attachment 1) and draft Implementation Plan (Attachment 2) pursuant to Section 41(6) of the Reserves Act 1977.

8. [Minutes of the Hearings for Environmental Health Bylaw Held on 15 October 2024](#)

A5588997

To be moved:

That the minutes of the Hearings for Environmental Health Bylaw held on 15 October 2024 be received and the recommendation to Council be confirmed.

Recommendation to Council:

6. To adopt the draft Environmental Health Bylaw 2024 with the changes as agreed in resolution 5.

Resolution 5 - 5Agrees with the following proposed changes to the Bylaw:

- a. *Amendment to Section 2.13 which will now require mobile traders (including food truck operators) to provide and remove refuse bins after service from the location in which they have undertaken transactions of their business.*

8.1 [Appendix 1 - Environmental Health Bylaw 2024](#)

A5312190

9. [Minutes of the Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting Held on 22 October 2024](#)

A5598256

To be moved:

That the minutes of the Risk and Assurance Committee meeting held on 22 October 2024 be received.

10. [Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council Held on 22 October 2024](#)

A5597201

To be moved:

That the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Council held on 22 October 2024 be received.

11. [Minutes of the Infrastructure and Projects Committee Meeting Held on 08 October 2024](#)

A5577339

To be moved:

That the minutes of the Infrastructure and Projects Committee held on 8 October 2024 be received and recommendations to Council be confirmed.

Recommendations to Council:

9. Local Water Done Well - Update

A5566863

2. That Council approve the proposed approach, delivery timeframes and associated budget estimate, as detailed in the attached Briefing document.

10. Bluff Wastewater Consent Best Practicable Option

A5537173

6. Recommend to Council that it select:
 - a. Option 1F as the Best Practicable Option.
7. That Council request staff proceed with concept design and consent preparation for:
 - a. Option 1F as the Best Practicable Option.

8. That Council considers if the matter is significant and if so request staff initiate a public consultation process.
9. Requests that a paper is brought to Council describing the cultural preference between 1F and 1G.

12. Major Late item - Land Transport Programme 2024-2027 – Funding Update
A5578564

2. To approve an amended scope of work for network improvement, safety promotion and footpath renewals to a level that meets Councils Long-term Plan commitments utilising available NZTA funds and completing additional work on an unsubsidised basis up to the budget limit of Long-term Plan.

11.1 [Appendix 1 – Mayor’s Report on Bluff Wastewater Consent Options](#)
A5592626

12. [Bluff Wastewater Consent – 1F and 1G](#)
A5599082

12.1 [Appendix 1 - Letter for Te Rūnaka o Awarua – Wastewater Consent](#)
A5581900

13. [Eastern Cemetery Expansion Project](#)
A5553971

13.1 [Appendix 1 - Proposed Concept Plan – North of Block 53](#)
A5486215

14. [2025/2026 Great South Letter of Expectation](#)
A5587622

14.1 [Appendix 1 - Great South Background Information](#)
A5585240

15. [Meeting Dates for 2025](#)
A5536662

15.1 [Appendix 1 - 2025 Council Meeting Schedule](#)
A5299338

16. [26 July 2024 Meeting - Review of Outcomes](#)
A5589654

17. [Flag, Coat of Arms, and Other Emblems Policy](#)

A5587441

17.1 [Appendix 1 - Draft Flag, Coat of Arms, and Other Emblems Policy](#)

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18. [Chief Executive Management Report](#)

A5583618

19. **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 Council Meeting held on 24 September 2024
- (b) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Infrastructure and Projects Committee Meeting held on 8 October 2024
- (c) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee Meeting held on 15 October 2024
- (d) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting held on 22 October 2024
- (e) Southland Regional Heritage 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:

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 Council Meeting held on 24 September 2024	<p>Section 7(2)(a) Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>Section 7(2)(h) Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>Section 7(2)(i)</p>	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

	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	
(b) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Infrastructure and Projects Committee Meeting held on 8 October 2024	<p>Section 7(2)(i) Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>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</p>
(c) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee Meeting held on 15 October 2024	<p>Section 7(2)(i) Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>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</p>
(d) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting held on 22 October 2024	<p>Section 7(2)(a) Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>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</p> <p>Section 7(2)(g) Maintain legal professional privilege</p>	<p>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</p>

Section 7(2)(i)

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- (d) Southland
Regional Heritage
Committee

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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

**MINUTES OF THE HEARINGS FOR THE DISABILITY POLICY, HELD IN THE VICTORIA ROOM,
CIVIC THEATRE, 88 TAY STREET, INVERCARGILL ON TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2024
AT 9.00 AM**

Present: Cr D J Ludlow
Cr P M Boyle
Cr L F Soper
Rev E Cook – Māngai – Waihōpai

In Attendance: Mrs T Hurst – Group Manager – Community Engagement and Corporate Services
Mr J Shaw – Group Manager - Consenting and Environment
Mr M Morris – Manager – Governance and Legal
Mr D Titus – Policy Analyst
Ms C Manera – Engagement Coordinator
Mrs R Clark – Manager – Information Management
Ms R Suter – Manager – Strategy and Policy
Mr G Caron – Digital and Communications Advisor
Mrs L Cook – Executive Support

1. Apologies

Nil.

2. Declaration of Interest

Nil.

3. Hearings Timetable

A5544166

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Soper and **RESOLVED** that the Disability Policy Hearing Panel:

1. Receives the Hearing Timetable.

3.1 Hearing slot 1 - Submission 20 – Laura Pope

The submitter was a Health and Policy Adviser at the National Public Health Service.

The submitter noted the recommendations:

- Improving the language and definitions within the Policy.
- Utilising modern documents and strategies like the enabling good lives document aiming to achieve the accessibility tick for Council.
- Improving Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles.
- Creating a framework for action
- Reducing the Policy review from six years to three years.

The submitter noted the support of changing the name of the Policy, the use of the Ministry of Health definitions, and the use of the five principles outlined by the Waitangi Tribunal.

It was noted that while the Policy and previous iterations had some great principles it was hard to measure without a framework for action.

Some actions to be included in the framework could be:

- Having a champion within this space
- Consistent engagement
- Evaluation process

The submitter noted their support following some recommendations made at the hearing.

A query was raised around Council being here for the ratepayers and if Council were to have someone champion in this space, and how would Council practically apply the evaluation of strategies etc in a local government environment. The submitter said having someone with a key focus within their mahi was a good start, and that it was about looking out and seeing who within the community could support Council.

There was a query raised around how Council could work better with Te Whatu Ora to make this work. The submitter said it was about taking one step forward in the right direction. The Policy was a good step. Te Whatu Ora were always willing to engage around Policy.

It was noted a framework for action would give Council the tools to be able to do something to enact the Policy.

It was noted that an elected member could equally be the champion or point of contact.

3.2 Hearing slot 2 – Submission 17 - Victor West

The submitter highlighted three points:

Communication information

The submitter queried why the telephone information service which had been going for a number of years was not very active or included in the Policy document. He questioned why this could not be accessible 24/7, from the menu. The blind community communicated via landlines. The submitter supported a meeting with the communications team.

Facilities and amenities

The submitter noted the library meeting room echoed and was not suitable for those with hearing disabilities. There needed to be disability awareness training for staff.

Pedestrian safety

The submitter noted measures around Tay Street and Dee Street pedestrian crossings should be installed for a longer crossing time. Silent vehicles pose a threat to the blind or visually impaired so there was a need to identify areas for pedestrian crossings to provide a safe haven for those with a disability.

The submitter had heard of people “kicking” the pedestrian buttons and wondered why Council did not discourage this behaviour.

The submitter had concerns around the beacons on the pedestrian crossing and the beeping not being heard in unison, particularly on the Lindisfarne Street crossing.

He noted that he wanted these things added to an action plan.

It was noted from Council that some of the things suggested were operational matters but an action plan would give Council the opportunity to address or advocate for these.

It was noted the information for the blind community should be accessible and available 24/7.

3.3 Hearing slot 3 – Submission 18 - Joanne Sekone-Fraser

The submitter noted the need for an interpreter in Invercargill. A query was raised around how Council could get this resource. The responder suggested speaking to Mr Roger Strong.

The submitter noted that she had gone to a hearing school and that she could not sign and when she returned to New Zealand from Australia she felt left out. A query was raised around the submitter and her interaction with services. The submitter responded that she was new to sign language and this was a barrier for her especially at doctors and the hospital for example. She added it was important for people to learn sign language. She added she had a friend that needed an interpreter when she needed to go to the doctor or the hospital and that was not available in Invercargill. Using a phone was not suitable to fulfil the needs. She was lucky she had her family and they helped her but there were others in the deaf community in need of an interpreter.

A question was asked when referring to doctors and the Police how would they be called upon to help, how that would work. The submitter advised possibly by phone and the need for face to face, she was not sure how.

3.4 Hearing slot 4 – Submission 30 - Carolyn Weston

Apology.

3.5 Hearing slot 5 – Submission 3 - Tracy Peters

The submitter noted the Policy was only as good as the actions that follow adoption. The disabled community had an overwhelming theme and that was having someone within Council who could guide them with the challenges they face. The submitter requested that a Council staff member who was directly related to disability sector via personal experience be their point of contact. While they respect the elected members, they wanted someone neutral.

The submitter noted a Council member had to ask if Council had a disability Policy and it was disappointing.

The submitter noted there was no mention of disability awareness training for the staff within the Policy. It made it difficult when someone who was deaf walked into Council, they would not know what to do. There were people in the community who could be of assistance to deliver disability awareness training.

It was noted by the panel the appreciation of the staff member and it was confirmed that it was beyond the Committee's remit to be able to appoint that staff member as it was an operational matter.

It was noted by the panel that when reading the submission around having a staff member allocated, the thought was why not have both a Council staff member and a Council elected member. The submitter felt there could be both, there was requirement for trust and understanding around the dangers they experienced. Some of the elected members had gained the trust and respect.

It was noted at an event recently held at the library where moving around the floor in a wheelchair was challenging, getting the interpreter on Zoom was challenging and the echo within the room was challenging for the deaf community.

3.6 Hearing slot 6 – Submission 29 - Kathy Obers

The submitter noted there was a need to prioritise the work and the understanding and a need for funding.

The submitter was interested in seeing reports on what had been achieved in this area.

The increase in disabled parking fine from \$150 to \$750 was noted and Council was going to put in place informational signs to inform the public. This showed Council awareness and that Council was enabling people to live good lives.

It was noted the Policy had room to grow but it was a good start.

There was a query around the inaccessible ground cover at the Te Moutere Tuatara Island and it was asked if it had been referred to the Parks Team and the Project Management Team. The submitter said they had not yet followed up with Council staff.

It was noted some of the submitter's comments were operational rather than Policy related.

3.7 Hearing slot 7 – Submission 8 - Jaime Randhawa

The submitter noted she carried her identity with pride, and shared her love for Invercargill, however there were barriers which were not fair or equitable. These were barriers to service.

The submitter said she could not get interpreters when she went to the emergency room recently, and shared her experience she had there. There was a need for an interpreter here in Invercargill.

The submitter noted that if she wanted information from Council if it was not accessible or not broken down well. She added that if she wanted information for the museum building it was inaccessible to her, there was need for plain language.

It was queried that if there was a flood or natural disaster where would the community get this information, this is about the safety and wellbeing of the deaf community and inclusion.

The submitter noted her experiences and anxiety getting around the city. There was panic when crossing at traffic lights. The roads were curved and it made it difficult. The submitter wanted to ensure that buildings were checked, that escalators were safe, and that they were all health and safety compliant. There was a lot to improve in Invercargill but the future started now and there was a need to do more to improve things for the community.

There was a query around what one thing would make a significant difference to the submitter. It was noted having simple New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL), more people learning it, those emergency services, Council etc. A simple service and the need for more of the community having deaf awareness.

A query raised around how long it would take to get a basic understanding of how to sign. It was confirmed that the training was done by unit, for a level one unit it would take around eight weeks for a basic sign language conversation. This would teach you finger signing.

It was noted the importance of the whole country acknowledging NZSL.

A query was raised how would Council contract people like Ms Randhawa to teach sign language. She noted she was on Facebook; she taught a diverse range of people. This was a New Zealand wide issue but in terms of NZSL it was an official language and had been for some time but it was taking a long time to get recognition.

3.8 Hearing slot 8 – Submission 22 - Roger Strong

Noted Roger Strong was heard after Joanne Sekone-Fraser (Submitter 3) and there was a tabled item – Speaksee.

It was noted there had been an issue with an interpreter recently being able to zoom in. There was a need for an interpreter so the deaf community could attend shows, doctors, etc. The Southland deaf community had 80 members, and they would continue to fight for this.

It was noted Nelson went through the same challenges, and their council assisted with getting an interpreter.

There was a query around what Nelson did to assist and if the panel could get the contact details for the people who assisted. The submitter advised that they would send through the details.

There was a discussion around the Speaksee tabled item.

There was a query around how interpreters were paid. It was confirmed that they were employed by either Deaf Aotearoa or I sign.

The process required to get an interpreter was raised, and it was queried if one would be sufficient to meet the needs of the community. It was confirmed that there would be times when two interpreters were needed, if Invercargill had one, they would need to send one down from Dunedin on some occasions.

It was asked how do Council empower and build capacity and resource to do so. It was very difficult and hard; it was added that had an interpreter in the past but they stepped down. There were a number of barriers, to go to the doctor and do every day things. The submitter thanked the interpreters who were in attendance at the hearing.

It was noted there had not been an interpreter in Invercargill for the last three or four years.

4. Equity and Access Policy for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled People Hearings and Deliberations

A5531011

Ms Rhiannon Suter noted it was pleasing to get to this point, many of the points raised on the Policy reflected well on the work done by Councillors in the past few years. The Policy has been in place for quite some time. There was a lot of what was discussed during the hearing that were operational matters and it was noted the willingness to enable those connections.

Ms Suter noted there had been conversations with Deaf Aotearoa and I-sign and these had been remote connections. This was an issue, and staff were looking into what the options were and how staff could continue to support, whether that be considered as part of an action plan.

There was a query raised around reviewing the Policy in three years given there may be a change in legalisation. It was confirmed that policies were reviewed if the need arose before the period, all policies would be reviewed within a six year period.

There was a query raised around If Council reviewed a Policy if there was a need to go to full public consultation. It was noted that it would not be recommended to not consult in this case due to the high interest in the community.

There was a query raised around recording issues when they arose. It was confirmed that if they were not significant enough to prompt an immediate review then it would be recorded. "Nothing about us without us" meant there was a need to be sensitive with the Policy and there were concerns raised around trust within the submissions.

A query was raised around the framework action plan, and if there was clear direction from the community. It was noted that some of this was operational, and would naturally fall out of what Council already had. It was confirmed that had a starting point for this but further resource would be needed.

A query raised around the concerns that Council do not consider the community, and if should add to Council reports an implications and risks on the disabled community section. It was noted this could form part of consideration in the framework and action plan.

Moved Rev Cook, seconded Cr Soper and **RESOLVED** that the Disability Policy Hearing Panel:

1. Receives the report "Equity and Access Policy for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled People Hearings and Deliberations".
2. Receives the submissions.
3. Notes the submitters to be heard.
4. Notes the summary of submissions (A5511184).

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Boyle and **RESOLVED** that the Disability Policy Hearing Panel:

5. Agrees with the following proposed changes to the Policy:
 - a. Amendments to the name of the Policy to Equity and Access Policy for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled People.
 - b. Addition of wording to acknowledge the social and medical models of disability.
 - c. Amendments to wording to make the proposed draft Policy more concise and improve readability, and
 - d. Any changes to Te Reo terminology as recommended by the Mana Whenua Representatives.

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Rev Cook and **RESOLVED** that the Disability Policy Hearing Panel:

Recommends to Council:

6. To adopt the draft Equity and Access Policy for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled People with the changes as agreed in resolution 5.

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Boyle and **RESOLVED** that the Disability Policy Hearing Panel:

Recommends to Council:

7. To agree to request to the Mayor to establish a disability portfolio and that four members of this hearing panel become part of.
8. To agree to request development of an Action Plan on disability inclusion in follow up to implementation of the Policy in preparation for the 2027 – 2037 Long-term Plan.

There was a query raised around beginning this work before 2027 and the resourcing of it. It was noted that the Policy sat in the customer service area and the team did not have the capacity to take further work at the current time without additional investment in resources.

It was noted that the panel recommend to staff to develop an action plan and noted that any unbudgeted expenditure would need to go to Council for approval.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 11.54 am.

A4051340



Equity and Access Policy for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled People

Effective from 1 November 2024





Equity and Access Policy for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled People

Purpose of this Policy

The strategic intent of Council under this policy is to enable the seven policy aspiration i.e., Communication, Consultation, Accessibility, Advocacy, Partnership, Prevention and Equal Employment Opportunity, in Council's businesses to meet equitable outcomes for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people. This will involve but is not limited to:

1. identifying, minimising, and removing barriers to the participation of Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people in all of community life,
2. recognising the need for inclusive services in the community,
3. providing measures for access for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people to Council services and events in a safe manner,
4. acknowledging and respecting the diversity within the disabled community, including age-related physical, mental, and intellectual challenges, and
5. contribute to the wider Social Wellbeing of Invercargill City District.

Policy Scope

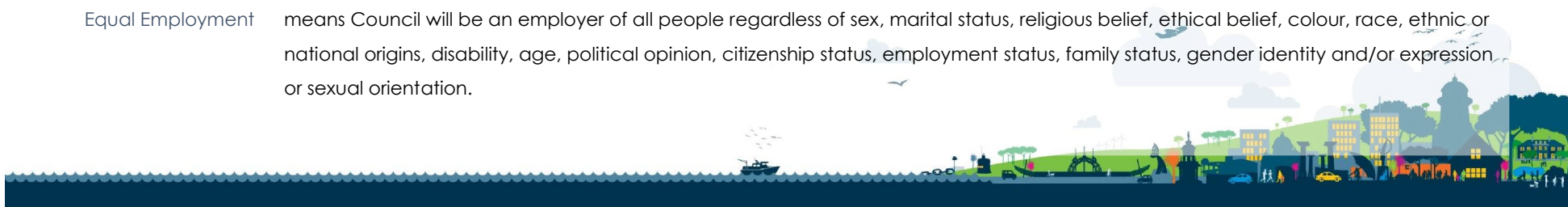
This policy applies to all of Council's business within Invercargill City District. This includes Council assets, programmes, events, services, partnerships and when Council is consulted and advocating on behalf of Invercargill and communities.





Definitions

- Accessibility** means ensuring the removal of barriers whether they are attitudinal or physical or environmental, which increases the opportunity for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people to participate in the community.
- Advocacy** means Council will provide appropriate opportunities and support to Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people and the combined disability groups for self-advocacy.
- Community Building** means a building with the sole purpose to be accessed by the local community and is Council funded. For example, the Invercargill Public Library, Splash Palace, Civic Theatre etc.
- Communication** means that Council will communicate its information and details of the decision to the public at a level appropriate to the nature of the matter.
- Council** means Invercargill City Council
- Council's Role** means Council will be an advocate for all citizens; a partner of likeminded institutes advocating on disability issues; will plan in the best interests of the public affected; continue to provide facilities and services; and lead by example; continue to be an equal employment opportunities (EEO) organisation and regulate to ensure quality standards and safety is maintained.
- Consultation** means a process to improve existing relationships, processes and protocols related to local government and resource management issues. Consultation is triggered when a decision is deemed significant under Council's Significant and Engagement Policy.
- Disability** means a person experiencing disability is a person with physical, intellectual, sensory, neurological, psychiatric or other impairments who face barriers in the social and physical environment that prevent them from fully participating and contributing to community life.
- Equal Employment** means Council will be an employer of all people regardless of sex, marital status, religious belief, ethical belief, colour, race, ethnic or national origins, disability, age, political opinion, citizenship status, employment status, family status, gender identity and/or expression or sexual orientation.





Events (i.e. Surf to City).	means any organised public occasion that occurs either regularly (i.e. Council Meeting, Citizenship Ceremony, etc.) or is a one-off
Facilities	means a Council place, amenity or piece of equipment that provides a certain purpose, for public use.
Human Rights	means Council will acknowledge and abide by the terms of the Human Rights Act 1993. The Act prohibits "unreasonable" discrimination on the grounds of disability (amongst other factors).
Information	means Council data that will aid in the understanding of a certain event, news update or document. This will likely be found by searching Council website, social media or phoning Council.
Invercargill City	means all the area covered by the Invercargill City Council, a Territorial Authority as per the Local Government Act 2002.
Partnerships	means strengthening and improving ongoing relationships with Iwi, disabled community, stakeholders and non-government organisations and groups associated with and known to Council.
Prevention	means measures that can be taken to remove potential danger and risk to the health and well-being of people on Council owned or operated land or reserve.
Programme	means planned series of events organised by Council.
Services	means a system supplying a public need such as transport, refuse and recycling or providing a utility such as water or sewerage treatment and disposal.
Social Media	means Council Facebook page and other social media platforms administered by Council.





Guiding principles

This policy acknowledges the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), Te Tiriti o Waitangi and New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016-2026 in enabling the seven aspirational sections of this policy.

1. **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)** promotes and protects the rights of Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people and ensure their equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedom.
2. **Te Tiriti o Waitangi** Principles for "Partnership", "Participation" and "Protection" are acknowledged in this policy to guide Council when meeting the policy aspirations.
 - a. Partnership: Māori and the Crown have a relationship of good faith, mutual respect and understanding, and shared decision-making;
 - b. Participation: the Crown and Māori will work together to ensure Māori (including whānau, hapū, iwi and communities) participate at all levels of decision-making. This includes the right to seek opportunities for self-determination and self-management; and
 - c. Protection: the Crown actively contributes to improving the well-being of Māori, including support for independent living and the protection of Māori property and identity, in accordance with Māori values. Māori have the same rights and privileges as other citizens.
3. **New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016-2026**, this policy acknowledges the Strategy and its principles to guide Council to ensure:
 - a. recognition of disability as a complex interaction between an individual's health condition and the societal barriers that hinder their participation within the community,
 - b. equity to Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people, and
 - c. acknowledgement of human rights and fundamental needs Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people.





Policy Aspirations

This policy establishes seven overarching strategic aspirations to enable Council to ensure equity and access for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people. These aspirations are as follows:

1. Communication

Council's strategic intent is to provide Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people equitable access to Council information, events, services and facilities. This will include:

- a. raising awareness amongst Council officers about the need to provide public information, where practicable or on request, in appropriate format to meet community demands,
- b. providing information, where practicable or on request, in alternative formats that are helpful or easier to understand and access,
- c. publicising information about Council services and events through disability groups known to Council, and
- d. ensuring Council facilities have clear signs and include internationally recognised symbols and indicators, where appropriate.

2. Consultation

Council's strategic intent is to provide Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people the opportunity to participate in Council's decision making. This will include:

- a. ensuring that consultation will enable the wider disability community to participate, particularly when decisions greatly affect them,
- b. recognising the needs of Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people and their wider agencies and offer alternative formats and support to participate where appropriate, and
- c. encouraging Council officers to liaise with the Combined Disability Groups known to Council and other relevant disability organisations to ensure that appropriate expertise is available when required.





3. Accessibility

Council's strategic intent is to recognise the need for services and events to be accessible for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people. This includes:

- a. enabling all Council services, facilities, amenities and places of recreation to ensure opportunities for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people to attend and participate,
- b. where appropriate Housing Care Services are available (in terms of criteria), accessible (in terms of their physical characteristics and location) and safe (in terms of their design and equipment) and continue to maintain accessibility to rubbish and recycling collection services,
- c. providing physical accessibility needs for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people at Council organised events, programmes, services and facilities,
- d. ensuring the accessibility needs of Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people are considered in Council procurement processes, including in new infrastructure design and event and programme delivery,
- e. ensuring Council's roading assets including footpaths, crossings, traffic signals, paved areas and streets are in line with meeting accessibility standards required under the relevant legislations,
- f. ensuring mobility parking in the CBD and wider community are physically accessible, appropriately located and are monitored,
- g. ensuring that any re-development or new building undertaken by Council has appropriate fittings and fixtures to ensure accessibility for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people and that they are compliant with the Building Act 2004 and the New Zealand Building Code,
- h. engaging with Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people, combined disability groups known to Council and their wider whānau in the early planning and design stages of Council's urban and build projects, and
- i. working with Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people to resolve accessibility issues identified within Invercargill City District.





4. Advocacy

Council recognise that self-advocacy is the most effective form of advocacy. Council's strategic intent is to support Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people to advocate for improvements if issues arise that impacts access or infringe the right to equity. This includes:

- a. creating opportunities and support Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people to advocate on their own behalf,
- b. advocating for Council's policies, programmes, practices, and procedures to achieve equal opportunity for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people,
- c. monitoring and making recommendations about the updating and implementation of legislation and practices within Council to achieve the optimum approachability, accessibility and usability in architectural and environmental designs under relevant legislation,
- d. supporting and advocating the participation of commerce, industry, statutory and non-statutory agencies, individuals, territorial authorities, and central government in the provision of an accessible environment for everyone, and
- e. ensuring inclusive portrayal of Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people in Council administered media platforms.

5. Partnerships

Council's strategic intend is to work in partnership with Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people, the wider disabled community private, public and voluntary sector organisations that supports disability to remove social barriers to participation to in all of community life. This includes:

- a. encouraging and supporting the formation and strengthening of organisations for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people , whānauand/or advocates,
- b. establishing and maintaining ongoing communication and relationships with Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people, combined disability groups known to Council, disability advocacy and relevant government agencies to ensure the delivery and co-ordination of necessary services, and
- c. building the capacity of Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people to take responsibility for governing, managing, advising and delivering services.





6. Prevention

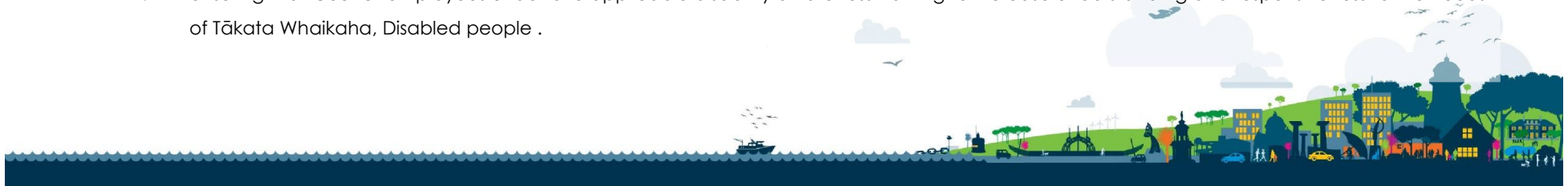
Council's strategic intent is to work to reduce the prevalence and incidence of disability-related injuries, particularly in preventable situations. This includes:

- a. monitoring and enforcing regulations and safety standards under Council's jurisdiction to reduce risks to health and well-being,
- b. promoting road safety through monitoring traffic, parking and accidents patterns,
- c. measures to ensure the safe movement of Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people between Council assets (for example the safe and unobstructed movement from a footpath to the street to a footpath) to meet legislative requirements,
- d. maintaining a civil defence capability to plan for and respond to emergencies,
- e. promoting recreation and leisure programmes that promote healthy lifestyles, and
- f. providing recreation and sports facilities that facilitate the provision of recreation programmes aimed at improving health.

7. Equal Employment Opportunities

Council has an Equal Employment Opportunities environment that encourages a diverse workforce and will work towards:

- a. encouraging and facilitating the employment and development of employees with disabilities,
- b. ensuring that reasonable accommodations are made to provide employees with disabilities access to appropriate communication services, resources, and flexible workplace options,
- c. ensuring that reasonable accommodations are made including job modification, skills training and on-the-job training,
- d. work with advocacy agencies regarding the removal of barriers to the recruitment and development of Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people ,
- e. ensuring managers are educated about the equal rights and obligations of employees with disabilities, issues of Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people, removing barriers to employment and how to provide effective support, and
- f. ensuring that Council employees undertake applicable disability awareness training to increase understanding and responsiveness to the needs of Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled people .



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**MINUTES OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE VICTORIA ROOM, CIVIC THEATRE, 88 TAY STREET,
INVERCARGILL ON TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 3.00 PM**

Present:

- 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 B R Stewart

In Attendance:

- Rev E Cook – Māngai – Waihōpai
- Mrs P Coote – Kaikaunihera Māori – Awarua
- Mr M Day – Chief Executive
- 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 (via Zoom)
- Mr A Cameron – Chief Risk Officer
- Ms A Duncan – Manager Planning and Building
- Ms L Thorne – Taylor Planning
- Mr D Rodgers – Manager - Strategic Asset Planning
- Ms L Knight – Manager – Strategic Communications
- Mr G Caron – Digital and Communications Advisor
- Ms Liz Williams – Team Leader - Executive Support

1. Apologies

Cr Soper

Moved Cr Stewart seconded Cr Ludlow and **RESOLVED** that the apology be accepted.

2. Declaration of Interest

Cr Broad noted that Ms Nikki Broad speaking in Public Forum was a distant relative, and they had not discussed Coopers Creek.

3. Public Forum

3.1 Layard Street – Hannah Pascoe

Ms Pascoe spoke to the councillors in support of her letter around Layard Street and noted that she had three points. She noted that Invercargill was one of the best places for blind people being able to walk. She added the work done at Yarrow and Lindisfarne streets had been great for her in terms of walking. She noted that the population would increase and that there would be more young people with visual impairments and the need for safe crossings. She added that Layard and Wilton streets had some white markers and poles and there were other areas that had issues and noted Duke Street and Racecourse Road, no safe place to cross for residents of Bupa.

A question was asked around the videos and if they were taken during high traffic i.e. during school hours. Ms Pascoe noted that they were filmed from Wilton Street towards James Hargest College Junior campus at approximately 8.45 am.

A query was raised where a safe place might be for an additional crossing, Ms Pascoe noted that near the corner of Wilton and Salford streets as it was in the middle.

A question was asked how Invercargill was for her guide dog and if had any difficulties, Ms Pascoe noted that she could go most places with her guide dog.

A query was raised if there were other areas that should be looked at, Ms Pascoe noted Duke Street and Racecourse Road and also Lamond Street at school times.

A query was raised if when meeting with other members of the blind community if Ms Pascoe would ask them to feed back other areas of concern to Council.

Ms Pascoe's husband added that he was a physiotherapist and that everyone at some point would have disability issues during their lifetime, and that the crossings were for everyone.

A question was asked what the next step would be, the Chair noted that staff would take away and look at options.

A query was asked if an opportunity should be provided annually for people to talk to Council around these issues and then could look at workstreams following on from that engagement. It was noted that public forum also provided an opportunity for people to come and speak to Council when they wanted to and could do both.

It was also noted that there was a liaison group that could report to Council.

The Chair thanked Ms Pascoe for attending public forum and appearing before Council.

The Chair noted that would be transparent and that he would be recommending another resolution and he requested that the members speaking review that ahead of the report being discussed. The resolution was put on the screen for residents to read.

3.2 Coopers Creek - Kath and Brian McDonagh

Mr and Mrs McDonagh tabled a paper and read it to Councillors. Mrs McDonagh referred councillors to a letter from PR Law (also tabled) giving Council advice and read out the section around 44 (1) (e), she then went on to read out paragraph 11 of the letter.

The Chair commented around the ability to reassign and the question was if residents decided to move if they had the right to reassign to anyone and that posed some questions, and there could be an issue around suitability, and if Council would have any say in that.

Mrs McDonagh noted that the village had been established for 70 years and there was not a high turnover but in the 17 years they had lived there, their properties had been sold and had had no issues, she added the biggest issue was boy racers. She added that Council had never had any say in that previously.

Mr McDonagh noted that the spiritual nature of the place called people to live there.

The Chair raised the issue of the 35 years plus and that there would be nothing stopping a future Council changing the rules.

A query was raised why the resident's wanted a period of longer than 35 years, Mrs McDonagh noted for her it was about self-determination for when and what would happen to their property, and that they were invested in the village.

A further query was asked if for example both died in 10 years what would they expect to happen, it was noted that would want their children and mokopuna to do what they wanted to do with it. A further question was raised what if the family did not want it and what expectation would be, it was confirmed that would expect the family to decide what they wanted to do over the period left.

Mr McDonagh added that if a 35 year end of life then would be difficult to sell, and queried who would buy it.

The Chair added that if left open, the Minister would not agree to that based on what happened in other areas. The other question was what would happen to the physical house, at this stage it would be the family responsibility to remove it.

A query was raised how the 35 year term was decided upon. It was confirmed that this had been a precedent set through Taylors Mistake in Christchurch and that was the longest period that a Minister had agreed to.

3.3 Coopers Creek – Kerry Hapuka and Bob McMurdo

Ms Hapuka firstly wanted to acknowledge that she understood that 35 years was the longest period of time that had been granted. She read from a statement tabled at the meeting.

A query was raised around the 35 year lease and right of renewal and what that meant, it was confirmed that felt that meant open ended. It was confirmed that felt that the renewal beyond 35 years should be an option. The Chair noted that would not be likely to get approval from the Minister and that iwi would not agree, he added that they had used the precedent of Taylors Mistake. Ms Hapuka believed that the Minister would use the advice of Council to make the decision.

Mr McMurdo queried raised if could use different terminology and further queried if could negotiate as end of life came close.

The Chair noted that a finite period might get the Minister over the line.

Mr McMurdo noted if the 35 years was renegotiable it would leave it open to Coopers Creek and Council rather than end of life, end of life was the death of Coopers Creek. The Chair noted that could not as a Council agree to that as it was the Ministers decision, and the risk that the Minister might come back with a shorter timeframe.

Ms Hapuka noted that would be agreeable to a 21 year lease and go through the Minister.

The Chair noted that could still go and appeal and go down the path of freeholding. Ms Hapuka noted had decided against that and residents wanted to reach a compromise.

The Chair raised again the issue of the right of renewal beyond the 35 years and that issues would arise, the ability to sell if only had 10 years and what happened to the house at the end.

Ms Hapuka noted if able to renew the lease it protected the village.

The Chair noted that at any stage Council could refuse, not suggesting that would happen but needed to be aware of that. He added that most of the residents wanted some surety of tenure and was 35 years and the right to transfer good enough.

A query was raised around the issue of renewal and if saw as a right of renewal, and that that had not happened in New Zealand to date. Ms Hapuka noted that had been put as an option to residents and queried why that had been put forward if not possible. The Chair noted that many options had been brainstormed and that was one of them.

Mr McMurdo noted that they wanted to save the village, not necessarily for family but did not want to see the village go.

The Chair reaffirmed that the brainstorming session held was to put everything down on paper and see what could or could not be achieved and that Council were not the decision makers.

A query was raised around the Blue Cliffs situation and that houses no longer held any value and if there had been any consideration of possible future issues around erosion and what would do. Ms Hapuka noted that there would be many other areas in Invercargill that would be concerned around flooding, and that did not flood in 1984 and that would be a long time before needed to worry about that and not on their radar.

Mr McMurdo noted that it would be their risk.

The Chair noted that any risk for Council would be around freeholding.

It was noted that Cr Campbell and Mr Capil were requested to bring a number of options through to Council that had been raised by residents.

A query was raised why not let the Minister decide and put forward what was being asked. The Chair noted that would be better to provide the Minister with what felt could be approved.

3.4 Coopers Creek - Nikki Broad

Ms Broad noted that had lived permanently at Coopers Creek for 39 years and spoke to her experience and noted many people did not know where it was. Ms Broad read from her notes and noted that the village reflected New Zealand, modest home-built cribs and that these were no longer being built in many areas. Many people visited for that reason. She added that Mayor Tim Shadbolt said why would we want you to go. She hoped that the current Council would agree to the tenure and believed in the potential of the village which would help to protect the natural domain, and recognise as an historic village. She noted that there was a ladies walking group that walked in that area and were supportive of the village.

3.5 Coopers Creek – Christine Smith and Jeff Smith

Ms Christine Smith read from her submission (tabled at the meeting).

The Chair noted that had not considered that if demolished that would impact the values of other properties.

A query was raised that equally a higher price could be agreed, it was affirmed that Council had the first right of refusal.

4. Major Late Item

4.1 Acceptance of the Major Late Item - Minutes of the Finance and Policy Meeting Held on 17 September

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Dermody and **RESOLVED** that the 'Major Late Item - Minutes of the Finance and Policy Meeting Held on 17 September' be accepted.

The reason that the item was not in the agenda: The item was not ready at the time of the publication of the agenda.

The reason why the discussion of the item could not be delayed: Matters could be progressed in a timely manner.

4.2 Acceptance of the Major Late Item - Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 17 September 2024

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Dermody and **RESOLVED** that the 'Major Late Item - Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 17 September 2024' be accepted.

The reason that the item was not in the agenda: The item was not ready at the time of the publication of the agenda.

The reason why the discussion of the item could not be delayed: Matters could be progressed in a timely manner.

Reason for public exclusion:

Section 7(2)(a) - To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

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).

5. Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting Held on 26 July 2024

A5473581

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Dermody and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on Friday 26 July 2024 be confirmed.

6. Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 27 August 2024

A5521605

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Dermody and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 27 August 2024 be confirmed.

7. Minutes of the Bluff Community Board Meeting held on Monday 2 September 2024

A5529423

Moved Cr Stewart, seconded Cr Dermody and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Bluff Community Board meeting held on Monday 2 September 2024 be received.

8. Minutes of the Infrastructure and Projects Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3 September 2024

A5529625

Moved Cr Dermody, seconded Cr Stewart and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Infrastructure and Projects Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3 September 2024 be received.

9. Minutes of the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 10 September 2024

A5539571

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Stewart and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee meeting held on Tuesday 10 September 2024 be received.

10. Minutes for the Hearings for the Disability Policy Held on 17 September 2024

A5549102

These minutes were left on the table. The Policy would be adopted at the Council meeting on 29 October 2024.

Recommendations to Council

6. To adopt the draft Equity and Access Policy for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled People with the changes as agreed in resolution 5.

Resolution 5 - Agrees with the following proposed changes to the Policy:

- a. *Amendments to the name of the Policy to Equity and Access Policy for Tākata Whaikaha, Disabled People.*
- b. *Addition of wording to acknowledge the social and medical models of disability.*

- c. *Amendments to wording to make the proposed draft Policy more concise and improve readability, and*
 - d. *Any changes to Te Reo terminology as recommended by the Mana Whenua Representatives.*
7. To agree to request to the Mayor to establish a disability portfolio and that four members of this hearing panel become part of.
8. To agree to request development of an Action Plan on disability inclusion in follow up to implementation of the Policy in preparation for the 2027 – 2037 Long-term Plan.

11. Minutes of the Extraordinary Infrastructure and Projects Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17 September 2024

A5549519

Moved Cr Boyle, seconded Cr Stewart and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Infrastructure and Projects Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17 September 2024 be received.

12. Coopers Creek Future Tenure Agreement and Annual Licence Fee Calculation

A5538350

The Chair proposed a new recommendation 4.

Moved Cr Campbell, seconded Mayor Clark that:

4. Council does not support any changes to the current Recreation Reserve Status that impacts the Coopers Creek Village.

It was noted that there had been a lot of work done with the residents, 22 meetings in 18 months, and that the wish of the residents had not changed in that time and they wanted a licence that was renewable, and that Council should look at it. If in favour of revocation and needed to consider and moving in the negative but Council should consider. Propose that Council do not support revocation.

A point of order was called that needed to discuss resolution 4 as there had been a motion on the table.

It was queried that there was need for legal advice before supporting the motion and that could not make a decision and that would be doing the residents a disservice.

It was noted that revocation had been discussed and that the Chair had talked to the wider issues of revocation and would raise who the land belonged to, and that may need to return to the historical owners. There was need to look at the impact on the city of Invercargill if such a decision was made.

It was reaffirmed that such a decision could not be made without legal advice.

It was noted that the resolution meant no change to the current status.

It was queried if voted for resolution 4 in the positive, that would allow under section 44 (1)(e) to have occupancies in that area and then if became an option that was available to keep as a reserve but that people could live under section (24)(1) in perpetuity, and could in the future come back and do this resolution, and would remain a reserve.

Clarification was sought. Mr Capil noted that paragraph 8 of the legal opinion and would mean a reverse of the Sandy Point Management Plan and section 44 (1) needed to be read in its entirety and stated "except with the consent of the Minister". He added that was agreed at this meeting would go as part of the Management Plan that would be consulted on and then would go to the Minister. He added that based on advice received to date, whatever path Council went down would have to go to the Minister.

Mr Capil presented his report and noted that had a good attendance at a collective meeting and that 15 of 17 residents attended individual sessions with himself and Cr Campbell.

He added that through this process had looked at a lot of material objectively and also looked at issues raised by licence holders over a number of years and also had attempted to rebuild the relationship with residents. He added that options around Council having the ability to match any offer had not been made by residents and that was something that had been looked at through the process of writing the report and reviewing a large amount of current and historical documents.

He added that from today any decision would be included in the draft Sandy Point Domain Management Plan that would then go out to consultation. He added that there had been discussion around the licence fee and how that had been reached and that followed the rationale from the licence holders and put that forward.

Mr Capil noted there had been discussion around the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and that wanted that put on record as there had been no record of this prior to this process being undertaken. Advice had been sought from PR Law that had prepared the MoU and that had no record of it as had been written a number of years ago and that had spoken to the writer and that confirmed that the MoU had never been signed.

Removal of liability had been discussed with licence holders and had considered transferring to family members and in that discussion the issue of passing on a liability was raised and felt that reasonable that if got through to the next stage would cover that off and consider it to be a Council cost if went to end of life. He added that not set in concrete and was still a work in progress.

Note: Mrs Coote left at 4.50 pm.

The ability for Council to match any offer was an idea that had been mooted during internal discussions and was added to the paper and that consideration was given to the possibility of any future coastal erosion issue and a managed retreat that was being done by communities working with councils, particularly in the North.

Cr Campbell noted that he had suggested including this and if properties became vacant and values impacted that people could take over at low cost which might not be desirable and that this was an attempt to protect the area and residents from that occurring. This could be reworded to state that it would be the last 10 years of life of the licence.

A query was raised around one of the emails and the referral to Dune Crescent and that could go online and buy a property and what that agreements was. It was noted this had not been researched as part of this report.

It was added that when looked at the history that there were holiday homes at Sandy Point and that Cooper's Creek were caught up in the Reserve Plan and had one year leases. It was noted that if went down that path any new leases over five years were required to be sold by public tender and that could impact the residents negatively. It was requested that more legal advice be sought around this before a decision could be made.

A query was raised if could get legal advice around Dune Crescent before making any decision at this meeting.

A query was raised around the Public Works Act if that provided guidance around using that a precedence for valuation.

A query was raised around the phasing out and if there had been any indication that the Department of Conservation (DoC) would phase out any land that was not reserve land. It was noted that needed to be aware that had happened in other areas, and cited Queenstown Camping Ground as an example.

A query was raised if the land had originally been Māori land and if that could create further issues. It was noted that there had been pre-European, Māori ownership and that was not sure what that looked like. It was added that would look to consult with Māori through the Draft Management Plan.

A question was asked why Mr Boyd Wilson did not attend to provide advice, given that the paper included advice in emails from him, it was noted that he had advised that he had moved on from the group.

A query was raised around permanent dwellings and occupancy and that being requested to agree to 35 years plus right of renewal and that the land belonged to the residents of the city, clarification was sought around what the current annual licence gave permission for, was it 40 days per year and non-permanent structures. Mr Capil noted that on reading current signed licences it read for holiday or casual occupation and that did not have anything about the number of days and that had not gone to that level of detail as part of the conversations for this report.

A query was raised that the licence went on to say that any structure would be removed at the end of life and that it would be the licence holders responsibility to remove and repair the site at no cost to the city. It was noted that the rūnaka were uncomfortable with the 35 years and had the practice of 25 years for resource consents so not committing future generations.

It was noted that the law around occupancy applied to everybody and that not under open title and was under reserve status and had been a recreational or endowment reserve. The activity should not have been allowed to take place and how as Council should proceed, and these anomalies were being reviewed by DoC.

Mr Capil noted that in the licence it was correct that the removal or reparation would be at the licence holders cost.

It was noted that Dune Crescent were 21 year leases and some were to end at 2032 and another ceased in 2007.

There had also been legal advice around consultation with iwi and Ngai Tahu and that DoC would consult with the rūnaka and that needed to provide details of how Council had already done this, and felt that resolution 4 needed to be addressed first.

It was noted that the residents had never waned from their desire to live at Coopers Creek in perpetuity and that there was a need to consider revocation and the question was if Council wished to do that and if not prepared to do that then stay with the status quo, could not force on the residents, "leave as be".

It was added that this had been going on for 30 years and no simple way through this. Revocation had been done before albeit a difficult process.

There was discussion around the need to decide if wished to proceed with revocation and to see where that landed.

A query was raised that a future Council could clear away and that the residents had wanted some surety of tenure.

Mr Capil added that the residents had strongly requested through the process that 35 years was a better option than a yearly lease, and that residents said the ability to renew and not necessarily to pass on to family would be their desire. He queried what the status quo meant as had 17 licences and may then need to enforce as per the terms and conditions of the current licences.

It was felt that could not leave as it was as would end up having the same discussions over and over again and that supported 35 years and could perhaps do two lots of 15 years. Also did not agree with Council having first right of refusal over these assets. Support the residents to be there as long as they wished to be and there could be discussion at a later date if a Minister wanted to.

It was noted that the Act that guided Council talked about communities and listening to communities and Council's role was to preserve that, 35 years did not do this, need to provide stability and security for that community.

The Chair noted that his concern was steering residents down a process that the Minister and Commissioner could mean that residents were in a worse position. He added that if agreed to 35 years then could go to the Minister again.

It was noted that currently correct but that Reserve Act could be changed at any time.

It was noted that there would be a long and difficult process and if the Minister denied could there be something imposed the residents that could open them up to significantly more risk.

It was noted that felt 35 years was achievable looking at Taylors Mistake and felt that if went outside of that could open up to issues.

It was confirmed that it would be a risk and that 35 years had been chosen for good reason and that revocation could be a huge risk in terms of a different decision. It was again confirmed that in Queenstown and Nokomai the land had been lost to the residents.

It was noted that there was a world of risk in revocation and could mean that the residents ended up with five year leases. The 35 years pushed the envelope to the maximum and that should stay with the status quo.

A query was raised around the process of licences being renewed and that they had been renewed each year and in that time how many times this came to Council as part conversations around of the Reserve Management Plan and that this had been raised each year and that prior to that licences were just signed and now being more rigorous around the Management Plans. It was added that the licensees must have been aware of the issues. Natural attrition was raised and allow that to occur.

The Chair noted that had approved sales and transfer in the past and that the residents were beneficial to the area.

There was discussion that to get through the Minister there was a need to provide an option that could be accepted and the need to also push to the maximum and the risk of pushing harder was that the Minister could simply say no.

There needed to be an option that allowed the community to continue but not beyond what could promise. It was noted that the residents had shifted in their view and desire and acknowledged that. But looking at precedent Council had 21 year precedent already in existence. Need to ensure that achievable and 35 years may not be.

It was felt should have the option of a one year licence as currently exists.

There was discussion around end of life and matching the price and then the cost of demolition would also fall on Council.

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

1. Receives the report titled "Coopers Creek Future Tenure Agreement and Annual Licence Fee Calculation"

There was discussion around changing the resolution – the motion would be put as stated and then if no agreement for the 35 years would reword the resolution.

Moved Cr Campbell, seconded Mayor Clark and **RESOLVED** that Council:

2. Council does not support any changes to the current Recreation Reserve Status that impacts the Coopers Creek Village.

Moved Cr Arnold, seconded Cr Stewart that Council:

3. Approves the recommended approach for future tenure agreement at Coopers Creek to be included in the draft Sandy Point Domain Management Plan (9.3 Buildings section - specifically 9.3.2 (11)) – to read:

35-year licence to occupy with no right of renewal with term expiring at end of 35 years and right to transfer to a third party but offering Council the right to match the tabled offer if it chooses to with the new licensee then retaining the licence for the remainder or balance of the 35-year period.

A division was called Crs Campbell, Crackett and Broad voted against the motion.

The motion now put was **RESOLVED.**

Moved Cr Arnold, seconded Mayor Clark that Council:

4. Approves the recommended approach for future tenure agreement at Coopers Creek to be included in the draft Sandy Point Domain Management Plan (9.3 Buildings section - specifically 9.3.2 (11)) – to read:

35-year licence to occupy with no right of renewal with term expiring at end of 35 years and right to transfer to a third party with the new licensee then retaining the licence for the remainder or balance of the 35-year period.

A division was called five in favour; seven opposed.

The motion now put was **LOST.**

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Bond that Council:

5. Approves the recommended approach for future tenure agreement at Coopers Creek to be included in the draft Sandy Point Domain Management Plan (9.3 Buildings section - specifically 9.3.2 (11)) – to read:

A 21-year licence to occupy with a right of renewal of seven years plus seven years with the right to transfer to a third party for the remaining period to a maximum of 35 years.

Mr Capil noted that the reason for the resolution was understood in trying to ensure the best possible opportunity for the Minister to agree, but felt that a Minister may look at it and would strike out the renewal period. It was noted that the Minister would decide.

The motion was to try to mitigate some risk for the residents and that and voted down 35 years and so could not go back to that position.

The motion now put was **RESOLVED.**

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

6. Approves the recommended approach for determining the annual licence fee to be calculated from a baseline fee effective from 1 July 2024 of \$1,058 with the annual increase calculation from 1 July 2025 and beyond to be calculated based on the approved ICC annual percentage rate increase for the actual year following.

Summary of Resolutions:

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

1. Receives the report titled "Coopers Creek Future Tenure Agreement and Annual Licence Fee Calculation"

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

2. Approves the recommended approach for future tenure agreement at Coopers Creek to be included in the draft Sandy Point Domain Management Plan (9.3 Buildings section - specifically 9.3.2 (11)) – to read:

A 21-year licence to occupy with a right of renewal of seven years plus seven years with the right to transfer to a third party for the remaining period to a maximum of 35 years.

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

3. Approves the recommended approach for determining the annual licence fee to be calculated from a baseline fee effective from 1 July 2024 of \$1,058 with the annual increase calculation from 1 July 2025 and beyond to be calculated based on the approved ICC annual percentage rate increase for the actual year following.

Moved Cr Campbell, seconded Mayor Clark and **RESOLVED** that Council:

4. Council does not support any changes to the current Recreation Reserve Status that impacts the Coopers Creek Village.

13. Local Government New Zealand Young Elected Members Hui 2024 Attendance

A5543203

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

1. Receives the report titled "Local Government New Zealand Young Elected Members Hui 2024 Attendance".
2. Notes the dates of the Hui, 16-18 October 2024.
3. Endorses the attendance of Cr Crackett and Cr Broad at the Hui.

14. Resource Management Planning Housing Intensity Update

A5540142

Ms Anne Duncan and Ms Lisa Thorne, Taylor Planning, presented the report and noted the report was in response to a request to provide Councillors with a report on Invercargill's housing needs and density. Ms Thorne took councillors through a presentation. It was noted that there was an unmet demand for medium density and central living.

It was added that there were discussions occurring with Te Ao Marama and looking at a scope and timeframes would be presented in October for plan changes.

A query was raised around student housing and there would be an increased need around this and developers were interested in this space, the other issue was aged care and some people felt trapped in their homes given they had low equity and nothing available. A query had been raised by Kainga Ora if land size could be reduced.

The issue of density was raised and that developers wanted as many people as possible on the land to ensure profits, it was added that there had been issues in the past around amenity values not being met or taken into account. Was still an opportunity for student accommodation in two or three floor properties, with bedrooms and shared facilities. With respect to elderly housing, there was land that could be utilised in the city, that would provide for the amenity and within the Plan. Intensity was also discussed and the opportunity for re-use, times had changed. Urban infill in some areas would be easy to achieve with some large sections able to be developed. There was also discussion about the trend to have no green area and the issue with the stormwater as no grass to absorbing rainfall. There was a need for good development and to recognise developers who had done well.

It was noted that working on guidelines for developers and good development.

The issue of first home buyers and properties becoming out of reach for a number of people.

A query was raised around intensification and parking on the street due to smaller section sizes and the need to be aware of that. Single person housing and smaller house size and sections and could be more accessible for people to get on the property ladder and first homes and would be good as a city to look at this and it was asked if Council had looked at this. It was noted that had conversations around what people were looking for and the plan changes needed to enable people to have what they wanted, the rules needed to enable choice.

It was noted that a challenge for developers and home owners was the discretionary aspect of the Plan and simple changes could be made to allow greater certainty.

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

1. Receives the report 'Resource Management Planning Housing Intensity Update'.

15. Updates to 2024/2025 Fees and Charges Schedule – Parking Infringement Fees

A5554239

It was noted the changes were to give effect to legislative changes.

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

1. Receives the report “Updates to 2024/2025 Fees and Charges Schedule – Parking Infringement Fees”.
2. Adopts the required changes to be to the 2024/2025 Fees and Charges Schedule (A5555948).

16. Upgrade to the Temporary Council Chambers

A5543918

A query was raised around the need for the sound to be of a better quality and sound proofing. Councillors noted how difficult it was to hear people with the current set up.

It was noted that meeting protocols and IT knowledge would be important skills to have on the reference group.

A query was raised around how members were being selected to be on the reference group.

Moved Cr Crackett, seconded Cr Broad and **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Receive the report “Upgrade to the Temporary Council Chambers”.
2. Approve the renaming of the Victoria Room, Civic Theatre to be “Council Chambers, Civic Theatre” for the duration of Council's stay.
3. Appoints Cr Pottinger, Cr Ludlow, Cr Crackett and Rev Cook to the Chambers Upgrade Elected Members Reference Group.

17. Chief Executive Management Report

A5549465

Mr Michael Day presented the report and highlighted the land transport fund and that many councils did not receive what they needed. He noted that whilst did not get what needed or wanted, Council did get more than expected. He added that there would be a report coming to highlight the gaps.

He added that the area of reform was a large area and a number of papers would be coming through to Council.

A question was asked if there had been any feedback around State Highway 1 to Bluff, and why ignored. It was noted that still fighting for that as was not in the list. It was noted this was a very complex issue, Otago and Queenstown were not happy with the level of funding received. It was added that this was one of the most important roads for this region.

It was noted that there had been some funding to build up part of the road, particularly the dip as you enter Bluff.

Note: Cr Campbell left at 7.03 pm and returned at 7.05 pm.

Note: Cr Ludlow left at 7.05 pm and returned at 7.08 pm.

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

1. Receives the report "Chief Executive Management Report".

18. Major Late Item - Minutes of the Finance and Policy Meeting Held on 17 September 2024

A5550052

Moved Cr Dermody, seconded Cr Arnold that the Minutes the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 17 September 2024 be received and recommendations to Council be confirmed.

A query was raised around the recommendation and the change made and that the original recommendation noted that funding was not available and that this change was requesting staff to find funding that had already been indicated could not be found.

It was noted that at the meeting staff were asked to look to find some operational savings and that if could not find, then the resolution would stand. This change was made at the request of the Chief Executive.

Recommendations to Council

7. Unbudgeted Expenditure Request to Support Council Operations

A5536120

2. To approve an increase to the People and Culture 2024/2025 financial year operational budget of \$265,000, to come from existing funding. Noting should this not occur there could be an indicative rating increase of 0.02% to be included in the 2025/2026 Annual Plan to cover loan costs.
3. Notes that Council will continue to receive reports on Health and Safety through the Risk and Assurance Committee. Those reports will include the impact of this intervention.

The motion now put was **RESOLVED.**

19. Public Excluded Session

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Dermody and **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting with the exception of Mr Brian Wood, Chair ICHL, namely:

- a. Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Council held on 27 August 2024
- b. Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Infrastructure and Projects Committee meeting held on 3 September 2024
- c. Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee meeting held on 10 September 2024
- d. Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Extraordinary Infrastructure and Projects Committee meeting held on 17 September 2024
- e. Southland Regional Heritage Committee
- f. Shareholder Approval Sale of Pylon Limited
- g. Major Late Item - Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 17 September 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. Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Council held on 27 August 2024	<p>Section 7(2)(a) Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>Section 7(2)(h) Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>Section 7(2)(i) Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including</p>	<p>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</p>

	commercial and industrial negotiations)	
b. Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Infrastructure and Projects Committee held on 3 September 2024	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. Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee held on 10 September 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
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f. Shareholder Approval Sale of	Section 7(2)(h) Enable any local authority holding the	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item

Pylon Limited

information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities

would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7

Section 7(2)(i)

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

- g. Major Late Item - Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 17 September 2024

Section 7(2)(a)

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

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)(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 7.32 pm.

**MINUTES OF BLUFF COMMUNITY BOARD, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL CHAMBERS
AT 18 GORE STREET, BLUFF ON MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.00 PM**

Present: Mr R Fife (Chair)
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
Mr M Day – Chief Executive
Ms C Rain - Manager - Parks and Recreation
Mr M Morris – Manager – Governance and Legal
Mr A Gillespie – Senior Engineer Operations
Mr A Belna - Waihopai Alliance Manager - Roading
Mr L Beer - Bluff Promotions
Mr G Stuart - Fulton Hogan
Mrs N Allan – Manager Bluff Service Centre
Mrs D Fife – Assistant Manager Bluff Service Centre

1. Apologies

Nil

2. Declaration of Interest

Nil.

3. Minutes of the Bluff Community Board Meeting held on Monday 2 September 2024

A5529423

Moved Cr Dermody, seconded Ms Coote that the Minutes of the Bluff Community Board meeting held on Monday 2 September 2024 be confirmed.

Matters arising from previous minutes:

Cr Dermody had contacted Jason Franklin, CE of PowerNet and noted he would attend the November meeting to discuss the Board's queries about power reticulation in Bluff. Members were requested to send any questions to Cr Dermody before the meeting by email.

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

4. Meeting Dates for 2025

A5536671

Mr Michael Morris presented the report.

Moved Ms Stockwell, seconded Ms Topi that the Bluff Community Board:

1. Receives the report titled "Meeting Dates for 2025".

The Board decided to schedule an extra and final meeting on the 8 September 2025 before the elections.

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

With the apologies of two Board members for the 11 November meeting, it was decided to reschedule that meeting to 25 November and cancel the December meeting.

5. Report of the Bluff Publicity / Promotions Officer

A5580553

Mr Lindsay Beer spoke to the report.

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

1. Receives the report "Report of the Bluff Publicity / Promotions Officer".

Promotional Sign - Three site options had been forwarded to Highway South to see if they would be acceptable and then the accepted options could go out for public feedback.

Up and Over Bluff Hill Grunt - The Board were concerned with the issue of Department of Conservation (DoC) holding up the event due to the time it was taking in obtaining consent. This did not just impact this event but all events that use DoC land. The Chair would be forwarded the contact details of the Operations Manager at DoC to add the Board's support of the Grunt.

Cruise Ships - There was work being done to put together a package that would keep passengers in Bluff with Mr Mark Froud from Great South.

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

6. Bluff Action Sheet

A5434650

Mr Alan Gillespie and Ms Caroline Rain spoke to the report.

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

1. Receives the report "Bluff Action Sheet

The next check in with Mr Gillespie and Board members would be on 24 October 2024.

The pothole on the corner of Gore and Shannon Streets had still not been repaired and Mr Gillespie advised he would follow up.

Before spraying for noxious weeds started, there would be notification to the public.

Spraying on the cycleway would start in October. It was mentioned that there was still damage on the cycleway from a previous crash - this had been referred to Environment Southland. The worsening state of the seal on the cycleway was discussed and this concern would also be conveyed to Environment Southland.

At the next check in Mr Gillespie would add a priority column. It was noted that number one needed to be remedied in two weeks and priority five had a timeframe of years.

The sump at 276 Foyle Street was again brought up and needed to be looked at. Mr Gillespie also would like feedback on other sumps that were causing ongoing issues.

Parks were still working on finding a suitable area for the community gardens. The first area investigated was not an option.

There was an issue with vehicles accessing the new mountain bike tracks. The Chair actually encountered a vehicle on his walk. There would be barriers set up to stop cars accessing tracks until vegetation started to grow and caused natural barriers.

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

7. Chairperson's Report - Verbal Update

No report was given.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 8.02 pm.

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY WELLBEING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC THEATRE, 88 TAY STREET, INVERCARGILL ON TUESDAY 15
OCTOBER 2024 AT 3.00 PM**

Present: Cr D J Ludlow (Chair)
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 L F Soper
Cr B R Stewart
Rev E Cook – Māngai – Waihōpai (zoom)
Mrs P Coote – Kaikaunihera Māori – Awarua

In Attendance: 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
Mr M Morris – Manager – Governance and Legal
Ms R Suter – Manager – Strategy and Policy
Ms C Rain - Manager - Parks and Recreation
Ms C Horton – Senior Open Spaces Planner
Mr C Bowen – Open Spaces and Recreation Strategic Advisor
Ms G Cavanagh - Manager - Environmental Services
Mr K Braithwaite – Acting Team Leader - Communications
Mrs L Cook – Executive Support

1. Apologies

Cr Pottinger, Mayor Clark

Moved Cr Boyle, seconded Ms P Coote and **RESOLVED** that the apologies be accepted.

2. Declaration of Interest

Nil.

3. Public Forum

Mr A J Henderson noted that his property bordered Donovan Park. He added that there was an appreciation for the trees and shelter Donovan Park provided.

The submitter noted his history and career of being in the forestry industry and his involvement in various different forestry groups.

The Masterplan asked what you like about Donovan Park and shelter on windy days was important to the submitter. There had been examples in Queens Park where trees had come down and others had been exposed to wind causing them to die.

The submitter would like the shelter to be maintained; blocking of sunlight from the shelter belt from the neighbouring properties was noted, but there were ways which this could be managed where the shelter was retained and the needs of those neighbouring properties be met.

If a strip of trees were planted, it may qualify for ETS (Emissions Trading Scheme).

It was suggested a shelter belt, with macrocarpa, radiata, cordata and natives to keep south west wind out.

It was suggested to monitor the water which went through the pond, and add a few canoes similar to the Avon. A tree top café was noted.

He raised the proposal of selling some of the land off and noted that he did not support that.

A query was raised around a shortage of land for building housing in the North if it was retained as Donovan Farm where did the submitter see these building sites coming from.

A query was raised around native trees in height and life span, why would they not provide shelter. Some natives take a long time to grow, there are some that only take three years but do not grow as high.

4. Minutes of the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 10 September 2024

A5539571

Moved Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Soper and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 10 September 2024 be confirmed.

5. Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee Meeting held on Thursday 26 September 2024

A5558513

Moved Cr Boyle, seconded Cr Broad and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee Meeting held on Thursday 26 September 2024 be received.

6. Minutes of the Southland Regional Heritage Joint Committee Meeting held on Friday 27 September 2024

A5564750

Moved Cr Stewart, seconded Rev Cook and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Southland Regional Heritage Joint Committee Meeting held on Friday 27 September 2024 be received.

7. Minutes of District Licensing Committee - September 2024

A5580743

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Kett and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of District Licensing Committee - September 2024 be received.

8. Dog Impound Trends

A5555436

Ms Gillian Cavanagh was in attendance and noted the trends shown in the report around abandoned animals post the pandemic across other regions.

Moved Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Soper and **RESOLVED** that the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee:

1. Receives the report "Dog Impound Trends".

9. Donovan Park Reserve Management Plan Stage One Hearings

A5547121

Ms Caroline Rain and Ms Rhiannon Suter spoke to the report.

A query was raised around the Donovan Park Submission from Heritage New Zealand and the significance of the Archaeology area in Donovan Park, had there been work done from Council on the cost of what this could be. Did Council need to adhere to their statutory requirements or had it been costed into any budget. It was noted this was the first part of a longer process and would be part of stages and phases which came next.

A query was raised relating to page 179 of boardbooks, the 30-year plan and a picture of Donovan Park, and where Council was at around the strategic vision for all parks and reserves to invest and make them the best they could be. It was noted that there was not anything in the work programme currently however, staff were looking at benchmarking against other local authorities. The Activity Management Plan captured the strategic work. It was noted there was no overarching approach, parks were an asset that required investment and there was return on that investment. There were two benefits of an overarching strategic approach. These were knowing where to best put the capital to benefit the community and not over or under investing in assets. It would need to be high-level as all of these Parks and Reserves had unique needs.

It was noted that there was desire for something to be brought back to Council prior to the next triennium. This was left with Council officers to consider a possible approach, including resourcing requirements.

A query raised around the archaeological work, and if would this be undertaken if there was an accidental discovery or if it was a deliberate decision to disturb the ground. It was confirmed that it would but there were statutory requirements from Heritage New Zealand which Council may be interpreting in different ways. If Council were to sell any part of the land, the developer would need to plan an Archaeological Survey first.

Moved Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Stewart and **RESOLVED** that the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee:

1. Receives the report "Donovan Park Reserve Management Plan Stage One Hearings".
2. Receive the submissions (A5563274) and the summary of submissions (A5563186).
3. Accepts late submission from Michal and Richard Grey.
4. Receives the letter of engagement from Te Ao Mārama Inc.
5. Note the following submission to be heard:
 - a. Arthur John Henderson - 3.05 pm
6. Note that deliberations on Stage One of the Donovan Park Management Plan will take place at the November meeting of the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee, and while that process informs, it is separate to, any future decisions relating to a change/ revocation of reserve status process for Donovan Park.

10. Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan

A5140898

Ms Cassandra Horton and Mr Chris Bowen presented the report.

It was noted noise management and forestry management would be addressed in separate operational plans.

A query raised around feedback from submitters, specifically dog walking when they should and could be off a leash. A further query was raised if there had been any considerations for this and the golf course. The golf course was going to be a multi-use area and was currently a dog off lead area which aligned to the bylaws. It was noted Council would be working alongside the Oreti Sands club.

Moved Cr Boyle, seconded Cr Soper and **RESOLVED** that the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee:

1. Receives the report "Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan".
2. Receives written submissions for stage one public consultation process and considers the key issues raised.

3. Accepts late submission from Invercargill Pistol Club.

Recommends that Council:

4. Accepts the submissions received.

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Bond and **RESOLVED** that the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee:

Recommends that Council:

5. Appoints five Councillors and invites a Mana Whenua representative to be a member of a hearings panel to consider the submissions following the closure of stage two consultation. Confirm Cr Soper, Cr Campbell, Cr Stewart, Cr Boyle, Cr Broad, Cr Dermody, Cr Ludlow, Cr Crackett, Cr Bond, and Mrs P Coote be appointed to the panel.
6. Approves the Public Consultation period for submissions to be from 9 November 2024 to 31 January 2025 on the draft Sandy Point Domain Management Plan (Attachment 1) and draft Implementation Plan (Attachment 2) pursuant to Section 41(6) of the Reserves Act 1977.

11. Public Excluded Session

Moved Cr Dermody, seconded Cr Ludlow 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 Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee Meeting held on 10 September 2024
- b. Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee Meeting held on 26 September 2024
- c. Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Southland Regional Heritage Committee Meeting held on 27 September 2024

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held on 10
September 2024

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

- b. Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee Meeting held on 26 September 2024

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. Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Southland Regional Heritage Committee Meeting held on 27 September 2024

Section 7(2)(a)

To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons

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)(b) (ii)

Protect Information where the making available of the information would likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplier or who is the subject of the information.

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 3.54 pm.

**MINUTES OF THE HEARINGS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BYLAW, HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC THEATRE, 88 TAY STREET, INVERCARGILL ON TUESDAY
15 OCTOBER 2024 AT 2.00 PM**

Present: Cr D J Ludlow
Cr L F Soper
Cr S J Broad
Cr P M Boyle
Cr R I D Bond
Mrs P Coote - Kaikaunihera Māori - Awarua

In Attendance: Cr T Campbell
Rev E Cook – Māngai – Waihōpai (zoom)
Mr J Shaw – Group Manager - Consenting and Environment
Mrs G Cavanagh – Manager – Environmental Services
Ms R Suter – Manager – Strategy and Policy
Mr M Morris – Manager – Governance and Legal
Mr D Titus – Policy Analyst
Ms C Manera – Engagement Coordinator
Miss K Braithwaite – Acting Team Leader – Communications
Ms M Sievwright – Senior Executive Support

1. Apologies

Nil.

2. Declaration of Interest

Nil.

3. Hearings Timetable

A5584367

3.1 Hearing slot 1 - Submission 1 – Tom Scott, National Public Health Service

Mr Tom Scott joined via Zoom and shared his screen to show his presentation.

One of his key points were around food trucks which often sell unhealthy food with a captive market in the poorer parts of towns. He also spoke about the litter which was caused by food trucks, and he supported the extensive alcohol ban in the city.

In response to a question regarding incentivising healthy options, and if this was a requirement when funding was requested, it was noted that this could be reinstated in the Wellbeing Fund funding documents.

The Chair thanked the submitter for attending the meeting.

4. Environmental Health Bylaw Hearings and Deliberations

A5554587

Ms Gillian Cavanagh and Ms Rhiannon Suter presented the report.

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Bond and **RESOLVED** that the Environmental Health Bylaw Hearings Panel:

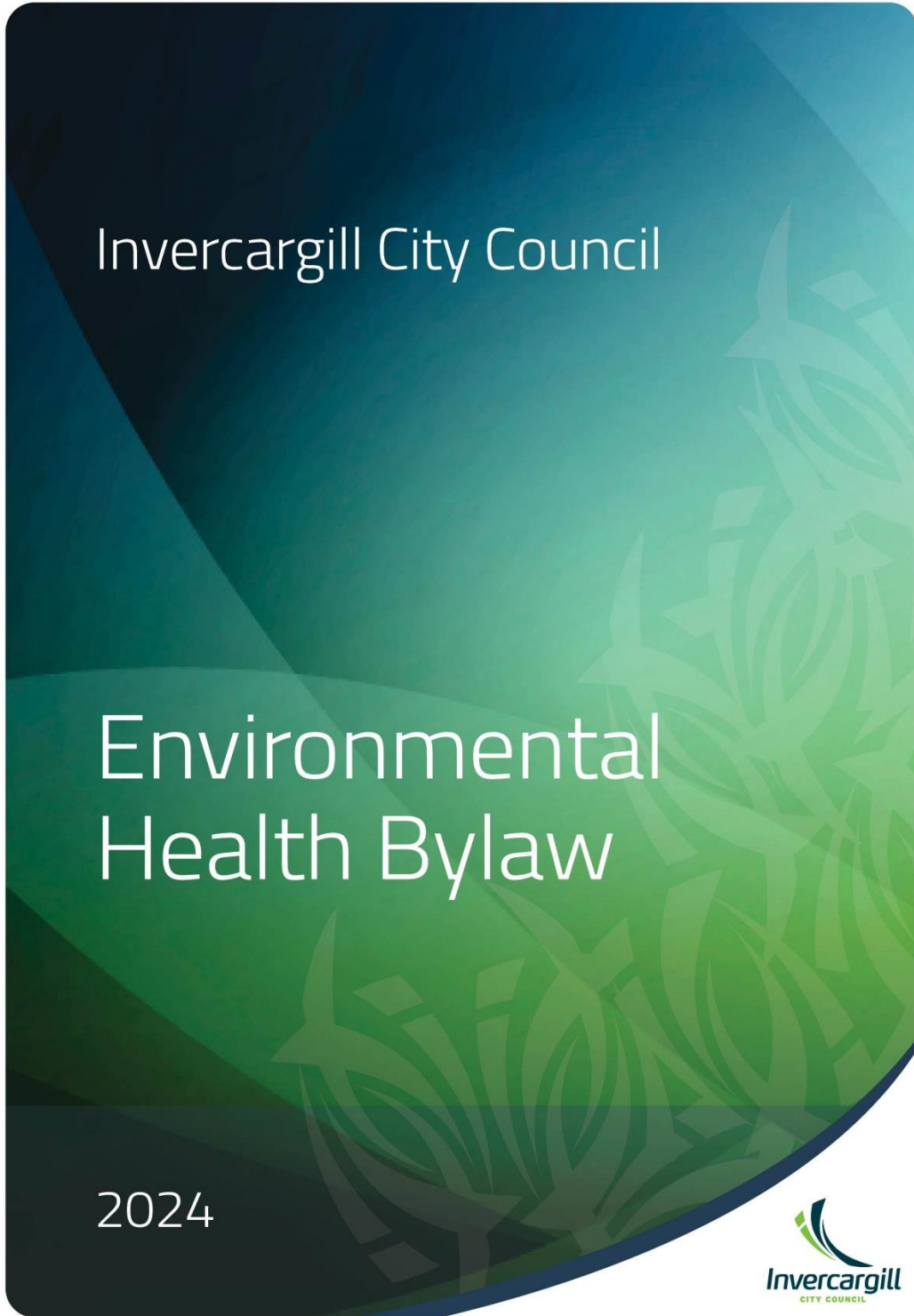
1. Receives the report "Environmental Health Bylaw Hearings and Deliberations".
2. Receives the submissions (Appendix 3 – To be heard and not to be heard).
3. Notes the submitter to be heard:
 - a. 2.10 pm - Tom Stott, National Public Health Service.
4. Notes the summary of submissions (A5555287).
5. Agrees with the following proposed changes to the Bylaw:
 - a. Amendment to Section 2.13 which will now require mobile traders (including food truck operators) to provide and remove refuse bins after service from the location in which they have undertaken transactions of their business.

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Bond and **RESOLVED** that the Environmental Health Bylaw Hearings Panel:

Recommends to Council:

6. To adopt the draft Environmental Health Bylaw 2024 with the changes as agreed in resolution 5.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 2.19 pm.



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1. General Provisions

A Bylaw of the Invercargill City Council made in pursuance of the powers contained in the Health Act 1956 and the Local Government Act 2002. The primary purpose of the Bylaw is to enhance the safety and welfare of the public by minimising nuisance and adverse environmental health effects caused to the community, as far as is practicable through legislative means.

1.1 Short Title And Commencement

This Bylaw shall be known as the Invercargill City Council - Environmental Health 2024 and shall come into force on 1 November 2024, (includes amendments on 6 March 2019, 7 November 2019 and 1 November 2024).

This Bylaw replaces any other Environmental Health Bylaws created by Invercargill City Council.

1.2 Interpretation

In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

AFFECTED AREA: Means all land in the Invercargill City District.

ALCOHOL: Means a substance:

- (a) that:
 - (i) is or contains a fermented, distilled or spirituous liquor; and
 - (ii) at 20°C is found on analysis to contain 1.15% or more ethanol by volume; or
- (b) that:
 - (iii) is a frozen liquid, or a mixture of a frozen liquid and another substance or substances; and
 - (iv) is alcohol (within the meaning of paragraph (a)) when completely thawed to 20°C; or
- (c) that, whatever its form, is found on analysis to contain 1.15% or more ethanol by weight in a form that can be assimilated by people.

AUTHORISED OFFICER: Means any officer appointed by Council as an enforcement officer under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2002 as an enforcement officer with powers of entry as prescribed by sections 171-174; the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 or the Health Act 1956.

BUILDING: Means a temporary or permanent movable or immovable structure intended for the purpose of occupation by people, animals, machinery or chattels.

COUNCIL: Means the Invercargill City Council.

CITY: Means the City of Invercargill.

DISPOSE: Means to remove to a bona fide automotive dismantling or recycling facility or landfill or green waste facilities or business.

DISTRICT PLAN: Means the Invercargill District Plan pursuant to the Resource

Management Act 1991.

EXPIRY DATE: Means 28 days after the date of the service of the notice or any such other date as may be specified by Council in any notice served.

HOME BASED BUSINESS: Means any commercial or non-commercial business or profession which is undertaken from the home(s) of any owner(s) and/ or occupier(s) and in keeping with the District Plan rules for Home based businesses that have limited street visibility.

LICENSED PREMISES: Means any premises for which a licence is held under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

LICENSEE: Means a person and/or a company who holds a licence issued by Council but not limited to a mobile trading licence under this Bylaw and a person or an entity who holds a licence under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

LONG GRASS: Means grass that is over 25 cm long and is unkempt (unless it is within the Rural Zone).

MATERIAL OR THING: Means, but is not limited to:

- (a) Building material or equipment associated with building activities;
- (b) Household goods/furniture;
- (c) Litter (as defined in the Litter Act 1979);
- (d) Manure;
- (e) Paper and cardboard;
- (f) Metal;
- (g) Plastics;
- (h) Timber;
- (i) Tyres;
- (j) Vehicles; and/ or
- (k) Waste.

MIND ALTERING SUBSTANCE: Means any glue, solvent, drug or other substance whether synthetic or naturally occurring which alters consciousness, mood or emotions, intoxicates or induces pleasurable sensations (but does not include alcohol or nicotine) and may cause persons seeking those effects to behave in a disorderly manner or give the appearance of acting in a drunken manner.

MOBILE TRADING: Means a vehicle (whether self-propelled or not) from which goods and / or services are offered for sale.

NUISANCE means:

- (a) The same meaning given by section 29 of the Health Act 1956; and
- (b) Includes a person, animal, thing, or circumstance causing unreasonable interference with the peace, comfort or convenience of another person whether or not that person is in a public place; but
- (c) Does not include impacts to visual amenities.

NOXIOUS PLANT: Means plants contained under the [Southland Regional Pest Management Plan - Environment Southland](#). It also includes all species under the genus Bambusa (Bamboo).

OCCUPIER(S) : Means the occupier(s) is the person who is in possession of the land

and exercises day to day control over it and includes tenants.

OWNER(S) : Means the registered proprietor of the land.

OVERGROWN VEGETATION: Means overgrown vegetation on a private property and includes any vegetation that is impeding or spilling onto any public right-of-way, including streets, sidewalks, strips, alleys and road corridors.

PRIVATE PROPERTY: Means any parcel of land and/or building capable of being transferred, sold, rented, leased, or otherwise disposed of separately from any other parcel of land and/or building(s).

PUBLIC PLACE: Means a place:

- (a) That is under the control of Council; and/or
- (b) That is open to, or being used by, the public, whether or not there is a charge for admission; and
- (c) Includes a road, whether or not the road is under the control of Council and
- (d) Any part of a public place.

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY: Means public roads, footpaths and any other public access.

RESERVE: Means any park, garden, plantation, forest, open space or ground set aside for public recreation or enjoyment and which is controlled or administered by Council.

RURAL ZONE: Means the area defined as the Rural Zone in the Invercargill City District Plan.

1.3 Fees And Charges

All fees and charges under this Bylaw are prescribed in Council's Annual Plan or Long Term Plan.

1.4 Dispensing Power

It shall be lawful for the Group Manager - Consenting and Environment to dispense with any of the following requirements of this bylaw where, in the opinion of the Group Manager - Consenting and Environment, full compliance would needlessly cause harm, loss or inconvenience to any person or business without corresponding benefit to the community.

1.5 Name And Address To Be Supplied

If it appears that any person is committing or has committed any offence under the provisions of this Bylaw Council may require such person to desist from such offence and may require that that person supply their real name in full, and their residential address. If any person after being so required fails to supply such information or gives incorrect information that person commits a further offence against this Bylaw.

1.6 Licences Held Under Rescinded Bylaws

All licences issued under any provision of any Bylaw repealed shall after the coming into force

of this Bylaw be deemed to have been issued under the corresponding provision of this Bylaw and be subject to its provisions, provided that Council may notify the holder of any licence of an earlier date of termination than would have applied had this Bylaw not been passed and may require the holder to reapply for a licence under the provisions of this Bylaw.

1.7 Appeals

An owner(s) or occupier(s) have the right to appeal under this bylaw within seven days of service of a Notice or Decision. Appeals are required to be made in writing and either emailed, posted or delivered to the Te Hīnaki Civic Building or Bluff Service Centre. All appeals should include the appellant's contact information, specifics of what is being appealed, specifics of any defence or mitigation to support the appeal and what redress is being sought. If applicable, there is a Hearing Lodgement Fee that you may be required to pay before the appeal can be heard. Please refer to Council's [Fees and Charges](#) for further information.

Email to: service@icc.govt.nz, attention Manager – Environmental Services

Post or deliver: Manager – Environmental Services
Invercargill City Council
101 Esk Street
Private Bag 90104
Invercargill 9840

Deliver: Manager – Environmental Services
Invercargill City Council – Bluff Service Centre
98 Gore Street
Bluff

In the event of an objection, the matter will be referred to Council's Hearings Panel for determination.

1.8 Offences And Penalties

Every person (s) who breaches this Bylaw is those who fail to comply with:

- (a) Any clauses, provisions, rules, restrictions, limitations, and/ or obligations set out in this Bylaw;
- (b) Part 2 of this Bylaw;
- (c) Section 4.2 of the Bylaw; and/ or
- (d) Section 5.3 of the Bylaw.

Is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 under Section 242 of the Local Government Act 2002 and to a fine set out in Council's schedule of Fees and Charges.

2. Mobile Trading

2.1 Purpose Of Part 2

To licence and control mobile traders in public places under the control of Council.

2.2 Mobile Traders To Be Licensed

No person may engage in mobile trading without first obtaining a Mobile Trading Licence under this Bylaw. The holder of the licence shall observe and comply with all conditions recorded on the licence.

2.3 Applications

All applications for a Mobile Trading Licence shall be made on the form supplied by Council. Council will require the applicant to provide any/ all such information as is necessary for proper consideration of the application, including but not limited to:

- (a) Vehicle warrant of fitness and registration; and/ or
- (b) Electrical certificate; and/ or
- (c) Road user certificate; and/ or
- (d) LPG cylinder annual inspection certificate - from a registered craftsman gasfitter; and/ or
- (e) A copy of the applicant's public indemnity or liability insurance; and/ or
- (f) Food licence if the licence application involves food trucks.

2.4 Issue Of Licence

Each application will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and Council may include conditions to applications as it views appropriate to prevent any potential creation of nuisance to public health and to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the transport network.

2.5 Duration Of Licences

Mobile Trading Licence(s) issued under this Bylaw shall be valid for not more than one year from their date of issue and, if not revoked, may be renewed by payment of a further annual fee, prescribed under Council's Fees and Charges.

The Mobile Trading Licence is not transferable to another person. If the business or vehicle is sold or transferred to another person, Council must be notified within 14 working days. The new owner will be required to apply for a licence and will not be permitted to use any mobile shop or food truck until a licence is issued by Council.

2.6 Licence To Be Carried

The Mobile Trading Licensee must carry the licence at all times while engaged in mobile trading and must show it to any Police Officer, or Authorised Officer on demand. The Mobile Trading licence will only apply to the vehicle to which the registration number is specified on the licence. The use of any other vehicle that is not registered to a mobile trading licence will not be permitted without prior written consent from Council.

The Mobile Trading Licence is valid during the hours specified on the licence.

2.7 Nuisance, Annoyance Or Danger To Any Person

The licensee or operator shall operate any mobile trading approved by Council through a Mobile Trading licence, in such a manner as to avoid causing any

nuisance, annoyance or danger to any person and/ or public.

2.8 Liability Insurance

The licensee shall carry insurance cover to cover the direct damage to vehicles and public liability (Third Party Insurance) in connection with the vehicles.

2.9 Name To Be Displayed

The name of the licensee and details of the products for sale shall be displayed on any stall or vehicle used in connection with the mobile trading.

2.10 Hazardous Substances

All LPG cylinders must be stored securely outside the mobile shop or food truck and total no more than 100kg LPG net content. If the mobile shop or food truck is likely to be unattended at any time while in a public place, the cylinders shall be secured against tampering.

2.11 Trading Limits

- (a) Mobile Trading is allowed only on successful completion of an application for mobile trading by Council.
- (b) Unless permission has been applied for and granted by the appropriate Council departments, Council prohibits all holders of Mobile Trading Licences from trading in the following areas:
 - (i) Any or all Parks or Reserve (including car parks and roads in Reserves, and Wachner Place), permission from Council's Manager - Parks and Reserves is required.
 - (ii) Any or all Roads (including State Highways), permission from Council's Manager - Strategic Asset Planning is required.
 - (iii) Restricted Areas including:
 - Within 100 metres of another permanent commercial business selling the same products, and
 - Within 50 metres of any intersection or pedestrian crossing where people visiting the site may be placed in danger.
- (c) Section 2.11 (iii) does not refer to home based businesses.
- (d) The Licensee or operator of any Mobile Trading shall remain stationary as required for the transaction of business with customers and shall remain stationary on any site as permitted in their Mobile Trading licence issued by Council.
- (e) The Licensee or operator shall when requested by any Police Officer or Authorised Officer of Council, alter their position or move from place to place on any road or public place as directed.
- (f) Should the Licensee or operator fail to comply with the provisions of Conditions or if the Mobile Trading is left unattended on any road or Public Place it shall be lawful for any Police Officer or Authorised Officer mentioned in Section 2.11 (e) to move the Mobile Trading to any safe position.

2.12 Pre Approved Locations For Food Trucks

Council have identified a list of locations that it views as most appropriate for food trucks. This section only applies to food trucks and not any other Mobile Trading.

The Mobile Trading Licensee who wishes to operate their food trucks in the pre-approved locations for food trucks must adhere to all provisions of Section 2 of this Bylaw, and to the appropriate conditions of the Roading and Traffic Bylaw 2022, the Footpath Management Policy, the Food Act 2014 and the Health Act 1956.

Council reserves the right to amend the list of pre-approved locations for food trucks from time to time as it sees appropriate. Any such amendment to the list of pre-approved locations will not be subject to a Special Consultative Procedure under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, however, will be subject to appropriate public engagement in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

2.13 Litter

The Licensee or Operator must also provide refuse bins for the duration of service at the location of trading. The refuse bins and any litter in the surrounding area generated by the activities of their trading must be removed after service from the location in which they have undertaken the transaction of their business.

2.14 Licence May Be Revoked

A Mobile Trading Licence may be revoked by Council if:

- (a) Licensee in connection with Mobile Trading, permits a breach of any provision of this Bylaw or any other law, Bylaw and/ or any regulations.
- (b) Licensee fails to observe the conditions of the Mobile Trading Licence.
- (c) Permits any unlicensed person to operate as a trader in connection with the Mobile Trading usually carried out by the Licensee.
- (d) The complaints made on Mobile Trading have substantive impacts on public health determined by Council.
- (e) Any appeal can be made under Section 1.7

2.15 Sales From Boats Exempt

Nothing in this Bylaw shall apply to any sale of fish by the owner of a fishing vessel, provided that the fishing boat is registered under Section 103 of the Fisheries Act 1996 and in respect of which a boat fishing permit is for the time being in force, where he, or a person appointed by him in that behalf, sells fresh fish or fresh shellfish (being fresh fish or fresh shellfish taken from that boat in accordance with the conditions of the permit) from that boat at the place where it is moored, berthed, or beached or from a stall (including a vehicle used as a stall) within 450 metres of that place.

3. Alcohol Ban

3.1 Purpose Of Part 3

For better crowd control, public safety and the prevention of the consumption, possession and/ or bringing of alcohol in public places under the control of Council.

3.2 Operation

Council (subject to any licences or special licences that may be in force at any particular time) prohibits the consumption of, the bringing of and/ or the possession of alcohol in the Alcohol Ban Affected Area during the hours and days of operation of the Bylaw.

3.3 Alcohol Ban Affected Area

The public place is bounded by and inclusive of the following streets:

- (a) Herbert Street from the corner of Herbert Street and Dee Street to the corner of Herbert Street and Kelvin Street.
- (b) Kelvin Street from the corner of Herbert Street and Kelvin Street to the corner of Victoria Avenue and Kelvin Street but excluding Alice Street east of Kelvin Street.
- (c) Victoria Avenue from the corner of Victoria Avenue and Kelvin Street east along Victoria Avenue to its termination and thence in a straight line to Queens Drive (so as to include the Gala Street Reserve) and Queens Drive south onto the intersection of Queens Drive and Tay Street.
- (d) Elles Road from the intersection of Queens Drive and Tay Street to the corner of Elles Road and Tweed Street.
- (e) Tweed Street from the corner of Tweed Street and Elles Road to the corner of Tweed Street and Liddell Street.
- (f) Liddell Street from the corner of Liddell Street and Tweed Street to Leven Street, Leven Street on to Liffey Street.
- (g) Liffey Street to its intersection on Fox Street.
- (h) Fox Street from the corner of Fox Street and Liffey Street to the corner of Fox Street and Dee Street.
- (i) Dee Street from the corner of Dee Street and Fox Street to the corner of Dee Street and Herbert Street.

The Alcohol Ban Affected Area is to be adequately signposted to inform the community of their responsibilities.

3.4 Hours And Days Of Operation

The Alcohol Ban is in operation 24 hours of every day.

3.5 Temporary Alcohol Ban

Council may from time to time make a resolution:

- (a) Prohibiting or otherwise regulating or controlling, either generally or for one or more specified periods:
 - (i) the consumption of alcohol in a public place; and/ or
 - (ii) the bringing of alcohol into a public place; and/ or
 - (iii) the possession of alcohol in a public place, and/ or
 - (iv) in conjunction with a prohibition relating to alcohol under paragraphs (i) to (iii) the presence or use of a vehicle in public places.
- (b) Within a specified public place or places.

3.6 Exemptions

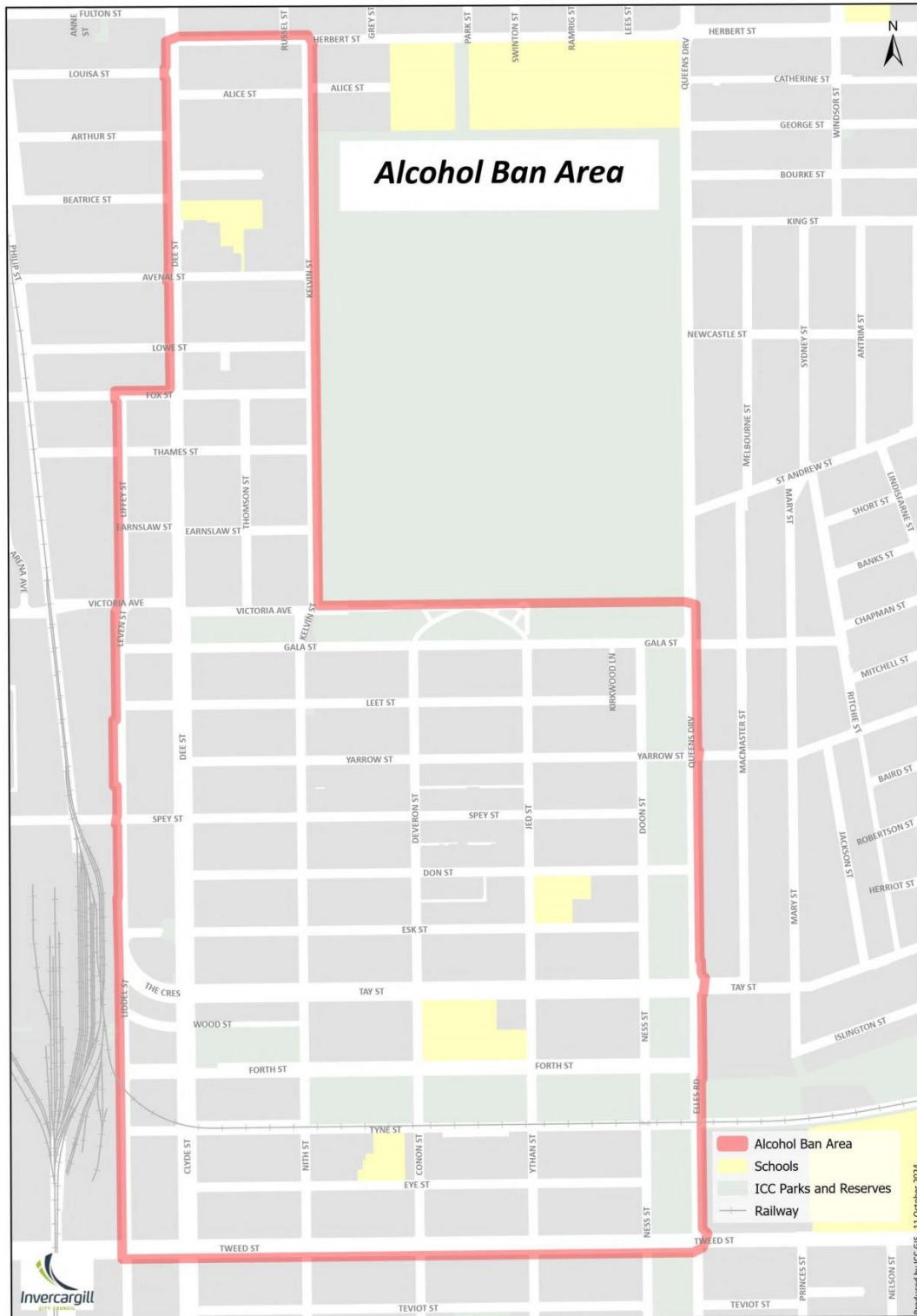
The exemptions set out in section 147(3) of the Local Government Act 2002 apply to this Bylaw. This Bylaw does not prohibit, in the case of alcohol in an unopened bottle or other unopened container:

- (a) The transport of that alcohol from licensed premises that adjoin a public place during any period when, under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, it is lawful to sell alcohol on those premises for consumption off the premises, provided the alcohol is promptly removed from the public place.
- (b) The transport of that alcohol from outside a public place for delivery to premises that adjoin the public place, provided the premises are licensed for the sale of alcohol under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
- (c) The transport of that alcohol from outside a public place to premises that adjoin a public place:
 - (i) By, or for delivery to, a resident of those premises or by their bona fide visitors; or
 - (ii) From those premises to a place outside the public place by a resident of those premises, provided the alcohol is promptly removed from the public place.

3.7 Police Powers

Pursuant to this Bylaw the Police have the following powers:

- (a) The power to arrest without a warrant a person contravening the Bylaw; and/ or
- (b) The power to arrest without a warrant a person who refuses to leave a public place after being requested to do so; and/ or
- (c) The power to arrest without a warrant a person who refuses to surrender alcohol that is in their possession in breach of the Bylaw; and/ or
- (d) The ability to search without a warrant a vehicle in, entering or about to enter the public place subject to the Bylaw for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the vehicle contains alcohol; and/ or
- (e) The ability to search a container in the possession of any person in, entering or about to enter the public place, subject to the Bylaw, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the container contains alcohol; and/ or
- (f) The ability to seize and remove alcohol and its container if the alcohol is in a public place in breach of the Bylaw.



4. Solvent Abuse

4.1 Purpose Of Part 4

For the prevention of harm to individuals and for public safety in public places under the control of Council.

4.2 Prohibition

No person shall knowingly in any public place, consume, inject, inhale or sniff any Mind Altering Substance, except as prescribed for that person for a medical condition, which may cause that person to behave in a disorderly manner or give the appearance of the person acting in a drunken manner.

5. Untidy Private Properties And Disused Materials

5.1 Purpose of Part 5

To promote and maintain public health and safety by protecting the public from nuisances caused by disused material or things, long grass, noxious plants, and overgrown vegetation likely to harbour vermin from untidy private properties.

5.2 Operational Provisions

- (a) The Owner(s) and/or Occupier(s) of any private property must:
 - (i) not allow any Material or Thing to be deposited, accumulated, used, processed, or stored under their control in a manner that may harbour or cause a Nuisance; and/ or
 - (ii) maintain their property to be free from Overgrown Vegetation, Long Grass and/ or Noxious Plants that may harbour vermin or cause Nuisance.
- (b) Owner(s) and/or Occupier(s) of land upon which overgrown vegetation, long grass and/ or noxious plants are situated and overhang and cause obstruction to Public Rights of Way including accessibility for people with disability, must trim and/ or remove the trees, shrubs or other plants so that they are a minimum of 2.5 metres from the public right of way.
- (c) Authorised Officers – all officers authorised under Section 174 or Section 177 or paragraph 32 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, shall possess and produce on request warrants of authority and evidence of identity.
- (d) An Authorised Officer may enter at any reasonable time any Private Property believed to contain elements that contravene or may contravene this Bylaw and may take any photographs or other evidence necessary to establish that a breach of the Bylaw has occurred.

5.3 Notice

Council may serve a notice upon the Owner(s) and/or Occupier(s) of any Private Property in breach of section 5.2 requiring the Owner(s) and/or Occupier(s) prior to the expiry date to:

- (a) Remove any Material or Things that are or may provide harbourage for vermin and

- cause nuisance; and/ or
- (b) Cut down, remove and generally clear the land from all Overgrown Vegetation, Long Grass and/or Noxious Plants; and/or
 - (c) Trim any or all Overgrown Vegetation, Long Grass and/or Noxious Plants overhanging and causing obstruction to a Public Right of Way, so that the trees or shrubs or other plants are a minimum of 2.5 metres above the Public Right of Way; and/or
 - (d) Remove any or all Overgrown Vegetation, Long Grass and/or Noxious Plants overhanging and causing obstruction to the Public Right of Way.

5.4 Council May Complete The Work

If any person on whom a Notice has been served under Section 5.3 fails or neglects to do any act or thing specified in the Notice prior to the expiry date, or fails or neglects to do any act or thing in such manner as may be so specified in the Notice prior to the expiry date, Council may without further notice to the person served will undertake the work.

5.5 Council May Recover Its Costs

If any work is carried out by Council or its agent on any land pursuant to 5.4 above then the full cost of undertaking any work including all labour, materials and other charges incurred shall be recovered from the registered proprietor of the land. Council may also register these costs as a charge upon the land pursuant to the Land Transfer Act 2017.

**MINUTES OF RISK AND ASSURANCE COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
FIRST FLOOR, CIVIC THEATRE, 88 TAY STREET, INVERCARGILL ON TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER
2024 AT 3.00 PM**

Present: Mr R Jackson (Chair)
Mayor W S Clark
Cr R I D Bond
Cr T Campbell
Cr G M Dermody
Cr D J Ludlow
Cr L F Soper

In Attendance: 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 M Morris – Manager – Governance and Legal
Mr M O'Connor – Bancorp (Zoom)
Mr J Botting – Manager - Financial Planning
Ms S Roberts – Manager Financial Services
Mr P Patton – Manager – Quality Assurance
Ms R Suter – Manager – Strategy and Policy
Ms E Wallace – Director – Te Unua Museum of Southland
Ms L Knight – Manager – Strategic Communications
Ms G Englert – Social Media Advisor
Mrs L Williams – Team Leader - Executive Support

1. Apologies

Cr Pottinger and Rev Cook

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

2. Declaration of Interest

Nil

3. Public Forum

Nil.

4. Minutes of the Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting held on Thursday 15 August 2024

A5501421

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Campbell and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Risk and Assurance Committee meeting held on Thursday 15 August 2024 be confirmed.

5. Financial Risks Update

A5584475

Mr Jaimee Botting and Mr Miles O'Connor, Manager – Corporate Services of Bancorp Treasury (via Zoom) spoke to the report and noted that core debt was \$114 million and \$37 million for other borrowings taken for advances and loans and Council had entered into some interest rate swaps and achieved very good interest rates for these.

Mr O'Connor noted that in May the Reserve Bank gave an indication of rates rising and projected that the first cut of OCR would be in the first quarter of 2025. The first 25 basis point cut was in August 2024, and now have had a total of 75 basis points cut in the OCR. It was noted that inflation had come down to 2.2%, noting that September was traditionally a large quarter for inflation, he added that GDP was back in the negative, could lead to a triple dip recession. He gave the Committee background on the economy in the US and the possible impact on the New Zealand economy. He noted that a 50 basis point cut in November was possible, as there would be no chance to cut for a further three months, given Christmas and the New Year.

A query was raised around the comment that would not go to a 75 basis point cut, it was noted that that would be a drastic action and considered an emergency and added that even 50 was considered high. It was added that the unemployment information would be out and that could also have an impact.

A query was raised around funding and interest rates and what would be a reasonable cost of funding for Council, it was noted that the swaps that Council had done and received low interest rates and they were for a total of \$40 million. It was noted that the cost of funds for Council were not predicted to go down and had the lowest cost of funding of any council in New Zealand which Bancorp advise, well below the next lowest as at 3.6%.

It was added that there had been an increase in interest rates in the last two weeks and had risen sharply.

A further query was raised around the US elections and the war in Ukraine and Korea possibly becoming involved and the impact, it was noted that the elections could have an initial impact on rates and that in the case of Korea being involved in the Ukraine would not impact, it would be more likely if someone like Iran were to get involved.

The Chair thanked Mr O'Connor for his report and attendance at the meeting.

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Dermody and **RESOLVED** that the Risk and Assurance Committee:

1. Receives the report 'Financial Risks Update'.

2. Notes that officers have entered into two future swap arrangements during September 2024 to cover expected borrowings to be drawn down and to lock in interest rates below LTP forecast.

6. 2024 – 2034 Long-term Plan Delivery Process Review

A5539461

Ms Rhiannon Suter spoke to the report and noted that on balance it had been a successful process in terms of hitting milestones, receiving an unqualified audit and had identified some opportunities.

A query was raised around the challenges with TechOne. It was noted that the comment related to the transparency of the higher level detail and this was being developed for managers, the granular level was very detailed.

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Soper that the Risk and Assurance Committee:

1. Receives the report "2024 – 2034 Long-term Plan Delivery Process Review".

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

7. Public Excluded Session

Moved Mr Jackson, seconded Cr Dermody 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 Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting Held on 15 August 2024
- b. Draft 2024 Annual Report Update
- c. Council Litigation Update
- d. Verbal Risk Update
- e. Update Te Unua Museum of Southland 'Experience' Risks

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 Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting	Section 7(2)(a) Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good

Held on 15 August 2024

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

reason for withholding would exist under Section 7

Section 7(2)(g)

Maintain legal professional privilege

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. Draft 2024 Annual Report Update

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 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. Council Litigation Update

Section 7(2)(g)

Maintain legal professional privilege

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

d. Verbal Risk Update

Section 7(2)(a)

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

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)(i)

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

- e. Update Te Unua Museum of Southland 'Experience' Risks

Section 7(2)(a)

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 5.55 pm.

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FIRST FLOOR, CIVIC THEATRE, 88 TAY STREET, INVERCARGILL ON TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2024 AT 1.00 PM

Present: Mayor W S Clark
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 L F Soper
Cr B R Stewart

In Attendance: 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
Ms E Wallace – Director Te Unua Museum of Southland
Mr L Butcher – Programme Director (via zoom)
Mr M Morris – Manager – Governance and Legal
Ms R Suter – Manager – Strategy and Policy
Ms L Knight – Manager – Strategic Communications
Mr A Eng – Website Upgrade Business Lead
Ms M Sievwright – Senior Executive Support

1. Apologies

Cr Pottinger, Rev E Cook

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

2. Declaration of Interest

Nil.

3. Te Unua Museum of Southland Deliberations

A5580813

Ms Rhiannon Suter presented the report.

This report was to provide analysis to support councillors in their decision making. It was noted there was an error on page 5 of the report, the rates increase required for option 3 was 1.04% and not 1.54%.

The main consultation points were what the communities preference was and what ranked order they wanted. The benefit of this was to show which was the most and least preferred options. It was noted this was a complex issue as it was a major capital project. There was not a clear view from the community which option was preferred.

In response to a question regarding the ranking system, and was it possible to have two parts, either prepared to run with status quo, or did ratepayers want cost savings and then the preferred options, it was noted there were always different ways to ask questions.

In response to a question regarding stopping the project and looking to use an existing building, it was noted that this was why the timeline had been included in the report. There were certain gates to move through for efficiency.

In response to a question regarding reducing carparking, it was noted that this was not about removing the carpark, it was about delaying. There were 71 carparks originally and these would still be available. This was not around removing previous carparking, it was around additional carparking. A small number of parks had been lost to create a loading zone, but what was being discussed was new additional carparks.

In response to a question regarding removing the Green Star accreditation, it was noted that there were some things that Green Star would require such as electric car charging, however these things would not be included. Most of the items in the Green Star accreditation would be included, however accreditation would not be sought.

In response to a question around Green Star, it was noted if did not do this from the start, then could not go back and get it. Council needed to commit now at the start, which would gain points to achieve accreditation. MBIE had stated that any new government building would achieve Green Star 5 Star which was above the building standard and was efficient to run. A number of carparks had been lost due to reconfiguration. The new carpark would provide 65 parks.

In response to a question regarding who were Green Star, it was noted this was a New Zealand independent accreditation company.

In response to a question regarding when the delayed carparks would be actioned, it was noted that once funding was available, then the carparks would be done.

In response to a question regarding option 3, it was noted that the difference between option 3 and 4, was a saving of \$800,000.

In response to a question regarding Green Star marketing and promotion, it was noted there was no other museum in New Zealand with this accreditation.

In response to a question regarding Green Star's continued costs annually and what that cost was, it was noted that staff did not believe there was an ongoing cost. Staff would look into this and report back.

In response to a question regarding Green Star accreditation and a lifetime accreditation, and if Council were willing for this to be a lifetime accreditation, it was noted it would not be an issue if accreditation lapsed.

In response to a question regarding keeping Green Star and delaying the carpark, it was noted there was no option for this. Councillors could reject all options and introduce new options, however this could cause public complaints and a judicial review if the options were changed.

In response to a question regarding delaying the carpark, it was noted that this would not save money, it would just change the timeline, and the museum would be a building worksite for another two years. It was noted this was delaying the capital pressure. There was a risk that the percentage could increase.

The project team had done a lot of work to get the right outcome for the community. The desire from the community was to just get on and get it done. In terms of the options, the carpark was a critical piece of infrastructure to attract visitors. In terms of Green Star, Council was doing everything they could to be sustainable and needed to think carefully around this accreditation and played in to raise funds with corporate funders as it was an attractive feature.

Two issues which were raised were clarified. The rates number for option 3 was 1.36% which was what was put out for consultation. There was no option which stated keep Green Star and remove carpark as could not get Green Star without carpark. There was a nominal fee of \$6,900 for annual membership to Green Star accreditation through the audit period.

In response to the ongoing tech costs for option 4, it was noted that staff were still working on the operational budget and through the design to understand the requirements of the different components. As hardware and software decisions had not been made yet, the exact numbers could not be confirmed.

In response to a question regarding operational measures for the Green Star accreditation, it was noted that this was done through continual auditing.

In response to a question regarding carparking, and parking access around the facility already, it was noted that Green Star carparking element was around designated hybrid and EV parking.

In response to a question regarding option 4, it was noted that the physical artefacts would be on display. There were different methods which could be used from displays with written labels to digital displays. It was about using everything available.

Moved Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Boyle that Council:

1. Receives the report "Te Unua Museum of Southland Deliberations".
2. After considering the submissions received, strategic and financial implications, and risks agrees the following option for funding of delivery of Te Unua:
 - a. Option 1 – Proceed with the final design based on brief.

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

Note: Cr Bond voted against this motion.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 2.16 pm.

MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC THEATRE, 88 TAY STREET, INVERCARGILL ON TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2024 AT 3.00 PM

Present:

- Cr G M Dermody (Chair)
- 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 P W Kett
- Cr D J Ludlow
- Cr L F Soper
- Cr B R Stewart
- Rev E Cook – Māngai – Waihōpai
- Mrs P Coote – Kaikaunihera Māori – Awarua

In Attendance:

- Mr R Fife – Chair Bluff Community Board
- 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 Strahan – Transition Manager – 3 Waters Reform
- Mr A Snow – Senior Project Manager – (via Zoom)
- Mr J Bradley – Stantec - Zoom
- Mr A Collins – Harrison Grierson - (via Zoom)
- Mr B Watts – Meredith Connell - (via Zoom)
- Mr M Morris – Manager – Governance and Legal
- Ms L Knight – Manager – Strategic Communications
- Ms A Dixon - Communications Advisor
- Mr G Caron – Digital and Communications Advisor
- Mrs L Williams – Team Leader - Executive Support

1. Apologies

Cr Pottinger

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Soper and **RESOLVED** that the apology be accepted.

2. Declaration of Interest

Rev Cook declared a conflict with respect to Item 10 on the agenda - Bluff Wastewater Consent Best Practicable Option, noting it was due to her relationship with Te Ao Mārama.

3. Public Forum

Nil.

4. Major Late Item

4.1 Acceptance of the Major Late Item - Land Transport Programme 2024-2027 – Funding Update

Moved Rev Cook, seconded Cr Stewart and **RESOLVED** that the 'Land Transport Programme 2024-2027 – Funding Update' be accepted.

The reason that the item was not in the agenda: The item was not ready at the time of the publication of the agenda.

The reason why the discussion of the item could not be delayed: Matters could be progressed in a timely manner.

5. Minutes of the Waste Advisory Group (WasteNet) Meeting held on Monday 15 July 2024

A5493152

Moved Cr Stewart, seconded Cr Ludlow (pro forma) and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Waste Advisory Group (WasteNet) meeting held on Monday 15 July 2024 be received.

6. Minutes of the Infrastructure and Projects Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3 September 2024

A5529625

Moved Cr Dermody, seconded Mrs Coote and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Infrastructure and Projects Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3 September 2024 be confirmed.

7. Proposed Road Name – 59, 67 and 81 Lorne Dacre Road

A5527795

Ms Patricia Christie presented the report and noted that was a simple request.

A query was raised around the land and being classed as productive, it was confirmed that it was not level 3.

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

1. Receives the report titled "Proposed Road Name – 59, 67 and 81 Lorne Dacre Road".
2. Approve the proposed road being named – Rangiātea Rise.

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

8. Temporary Road Closures – Great South – Night Food Market Event – 23 November 2024

A5566445

Mrs Erin Moogan presented the report and noted that this event was being held in Esk Street.

A query was asked if a reserve date should be provided for events moving forward. It was noted that staff would check what was possible in terms of legislation, and noted that this was a good idea.

A query was raised if there had been discussions with food vendors around the event being in Esk Street, it was noted that Great South had not noted this. It was confirmed that businesses in the area had been advised and a request would be made to Great South to see if there had been any feedback.

It was noted that during previous events there had been increased business in the area. It was also noted that in Don Street the variety of food had not been available and so the move to Esk Street would see a better synergy.

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Rev Cook that the Infrastructure and Projects Committee:

1. Receives the report titled "Temporary Road Closures – Great South – Night Food Market Event – 23 November 2024".
2. Resolve that the proposed event outlined in the report will not impede traffic unreasonably.
3. Approves the temporary road closure for Esk Street, from Dee Street to Kelvin Street, on Saturday, 23 November 2024 from 2.30pm to 9.00pm, as permitted under the Local Government Act 1974 (Section 342 and Schedule 10).

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

9. Local Water Done Well - Update

A5566863

Mr Andrew Strahan and Ms Erin Moogan presented the report. Mr Strahan noted that he had received templates and guidelines from the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) and added that workshops had been booked in for councillors in November and December 2024.

Mr Strahan took councillors through a presentation which provided an update and key dates.

Ms Moogan noted that would work on ensuring Invercargill centric and that the work would progress at pace and that the work and decisions needed to survive going into a new political term.

It was noted that would need to use some external consulting support through Morrison Low, as well as project management cost. External costs were expected to be around \$467,000.

A query was raised around the delivery options and it was asked if there would be a Southland alone model, it was confirmed that would expect there to be and would discuss with Chief Executives.

A query was raised around option 4 and borrowing, it was noted that in the presentation the wording came from the DIA and that had raised with the Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) to enquire if they would still lend to an entity that came with their own revenue and asset lease with Council. LGFA had confirmed that they would.

It was noted that important to have community consultation and that the DIA had confirmed that needed to consult on two options.

A query was raised around governance and that would be through Mayors and Chief Executives and then through this committee for the Otago Southland work. Ms Moogan noted that when came to Invercargill City it would be a traditional process. Workshops would come through Infrastructure and then to Council to confirm.

A query was raised around resourcing, it was a busy programme and was there comfort that had the resource to do the work. Mr Day noted that felt had the right resources and that did agree time poor and the Executive Leadership Team would address. He added that there was not enough resource in the country to do this work.

A query was raised around funding and that it had been proposed that any leftover better off funding would go to this work. Mr Day noted that would need to look at how could manage within resources but there may be the need to come back through the Annual Plan for funding.

A query was raised if any of the work done with Otago Southland had any benefit with the recent flooding events or highlight anything. It was noted that highlighted the challenges around investment required in that space. Ms Moogan added that the work had brought the officer level of staff closer together to look at options of how to work together and share information and sharing resources.

A query was asked at what stage consultation would be with the community, it was noted that would be post Council's decision on options and would be around March 2025.

A query was raised around a CCO and sharing data with others and that in option 5 it implied that could ringfence so that did not have a shared debt. It was confirmed this was possible.

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

1. Receives the report "Local Water Done Well – Update and Decision".

Recommends to Council:

2. That Council approve the proposed approach, delivery timeframes and associated budget estimate, as detailed in the attached Briefing document.

10. Bluff Wastewater Consent Best Practicable Option

A5537173

Ms Erin Moogan presented the report and took councillors through a presentation and noted that the preferred option was 1F.

Mr Collins spoke to the work undertaken by the Technical Working Group that looked at the options, the group were then asked to assess the Status Quo option. It was noted that despite reviewing the weightings that there was little or no change to the preferred option, i.e. cultural, affordability and environmental. It was noted that would require further site investigation and that the working group felt that the preferred option would be achievable.

It was noted that had received advice through the Fast Track that the Bluff Wastewater Consent did not make the cut for fast track and that added that only schedule one projects would come through to law. It was added that the alternative water did make schedule one and did not believe that the Bluff Wastewater would make schedule two.

It was added that there was a Wastewater project that did make schedule one.

A query was raised if all stakeholders had supported option 1F.

Mr Fife spoke to the Bluff Community Board (BCB) decision and noted the Board had given considerable thought to the issue and that the Board supported option 1F and that was the most appropriate Best Practicable Option (BPO), it was affordable and aligned with cultural needs and was deliverable. Mr Fife noted that would like to see some investigation into the wetland and also monitoring of sea water and kai moana and reporting and that fell in line with regulatory acts and that no consideration be given to using the Fast Track bill, and further that the UV system be updated and possible pipe extension.

Ms Moogan added that both Te Ao Mārama and Awarua Rūnaka had provided support for Option 1F in writing.

A query was asked if the BCB's approval of 1F was dependent on the criteria noted, Mr Fife confirmed that the Board believed the criteria needed to be looked at, the Board raised a question around the annual costs. A response was provided that the cost for 1F was higher as a new pump station was needed.

It was confirmed that the Board supported 1F but asked that the other criteria be looked at.

A query was raised if there was anything that showed that 1F would be any better. It was noted that 1A had been removed due to the consenting pathway and concerns raised by Iwi. It was added that the consenting authority would be unlikely to approve the status quo.

A query was asked if the increase was to go through land to provide for cultural issues, it was noted that would work with Iwi.

A query was raised why the working group did not include 1A on the scoring and why 1F ranked at 3.5 and 1G was red at 1 and both were going via land.

Mr Collins added that the Working Group did look at 1A and added that different parts of the Working Group did different scoring and then moderated and agreed. It was noted that 1G was not preferred by Te Ao Mārama and the Rūnaka. He added that did look at the charter between Council and the Rūnaka.

A query was raised around the comparison of 1F and 1G on financial grounds, Mr Collins noted that the group looked at pro rata and effectively a sliding scale was used. Ms Moogan noted that when comparing against all options that the scoring became closer together as opposed to scoring in isolation.

A query was raised why Iwi had declined 1G, it was noted that the land contact via rocks channel was one that had negatives with a direct discharge to land with no environmental benefits.

A query was asked if a rock gully did not increase the quality of the water and that 1F could decrease the water quality due to silt. Ms Moogan noted that the criteria was multi-level and the scoring was done individually and then combined to provide the final scoring, and noted that were obliged to take into account Iwi views through Council's agreement with Te Ao Mārama.

A query was asked if 1F was supported by Iwi even though it may have negative environmental impact, it was noted that was supported by Iwi through the scoring of the options and that Iwi supported the outcome of the Working Group.

Mr Bradley noted that during a process of scoring that parties come together and could change their original views and this was true around New Zealand. He added that with the right type of planting can mitigate the impacts.

It was noted that Te Ao Mārama had very strong views at the beginning and that as worked through the process came to the view that full land discharge was not right for Bluff.

It was noted that the model proposed under 1G met the needs of Iwi around the country and that also a significant increase in costs between 1G and 1F and that not clear why a recommendation would go to Council proposing 1F. It was acceptable to some Iwi around the country and yet not to our Iwi and would request some clarification around that.

A query was raised around the National Coastal Policy Statement and the Southland Coastal Plan and that neither gave Iwi a right to veto.

It was noted that there was a need for caution and needed a greater understanding of 1F and 1G and the support or not.

It was noted that in the spreadsheet attached to the report that Iwi did not support. It was felt that there was not enough information on the table to make a decision.

Ms Moogan noted that the costs in the workshop had been prepared by the Working Group and that once reviewed by staff there were changes, e.g. an additional pump station would be required, and the ongoing costs, that would be for wetland. She added that worked in partnership with Iwi but Iwi were also a stakeholder in the process. She added that if Iwi supported 1F that would have a smoother path through consenting. If Council supported 1G and Iwi did not support that option then there could be significant costs through the consenting process.

Mr Collins added that there were a raft of policy objectives that needed to be covered, the key message would be that there was no right of veto and simply that Iwi made it clear that did not support discharge to water and that saw a range of benefits with wetland discharge.

A query was raised around the objective and that there would be a negative impact on discharge to sea and that none or little using rock. A further query was raised when talking community did that mean Bluff or Invercargill. It was noted that there had been nothing different in terms of consultation with the Bluff community other than talking to the Bluff Community Board did not consult with Bluff in any different way than the wider community.

A query was raised that there was salt water in the wetlands and that set up would be difficult. Mr Bradley noted that the selection of plants would be key in this, and should be able to be accommodated.

It was noted that Awarua Rūnaka supported the BCB and trying to compromise and that the preferred option was to discharge to land, not river, water or lake. It was added that did recognise the costs were greater and that support was given noting considerations that needed to be looked at, i.e. pipe extension and data collection around kai moana and that must align to regional coastal plan for Southland. Also residential contaminants and that some would not be effectively addressed. The pipe extension would mean that discharge would be further out to sea and the tides could take away. Aquaculture in Ocean Beach and the need and desire to develop further.

A query was raised around the costs associated with litigation and if had any idea what that could be, Mr Watts noted that could be in the region of anything up to \$500,000.

A query was raised around a compromise that Iwi was making around the wetlands and that also a compromise around costs also needing to be made. The two compromises needed to be considered carefully. Mr Bradley noted that the roadmap over time approach needed to be considered and that needed to look at generational issues as well as cultural.

A query was raised around the scoring and if removed cultural and financial that technical scores showed that 1F and 1G both out score the land based option and the reason for that. Mr Collins noted that there were concern around the technical feasibility of reticulation and land conditions for 365 days a year. Ms Moogan noted that discharge within two kilometres had poor land availability and that if moved further away, then the costs would be greater and if discharged closer that the land could not support the discharge. Mr Bradley confirmed that within the two kilometres the land was very rocky and so impacted the scoring.

A query was raised around biophysical, it was noted that would need to go back to the specialist that undertook that work. It was noted that there was some residual wetland and potential impacts. It also looked at wider greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.

Note: Cr Ludlow left at 4.45 pm and returned at 4.49 pm.

A query was raised that some Iwi had made the decision that the option of 1G was acceptable and others that 1F was the better solution. Looking at other areas in the country that decision had been made looking at unique geographical situation. It was noted that could not compare why different Iwi choose different solutions and that geographical attributes could come into the decision making along with many other views held by different Iwi. It was noted Hastings and Dunedin Tahuna plants were two of the largest rock chamber discharges and other looked at wetland as a more environmental approach, contact with earth mother.

A query was raised that the public health impact with the wetland option would be mitigated by maintenance and monitoring, it was confirmed that could be mitigated and also there would be conditions imposed through the consent.

The wetland solution as a compromise would be as legitimate for our region as rock would be, and taking into account the BPO.

A query was raised that had conditional support for BCB and Iwi and that the budget did not take into account the costs like the replacement of UV and it was noted that the extension of the outfall would need to be looked at, the UV upgrade was on the workplan.

A query was raised around the litigation costs being anywhere between \$200,000 to \$500,000 and where the legal costs would sit. Mr Watts noted that the Regional Council could appear on appeal and that the biggest burden would fall on Council to advance its case and those were the costs that he noted.

It was queried that someone could appeal before going to the Regional Council and it was confirmed that yes and that would increase the costs to Council.

A further query was raised who could appeal, it was noted that anyone that made a submission on the application, starting with who was notified.

It was added that if Council wished to proceed with the Fast Track process would need to investigate the timing of when new projects could be put forward. Even then there was no guarantee.

A query was raised around the impacts of the conditions. It was noted that would work through the conditions proposed and that could proceed with a recommendation to Council at this meeting.

Note: Rev Cook abstained from all voting on this agenda item.

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

1. Receives the report "Bluff Wastewater Consent Best Practicable Option".
2. Receives the attached presentation "Options Assessment Summary".
3. Note the Technical Working Group's shortlisted options and preferred option:
 - a. Preferred Option – Option 1F Status quo treatment plus new naturalistic wetland.
 - b. Shortlisted Options – Option 1G – Land Contact Non-Wetland.
Option 3B1 – Partial Land Treatment RIB within 2km with.
Option 3B2 – Partial Land Treatment RIB within 6 km with partial discharge to ocean outfall.
4. Note the request from Council for Technical Working Group Consideration of Option 1A Status Quo and the advice on cost and consent outcome provided by the Working Group.
5. Note the advice on significance and staff recommendation that consultation is not required.

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

Recommends to Council:

6. Recommend to Council that it select:
 - a. Option 1F as the Best Practicable Option.
7. That Council request staff proceed with concept design and consent preparation for:
 - a. Option 1F as the Best Practicable Option.
8. That Council considers if the matter is significant and if so request staff initiate a public consultation process.

Following discussion an amendment was put forward:

Moved Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Dermody that the Infrastructure and Projects Committee:

9. Requests that a paper is brought to Council describing the cultural preference between 1F and 1G.

Division was called: Mayor Clark, Crs Boyle, Campbell, Stewart, Dermody, Arnold and Kett voted in favour. Crs Soper, Ludlow, Broad, Crackett and Bond and Mrs Coote voted against.

Seven in favour; five against.

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

The substantive motion became:

Recommends to Council:

6. Recommend to Council that it select:
 - a. Option 1F as the Best Practicable Option.
7. That Council request staff proceed with concept design and consent preparation for:
 - a. Option 1F as the Best Practicable Option.
8. That Council considers if the matter is significant and if so request staff initiate a public consultation process.
9. Requests that a paper is brought to Council describing the cultural preference between 1F and 1G.

Division was called: Crs Bond, Crackett, Broad, Ludlow, Soper and Mrs Coote voted in favour. Mayor Clark, Crs Boyle, Campbell, Stewart, Kett, Dermody and Arnold voted against.

Six in favour; seven against.

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

Individual motions:

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Crackett that the Infrastructure and Projects Committee:

6. Recommend to Council that it select:
 - a. Option 1F as the Best Practicable Option.

Division was called: Crs Soper, Ludlow, Broad, Crackett, Boyle and Bond and Mrs Coote voted in favour. Mayor Clark, Crs Stewart, Kett and Arnold voted against.
Note: Cr Dermody and Cr Campbell – abstained from voting

Seven in favour; four against

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

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

Recommends to Council:

7. That Council request staff proceed with concept design and consent preparation for:
 - a. Option 1F as the Best Practicable Option.

Division was called: Crs Soper, Ludlow, Broad, Crackett and Bond and Mrs Coote voted in favour. Mayor Clark, Crs Boyle, Stewart, Kett and Arnold voted against.

Note: Cr Campbell and Cr Dermody abstained.

Six in favour; five against.

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

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

Recommends to Council:

8. That Council considers if the matter is significant and if so request staff initiate a public consultation process.

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

Note: Cr Boyle abstained.

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

Recommends to Council:

9. Requests that a paper is brought to Council describing the cultural preference between 1F and 1G.

There was concern raised that if passed that would be divisive and not the right motion to be on the table, would create a huge cultural divide.

It was noted that the documents that Council had received provided no clarification why lwi opposed 1G and that needed to receive advice.

Division was called: Mayor Clark, Crs Boyle, Campbell, Stewart, Dermody, Kett and Arnold voted in favour. Crs Soper, Ludlow, Broad, Crackett and Bond and Mrs Coote voted against.

Seven in favour; six against

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

Summary of motions resolved:

Note: Rev Cook abstained from all voting on this agenda item.

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

1. Receives the report "Bluff Wastewater Consent Best Practicable Option".
2. Receives the attached presentation "Options Assessment Summary".
3. Note the Technical Working Group's shortlisted options and preferred option:
 - b. Preferred Option – Option 1F Status quo treatment plus new naturalistic wetland.
 - b. Shortlisted Options – Option 1G – Land Contact Non-Wetland.
Option 3B1 – Partial Land Treatment RIB within 2km with.
Option 3B2 – Partial Land Treatment RIB within 6 km with partial discharge to ocean outfall.
4. Note the request from Council for Technical Working Group Consideration of Option 1A Status Quo and the advice on cost and consent outcome provided by the Working Group.
5. Note the advice on significance and staff recommendation that consultation is not required.

Recommends to Council:

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Crackett that the Infrastructure and Projects Committee:

6. Recommend to Council that it select:
 - a. Option 1F as the Best Practicable Option.

Moved Cr Soper and seconded Cr Bond that the Infrastructure and Projects Committee:

7. That Council request staff proceed with concept design and consent preparation for:
 - a. Option 1F as the Best Practicable Option.

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

8. That Council considers if the matter is significant and if so request staff initiate a public consultation process.

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

9. Requests that a paper is brought to Council describing the cultural preference between 1F and 1G.

Note: The meeting adjourned for a break at 5.39 pm and reconvened 5.50 pm.

Note: Mrs Coote returned at 5.57 pm.

11. Verbal Update on the Dunedin Hospital

Mayor Clark provided the verbal update and noted that the initial shortfall was \$1.88 billion and predicting would reach \$3 billion. Some savings had been found in the region of \$300 million and services may be moved away from the hospital and some refurbishment of existing spaces. He talked of regional support and that some were not supportive as were looking for services in their own area and the need to take away from other areas if put into Dunedin. The issues were with in-patient services. He added that would be three weeks away from knowing the full impact.

A query was raised around service level and if there was a reduction, it was noted that not the number of beds but where they were located. He noted that the specialists etc liked working together.

Note: Cr Arnold left at 6.11 pm and returned at 6.12 pm.

The cut was to the physical building itself and that perhaps one PET scanner would be removed.

It was noted that the numbers were based on figures that were presumptive and not necessarily true. One area was the computer system that was a separate cost and had been approved and that was now being included in the current numbers and there were a number of those that skewed the numbers.

It was noted that Dunedin was a regional hospital and that areas like Invercargill, Gore and Dunstan would not have the same level of services and did not want Christchurch to become the regional hospital. It was also an attack on the Otago Medical School and the government had talked about the Medical School to be located in Hamilton.

Note: Cr Arnold left the meeting at 6.18 pm.

The Medical School was a core part of the wider region not just Dunedin. The attraction of specialists, not just neurology, but heart and kidney, the Medical School attracted specialists to the region.

There had been an approach around a march in Invercargill and felt that time had passed and that needed to keep up the protest through the media and the Mayor.

It was noted that did not get any funding for infrastructure projects and yet contribute 18% of the GDP.

Important to the region and need to keep fighting. Mayor Clark noted would send links to councillors to send emails though to ministers. It was added had requested to be added to Council's website. It was noted that if wanted to be added to the website would need a resolution.

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

1. Receives the "Verbal Update on the Dunedin Hospital".
2. Request staff place the Hospital protest logo and links to any other submission materials on the Council website.

12. Major Late item - Land Transport Programme 2024-2027 – Funding Update A5578564

Ms Erin Moogan spoke to the report and noted that had received funding allocations for Land Transport Programme. She added that there had been changes made by the new Government and focussing on core maintenance and pothole fund. The allocation received was good in comparison to neighbours and that did leave a few areas of concern, one being reduction in footpath renewal programme and would need to drop down to one third of the programme and low cost, low risk and safety programme received zero funding.

It was noted that if government step back could not always step forward to pick up the funding shortfall.

It was clarified that not proposing that Council fund more to cover what Government was no longer funding that simply would reduce the programme to reflect the lower funding.

Clarification was sought of the figures in the report, it was noted that looked at what received last year and what had received this year. Overall over the three year period would be \$2.1 million ahead.

It was queried with respect to walking and cycling had receive more than requested, it was noted in the affirmative.

A query was raised what would be local roading work and what would ratepayers be worse off. It was noted that more money had gone into potholes and renewals and money had come out of footpaths, and low risk e.g. intersection at Mill Road would not have money for that in the future, also signs around schools and school programmes. It was clarified local road works include footpaths.

A query was raised if that could utilise money that had been set aside that was to be matched with this funding and could that be used elsewhere, it was confirmed yes.

Concern was raised around the safety of people, children the elderly and the need to reprioritise. It was confirmed that staff would look to reduce the programme and retain the Council share for the programmes to enable staff to do 50% of the work.

It was reaffirmed that need to be cautious that do not continue to fill the gap left by government and the need to prioritise.

A query was raised around vehicles and potholes and that in Bluff for example there were at least seven trucks leaving Bluff and two travelling towards Bluff and their impact on the road, and where rail sat.

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

1. Receives the report "National Land Transport Programme 2024-2027 – Funding Update".

Recommend to Council:

2. To approve an amended scope of work for network improvement, safety promotion and footpath renewals to a level that meets Councils Long-term Plan commitments utilising available NZTA funds and completing additional work on an unsubsidised basis up to the budget limit of Long-term Plan.

13. Public Excluded Session

Moved Cr Ludlow, 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 Waste Advisory Group (WasteNet) Meeting Held on 15 July 2024
- b. Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 3 September 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. Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Waste Advisory Group (WasteNet) Meeting Held on 15 July 2024	<p>Section 7(2)(b)(ii)</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)</p> <p>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>
	<p>Section 7(2)(i)</p> <p>Enable any local authority holding the</p>	

information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

- b. Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 3 September 2024

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

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 6.31 pm.

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To: All Councilors - including Mana Whenua representatives
Bluff Community Board Chair
Te Ao Marama Inc chair

Copied to: Michael Day - ICC CE
Erin Moogan - Infrastructure GM

From: Nobby Clark - ICC Mayor

Date: Sunday 13 October 2024

REF: **Bluff Waste Water (WW) consent options**

Under Standing Orders the chair of any meeting and specifically the Mayor at full Council, may table a report on an issue before the committee / Council.

Following the latest Infrastructure committee meeting (8 October), there was uncertain Councilor support for option 1F, little or no direction on public consultation and a request to management for a report to the full Council meeting (29 October) on why iwi is opposed to option 1G (rock gully option).

At the full Council meeting, I intend to leave the committee minutes (and any recommendations) on the table, to allow for a further workshop to explore the range of options (1A, 1F and 1G) and clarify the advice, that is seen by some councillors as inconsistent with the recommended 1F option (wet land option).

At the same full Council meeting (29 October), I also expect Te Ao Marama Inc and the two Runaka representatives to give councillors advice on their opposition to 1G – given the Dunedin outcome.

Some Councilors have suggested to me that the additional workshop allows mana whenua to reconsider their position on 1A or 1GG – given Dunedin has the support of mana whenua for a 1G outcome (according to the advice in the committee meeting).

At the workshop, I would also like some advice on the iwi value of papatuanuku (mother earth). My understanding of that iwi value is that iwi recognise papatuanuku as the mother earth, who gives birth to all things including people. How does that value translate into the presented value that waste water must return to mother earth before being discharged into water (river and ocean) ?

I do not support any of the options other than 1A, unless 1F or 1G can be shown that the cultural value of 'land before water' is either adding to the environmental outcome or/and is considered against the 1A status quo on the affordability criteria.

I will also expect management advice on the cost of extending the current 50 metre discharge pipe by a further 50 metres – and what environmental improvement that will provide.

It is my view, based on the advice from both ICC Management and the advisory group, option 1F actually will deteriorate the quality of the waste water being discharged to the ocean – 1G does not deteriorate but does not add any environmental enhancement - and that the affordability criteria has not been properly assessed against 1A (which Council reinserted into the shortlist options for the exact purpose of a comparison with the status quo which is currently compliant with the current consent).

Before anybody suggests again, that challenging the iwi support for 1F is akin to creating a racial divide, we are elected members to provide our ratepayers many things, but in particular, affordable management of the council deliverables and its' impact on annual rate increases.

You will all be aware of the cost of living impacts on ratepayers, especially those in Bluff, who by the Utility report provided to us, have a '\$20,000 per family' lower income than the average in the wider city, including South City, that is decile 9 (decile 10 being the highest deprivation rating in NZ).

Unfortunately, a disproportionate number of iwi families fall into that low income bracket in both Bluff and South City - have we lost sight of them as we attempt to appease mana whenua on 1F and the papatuanuku value ?

You may also have read in this weekend's media, of elderly ratepayers in Gore, selling their homes, as they can't afford Gores' 21.3% rate increase. I also have plenty of feedback from city ratepayers – and in particular, solo women, those who lived on low income, part time work, seasonal work and now live on a single rate of National Super with little or no savings.

And these rate increases not only impact home owners and struggling businesses, but also renters (most landlord costs get passed on into rental fees).

I have now read the following documents twice to ensure myself of the obligations we have:

- NZ National Coastal statements
- Southland Coastal plan 2013
- Charter of Understanding – He Huarahi mo Nga Uri Whakatapu 2016 (this is the founding document for Te Ao Marama Inc)

The overarching obligations in these three documents include both consultation and the requirement by Council to 'understand the values of iwi'.

They do not obligate onto Council any ability by iwi to disregard or veto any of the options under consideration – we just have to consult, listen and consider. To have options put aside even when full Council required option 1A be added to the shortlist, is in my view inappropriate democracy.

The other requirement on Council from the documents above (National Coastal statements and the Southland Coastal plan 2013) and the RMA is to consider other options. **I support that** – we should always look for environmental, affordability and cultural enhancements.

What I do not support, is cultural enhancement at the expense of no or worse environmental outcomes and significant unaffordability to our ratepayers.

I am certain that if we properly cost out options 1F and 1G and compare them against 1A (given that an ultra violet upgrade and maybe an ocean pipe extension could apply to all 3 options) and then publically consult over these issues with our city ratepayers, you can predict the outcome.

RMA v Fast Track Act consent processes

We have had much uncertain advice from the advisory panel and management of which process offers the best pathway forward – **given any decision we make on the options (and more importantly any we exclude, may set a precedent for the much larger Clifton plant due for consideration next year – for a consent that expires 2029).**

Fast Track update:

- The Minister has advised the 149 consent applications in schedule 1 – including the Far North Council Waste water consent.
- The Minister has yet to announce the applications in schedule 2 – Council management were advised that our Bluff WW consent was not in schedule 1 - and did we want to be in schedule 2 – our response was “Yes”.
- Schedule 2 processing by the proposed Expert Panel is likely to be after schedule 1 and about 18 months away.
- To safeguard the roll over of existing consents (which the government had not factored in until I raised it with them) – government will use an SOP (Supplementary Order Paper) which alters or adds to the bill while it is in the committee of the whole house debate.
- This affords Council security of the existing consent, for which we are compliant and avoids the \$200,000 - \$500,000 forecasted cost of an appeal to the Environment Court under the RMA process.

Conclusion

I believe Council should utilise the Fast Track Act process.

I also believe that our application should be for option 1A, given neither options 1F or 1G add any environment enhancement and do not meet any reasonable affordability criteria, solely based on cultural value alone.

I believe if that was not supported by the Expert Panel process, we could have a 1G ‘fall back’ position if needed.

Regards
Nobby

BLUFF WASTEWATER CONSENT – 1F AND 1G

To:	Council
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 29 October 2024
From:	Erin Moogan
Approved:	Michael Day - Chief Executive
Approved Date:	Wednesday 23 October 2024
Open Agenda:	Yes
Public Excluded Agenda:	No

Purpose and Summary

On 8 October 2024 the Infrastructure and Projects Committee considered a report Bluff Wastewater Consent Best Practicable Option.

Amongst other recommendations the Committee requested that a paper is brought to Council describing the cultural preference between 1F and 1G.

Recommendations

That Council:

1. Receives the report "Bluff Wastewater Consent – 1F and 1G".
2. Considers the recommendations of the Infrastructure and Projects Committee on Bluff Wastewater in line with the additional information provided in this report.

Background

The current Bluff Wastewater discharge consent expires December 2025. A new consent is programmed for application in April 2025, and lodgement no later than end of June 2025.

Council through its risk framework has adopted a risk appetite statement. Council has described its risk appetite for legislative compliance and control as averse. That is Council is unwilling to take on anything other than small risks.

Council has consents for its wastewater treatment plants. Based on the risk appetite established by Council any process presented by staff should be presented in such a way as to ensure that there is a small risk that the consent will not be granted. This ensures that there is a

small risk that Council will be non-compliant with its compliance obligations and manage any reputational risk associated with that non-compliance.

That process involves Council seeking advice from:

- A Technical Working Group established to advise Council on the options available to Council to obtain renewal of its wastewater consent for Bluff; and
- Legal advice as to the options available in the event that the consent renewal became contestable.

In 2023 a technical Work Group was formed to undertake the options assessment for future methods of treatment and make recommendations to Council on the lowest risk consent pathway. The working group shortlisted the following options and recommended Option 1F to the Infrastructure and Projects Committee on 8 October 2024.

- a. Preferred Option Option 1F Status quo treatment plus new naturalistic wetland.
- b. Shortlisted Options Option 1G – Land Contact Non-Wetland.
 Option 3B1 – Partial Land Treatment RIB within two km with partial discharge to ocean outfall.
 Option 3B2 – Partial Land Treatment RIB within six km with partial discharge to ocean outfall.

The Committee resolved to recommend to Council that it select Option 1F as the Best Practicable Option however to inform that final decision, the Infrastructure and Projects Committee has also asked for an explanation as to why the "naturalistic wetlands" option is preferred over the "rock filter" option. This is to ensure Council can better understand the reasons, so that they can justify supporting the significant additional costs of Option 1F over 1G.

Council staff have provided the Committee's request to Te Ao Mārama Inc. (TAMI) who are considering the request. At the time of the report it is unclear if that will be received.

Issues

At the Infrastructure and Projects meeting, the matter was made more complicated by Te Rūnaka o Awarua's (Te Rūnaka) attached letter which, although expressing support for Option 1F, made this support conditional on some matters including advocating for an extended pipeline (refer Te Rūnaka's point 2 in attached letter);

This option was considered but rejected by the Working Group (including representative of TAMI) at an earlier stage. Raising this matter at this stage (after the project Working Group and Governance Group have already considered options comprehensively and made a recommendation) is problematic as this would add considerably to the estimated costs at a time when the proposals are already pushing the limits of available budgets.

With regard to Te Rūnaka's other points, these are namely:

- The Working Group will be further investigating the naturalistic wetland feasibility and design (refer Te Rūnaka's point 1 in attached letter); and

- The Working Group will continue to work with TAMI and Te Rūnaka when developing and recommending proposed conditions of consent as part of the resource consent application. We anticipate the reinstatement of mahinga kai/kai moana monitoring to complement existing and proposed water quality monitoring (refer Te Rūnaka's point 3 in attached letter); and
- Once the solution is consented, Council will comply with all consent requirements imposed, noting that the consent will be issued under the provisions of the Regional Coastal Plan (refer Te Rūnaka's point 4 in attached letter)

While most of the conditions provided by Te Rūnaka have minimal impact on the risk profile of Option 1F the outfall condition is significant. Initial advice is that the cost of extending the outfall to meet this condition would be at least \$5 million and could be significantly more.

Council staff understand that Te Rūnaka is in the process of clarifying its position with regards to the pipe extension matter. At this point in time though, and until superseded by any later letter that may or may not be received, Te Rūnaka's position is one of 'conditional support' as set out in the 7 October letter. As this condition is unable to be accommodated this modifies the risk profile of Option 1F for Council.

An updated summary of options 1G and 1F is provided below.

Option	Cost	Advantages	Disadvantages
1F – Surface Flow Wetland	Capital \$6,490,000 Annual Maintenance \$210,000 Whole of Life \$15,577,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Working Group Preferred option • Te Ao Mārama support • Bluff Community Board Preferred Option • Biodiversity Benefits • Potential consent term at the high end of the moderate range. • Te Ao Mārama support • Makes option unlikely to trigger significance provisions, noting the risk presented by Te Rūnaka o Awarua. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current 1F Option not supported by Te Rūnaka o Awarua • Capital and operating cost higher than Status Quo and higher than Option 1G • Small increased risk to maintain treated wastewater quality through the wetland due to sedimentation and bird life • Further site investigations required
1G – Land Contact Non-wetland	Capital \$3,630,000 Annual Maintenance \$50,000 Whole of Life \$7,697,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordability - Capital and operating cost while higher than Status Quo are lower than Option 1F – particularly operating costs • Ease of maintenance • Improved certainty of treated discharge quality than wetland option 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This option is not supported by Te Rūnaka o Awarua or Te Ao Mārama • Not the preferred option of the working group • Potential consent term at the low end of the moderate range – cost associated with future upgrades may be required sooner. • Iwi opposition likely to trigger significance provisions and require public consultation.

As set out above Council's objective in this process is to obtain a new resource consent for Bluff wastewater treatment in a manner that reflects its risk averse position. This includes

ensuring the treatment plant does not lapse into a period where the discharge becomes illegal. Should Council decide not to make a decision on its preferred option in October staff advice is there will not be time following a Council decision at the end of November to run a public consultation process in 2024. Should Council elect to publicly consult on the matter in 2025 there is an increased risk that Council would not meet the April deadline for consent application. This would increase the likelihood that Council will have a period of unconsented operation of the treatment plant.

Council is also currently required to develop a Water Services Delivery Plan as part of the Local Water Done Well proposals from the current government. One of the requirements of the Water Services Delivery Plan is that it ensures that all relevant regulatory quality standards will be met for stormwater, wastewater and water supply networks.

Council has also received this week further advice on updates to the Fast-Track Approvals legislation (FTA). On 18 October 2024 the Select Committee's report on the Fast-Track Approvals Bill was released. The FTA has changed in some important respects, which alter its appeal for the Bluff Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

The area into which the Bluff plant discharges is contained in two Mātaitai reserves. These are reserves that were created under the Fisheries Act 1996, recognising and providing for customary food gathering food gathering by Māori and the special relationship between tangata whenua and places of importance for customary food gathering.

If Council were to advance an option that was opposed by the tāngata whenua of the area, and they could persuade the Minister that the treated wastewater discharge would have more than a minor adverse effect "on the use or management" of the Mātaitai reserves, the project would now be ineligible for the fast-track. If the Mātaitai reserves eligibility criterion survives into the final form of the FTA, we have been advised it will significantly reduce the feasibility of using the FTA process for any option that tāngata whenua oppose.

As previously noted there is a very real possibility that the FTA will be amended again as it passes through its second reading, the Committee of the Whole House and its third reading.

On the basis of the above there is risk that the FTA process will not achieve a consent for Bluff. Council has received advice from the Working Group that option 1F is more likely than 1G to receive a reasonable consent term under the RMA process and that there is uncertainty in the consenting outcome for option 1G. While this paper notes the conditional approval of Te Rūnaka increases the risk of option 1F it has still been assessed as a lower risk option for Council than 1G. Council has also received advice via the Infrastructure and Projects Committee as to the legal consequence of a challenge to the resource consent application through the RMA process, including the risk that an alternative solution is required to be implemented following that challenge.

Next Steps

That Council consider the recommendation of the Infrastructure and Projects Committee on the new Bluff Wastewater Consent in line with the additional information provided.

Attachments

1. Letter from Te Rūnaka o Awarua – Wastewater Consent – A5581900

A5581900

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7 October 2024

Invercargill City Council
CE Michael Day

Kia ora Michael

On September 23rd, the Trustees of Te Rūnaka o Awarua convened to discuss the evaluation results regarding the Affordability Assessment options presented to the Council during the Bluff Wastewater Consent Workshop with the Bluff Community Board on September 16th 2024.

After extensive discussions, we reaffirmed our preferred position of discharge wastewater onto land rather than into the ocean, river, or lake. However, we recognised that the costs associated with this approach significantly exceed the current budget allocation.

In light of our deliberations, we support the Working Group and Governance Group's Recommendation Option 1F (which entails maintaining the status quo while adding a new naturalistic wetland) in principle, contingent upon the following conditions:

1. Feasibility Assessment: A thorough investigation of the adjacent wetland's small section is necessary to determine its viability for wastewater management.
2. Pipe Extension: We advocate for extending the 50-meter discharge pipe to a greater distance to minimise potential impacts on the coastal environment.
3. Baseline Data Collection: A baseline assessment of the current state of Mahinga Kai / Kaimoana along the front and back of Ocean Beach should be conducted to inform monitoring efforts.
4. Compliance Assurance: Our solution must align to the Regional Coastal Plan for Southland.

As Kaitiaki (guardians), we must consider the broader implications of these decisions on our environment, particularly regarding our coastal marine areas, ecosystems, and the declining state of our infrastructure. We are keenly aware that systems designed to prevent contamination can fail, potentially leading to the pollution of our coastal marine area. Additionally, we remain concerned about residual contaminants that persist in treated

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wastewater. While some will be mitigated by flowing through the wetland, others will not be effectively addressed.

We express our gratitude for consulting with the Rūnaka, and we look forward to collaborating in partnership to serve the best interests of the Bluff community and its coastal areas and ecosystems.

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Gail Thompson
Te Runaka o Awarua
Manager

EASTERN CEMETERY EXPANSION PROJECT

To:	Council
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 29 October 2024
From:	Caroline Rain – Parks and Recreation Manager
Approved:	Rex Capil - Group Manager - Community Spaces and Places
Approved Date:	Thursday 3 October 2024
Open Agenda:	Yes

Purpose and Summary

The purpose of this paper is to draw down on existing Cemeteries and Crematorium financial reserves to build infrastructure within the existing Local Purpose Reserve, Eastern Cemetery.

Recommendations

That Council:

1. Receives the report "Eastern Cemetery Expansion Project".
2. Acknowledges the previous water table drainage issue within Block 53 of the Eastern Cemetery, which has been rectified.
3. Acknowledges the continuation of drainage of the new zone proposed North of Block 53 within the Eastern Cemetery.
4. Endorses the direct procurement of contractors due to continuation of recent contract delivery.
5. Endorses the Eastern Cemetery Expansion Project to be funded through the release of the Cemeteries and Crematorium financial reserves.
6. Approves funds (\$850,000) to be released from Cemeteries and Crematorium financial reserves.

Background

Eastern Cemetery is designated as a Local Purpose Reserve through the Reserves Act 1977 for the purpose of burials. The current block (53) being utilised for burials had previous water table issues, which resulted in an exceptionally poor experience for visitors and users of this area with water becoming present at grave sites.

During the 2023/24 financial year, a drainage project installed effective drainage through Block 53 which improved the water table management and reduced the risk of unusable areas. During the winter months' water did become present and further clearing of the associated ditch and waterway has completely eliminated this water table issue.

Due to the success of this water table management project, the Parks and Recreation team are now in a position to design and build infrastructure in the next block to future proof the area to meet future demand for graves. Until now there was not the confidence that this area of the Eastern Cemetery was viable for graves to be located.

Issues and Options

Analysis

Initial designs of the drainage required for Block 53, was unable to be installed due to the infrastructure already present. The drainage design required modification to ensure that the maximum amount of drainage was able to occur. This has allowed for the expected level of service to be delivered.

For maximum drainage efficiency of Block 54 to occur, all drainage infrastructure needs to be installed prior to roads, paths, beams and amenity.

Future Capacity

The annual demand (5-year average) for the Eastern Cemetery, is 175 burials. The current initial design for the plots in Block 54, allows for more than 1600 individual plots, creating circa 10-year capacity for the Eastern Cemetery. This is utilising all of the remaining land designated as Local Purpose. After this time, more land will need to be purchased to continue this core service. For reference this is planned for within the District Plan and of note a financial reserve is in place for purchase of land.

Options

1. Project is future focussed and provides for a minimum of 10 years infrastructure (drainage, roads and paths), to enable ongoing work to provide for supply and demand.
2. Provide a two-year capacity and repeat project every 2 years to keep up with demand.
3. Do not provide capacity and redirect demand to regional Cemeteries, contrary to legislative requirements.

Significance

The level of significance in terms of the Councils Significance and Engagement Policy of the decision is assessed as being medium to low for the following reasons:

- **Importance to the Invercargill City Council**

The Parks and Recreation Asset Management Plan considers the Cemetery is a critical asset providing for the burial needs of community. Ensuring Cemeteries continue to have the appropriate level of forward provision to enable future burials is a high priority.

- **Community Interest**
There is wide community interest and sensitivity regarding Cemetery services including from families, cultural groups and the funeral industry. Consultation with the funeral director user group will be undertaken.
- **Inconsistency with existing policy and strategy**
The decision is consistent with existing policy and strategy.
- **The impact on the Council's capability and capacity**
The impact on the objectives set out in the Financial Strategy, Ten Year Plan and Annual Plan. There will be little if any impact on the Council's capability and capacity.
- **Cost to Council and impact on funders, including ratepayers.**
Low impact Utilisation of existing financial reserves negates the requirement for ratepayer funding. A small amount of interest on the reserves will be lost for several years until revenue is generated to rebuild the reserves.

Options

Option 1 - Ten Year Infrastructure Capacity

This option obtains cost efficiencies from undertaking large scale investment in a short space of time. This will also utilise all of the remaining land within Eastern Cemetery and allow staff to determine the next stage of the expansion to provide for burials 15-20 years ahead.

Option 2 - Two Year Infrastructure Capacity

This requires less draw down on reserves initially, however equates to more over time. This option does not obtain the cost efficiencies from large scale investment and will cost the council more in the long term.

Option 3 - No Capacity

This option, (not effectively an option), removes capacity to undertaken burials ongoing. This is in breach of the Burials and Cremations Act 1964.

Community Views

Visitors to Eastern Cemetery have strong emotional connections, and they expect a high standard of service that reflects the sensitivity of the setting. Parks and Recreation hear when the level of service is not acceptable and staff will work through this with individuals and Funeral Directors. This was the case when the water table management at Block 53 needed improvements.

There is an expectation from our community that the Eastern Cemetery Expansion project will progress to allow for continued burials to occur.

Implications and Risks

Financial Implications

The financial impacts for this project are complex and require a full understanding to proceed.

1. The presence of financial reserves in the Cemeteries and Crematorium accounts give the ability for capital investment without being rates funded and therefore having no impact on percentage rates increase.
2. Drawing down of financial reserves will have an impact on interest received from these reserves, (circa \$20K-\$30K in interest annually).
3. The installation of cemetery beams is budgeted for within Parks and Recreation operational funding, (circa \$10K OPEX and \$20K salaries), however the surrounding infrastructure (i.e. drainage) is not present to enable these beams to be constructed.
4. Undertaking this project will not only generate a core level of service which is required by the Council, the project will also generate revenue of \$350K-\$400K to rebuild reserves for future expansion.

Legal Implications

Burials and Cremations Act 1964, Section 4 (1) prescribes; It shall be the duty of every local authority, where sufficient provision is not otherwise made for the burial of the bodies of persons dying within its district, to establish and maintain a suitable cemetery.

Climate Change

Increased adverse weather events, creating environmental damage to the land through water table flooding, are actively being managed through drainage infrastructure.

Providing an amenity, road and path network, manage the surface water issues, also managing the impact of the surface water damage to the land.

Risk

Parks and Recreation Activity Management Plan (Including Cemeteries), outlines the future development of the Eastern Cemetery through Section 4.4 Future Demand Issues and Challenges, and 10.2 Improvement Plan – Eastern Cemeteries continue to have the appropriate level of forward provisions to enable future burials.

The risk of not preceding is both financial and legal. The options of providing infrastructure, (2 years vs 10 years), also has financial risks as the costs associated with the short term capacity result in increased drawn down on reserves and increased cost in delivery of infrastructure installation.

Procurement

As this design work was recently completed for Block 53, through GETS procurement, there is the benefit of obtaining a procurement waiver for continuation of design services and delivery contractors by direct procurement. This is proposed for project efficiency and success. Approval for procurement waivers will be sought in due course.

Strategic Consistency

The recommended decision supports the sustainability aspect in the vision for cemeteries and crematorium in the Parks and Recreation (including Cemeteries) Activity Management Plan 2024 and the Cemeteries and Crematorium Plan 2019.

Vision: 'A distinctive, charming and sustainable network of cemeteries and crematorium offering diverse sensitive burial and cremation options, established in a way that people feel at peace, are comfortable and safe'.

The recommended decision aligns with the Cultural Wellbeing aspect of the community outcomes/wellbeings by meeting our people's diverse cultural needs.

Although a Masterplan is not yet developed for the Cemetery, the proposal aligns with the key move to continue to have the appropriate level of forward provision to enable future burials and are located in environments that are peaceful and safe.

Proactive management of this critical asset minimises the risk of failing to meet community demand.

Providing quality infrastructure in the most cost-effective way aligns with Councils strategic priorities of financial prudence and efficiency in the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.

The proposal will deliver the levels of service to existing and future users in an efficient and cost-effective way that ensures the cemetery activity achieves its and the City's vision.

Next Steps

1. Approval received from Council confirming scope and funding source.
2. Detailed Design, further detailed scope, milestones and costs reducing variance accepted to be 10%. Current costing is estimated at 30% variance.
3. Procurement of services and construction contract approved with waivers as required and move toward delivery.
4. Built infrastructure installation and construction management.
5. Project handover for operational delivery and lessons learnt process.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Proposed Concept Plan – North of Block 53 (A5486215)



12/8/24 Draft Eastern Cemetery - Proposed Concept Plan - North of Block 53 - A3

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2025/2026 GREAT SOUTH LETTER OF EXPECTATION

To:	Council
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 29 October 2024
From:	Trudie Hurst, Group Manager – Community Engagement and Corporate Services
Approved:	Michael Day - Chief Executive
Approved Date:	Tuesday 22 October 2024
Open Agenda:	Yes

Purpose and Summary

This report provides Council with the opportunity to agree upon the priority areas for the 2025/2026 Great South Letter of Expectation.

Recommendations

That Council:

1. Receives the report "2025/2026 Great South Letter of Expectation".
2. Notes the background information provided by Great South (A5585240).
3. Notes the formula which will be used to determine the level of funding which will be determined as part of the Annual Plan 2024/25.
4. Agrees the following requests from Invercargill City Council (ICC) for inclusion in the Joint Shareholders Committee Letter of Expectation:
 - a. Development of a one-page economic development strategy for Invercargill District for the period 2025 – 2035, to include what measures for support will be provided from Great South and measures for how value will be created.
 - b. Maintain focus on liaising with industries which may want to develop within the Invercargill District.
 - c. Maintain focus on advocating for the Invercargill District at a national and Central Government level.
 - d. Maintain focus on tourism and events development, noting the importance of these areas, including to the economic development strategy for the city.
 - e. Provide direction as to the next steps for the Bluff Tourism Masterplan, including consideration of the whether the implementation role should continue as part of Great South's work for Invercargill City Council and if not, how Great South will apply resource to support Tourism in Bluff.
 - f. Support for Regional Spatial Plan Development when requested, noting this process will be led by the Territorial Authorities and Regional Council.
 - g. Support for the Regional Climate Change group.

- h. Support for housing when requested, noting the support will require to be tailored to the priority areas for the City as identified by Council.

Background

The Letter of Expectation is provided each year by the Joint Shareholders Committee on behalf of the shareholders. Council contributes information on the funding allocation and the areas for priority focus. Great South (GS) has shared their areas of priority for 2025/2026 to inform this Letter of Expectation process.

Funding

Following the Statement of Intent process, the funding is finalised through the Annual Plan, reflecting any changes to the core funding formula.

Core funding formula: $(A/B) \times (C-D)$

(A) The number of people living within the ICC boundaries divided by (B) the total number of people living within the ICC and Southland District Council (SDC) boundaries. Multiplied by the (C) total sum of the Core Costs minus (D) the sum payable by Environment Southland (ES) and Gore District Council (GDC).

Noting changes to population in the 2023 census which records the Invercargill City Council population as 55,599, compared to the 2018 census of 54,204.

Issues and Options

Analysis

Strategic Economic Development

Great South takes a regional approach to economic development. Within this the place of the city within the region is reflected, but there has not been a specific plan for city economic development or for economic development for Bluff. A specific strategic plan for the District will enable greater focus on the specific needs of Invercargill and Bluff to be identified and Great South resources applied most effectively.

Tourism and Events

In previous Letter of Expectations Council has noted the importance of both tourism and events to city development, with the area of events a particular focus. Council recognises the importance of city centre vibrancy to community cultural wellbeing and creating Our City with Heart. Events particularly have an important place in supporting this. The Bluff Community Board have noted the importance of tourism development which supports the local community. One way this is currently supported is through the Bluff Tourism Masterplan Implementation role. Continued focus on how Great South will support both these in the city and Bluff will be welcome.

Regional Spatial Plan

The Regional Spatial Plan is an optional tool which sits alongside the of the District Plan and within the purview of Local Authorities to deliver. This will be led by Council but there may be times where data or insights are available from Great South and support to provide these in a form which enables delivery of the process is welcome and requested.

Climate Change

The First Stage of the Climate Change Strategy has now been delivered and the process is moving into the action phase. Great South is represented in an advisory form on the group and this support is requested to continue.

Housing

Through Beyond 2025 Great South has developed a regional strategy on housing and the first phase of tools to deliver this. It is recognised that housing development is a market led issue. Council has a number of roles to play in the area of housing which are recognised through the Long-term plan, including regulator, housing provider of elderly housing, as well as opportunities for partnership and support for example through making land available for housing and/or partnering with community or private sector groups to enable housing projects. Great South's support will be welcome on an agreed basis which aligns with city areas of focus and identified need.

Significance

This issue is not significant and does not require consultation.

Community Views

Some members of the community shared their views on Great South as part of the Long-term plan. This included support or suggestions for particular areas of focus such as new industry development or tourism promotion, as well as requests for more information about how the ratepayer contribution is allocated.

Implications and Risks

Strategic Consistency

This letter of expectation is consistent with the Long-term plan areas of focus identified by Great South.

Financial Implications

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Legal Implications

Council is providing the required direction within the timeframe to enable the Joint Shareholders Committee and Great South to meet the milestones of the Statement of Intent process.

Climate Change

Climate change is an area of focus for the region and is discussed within the report.

Risk

The following risks and mitigations are identified for this issue.

Risk	Mitigation
Misalignment between Council priorities and expectations, and Great South work.	Request of a District focused strategy.
Legal obligations of the Local Government Act are not met.	Clear milestones and process steps to enable Council to receive the required information to meet its shareholder obligations.

Next Steps

Council's areas of priority will be provided to the Joint Shareholders Committee to complete the preparation of the 2025/2026 Letter of Expectation.

Attachments

1. Great South Background information - A5585240

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Great South Workshop with Invercargill City Council Letter of Expectation 2025/26

10 October 2024

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^{A5585240} Today's Presentation...

1. Our Priorities
2. GS Board directives
3. Tourism & Events
4. DISH – Data & Insights, Housing, Aquaculture
5. Sustainability & Spatial Planning



*“Even better
lives through
sustainable
regional
development”*

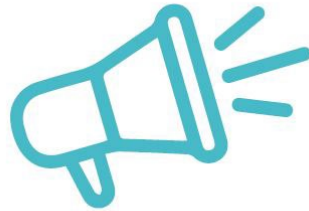
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Our priorities



**Regional
development
leadership**



**Regional
promotion**



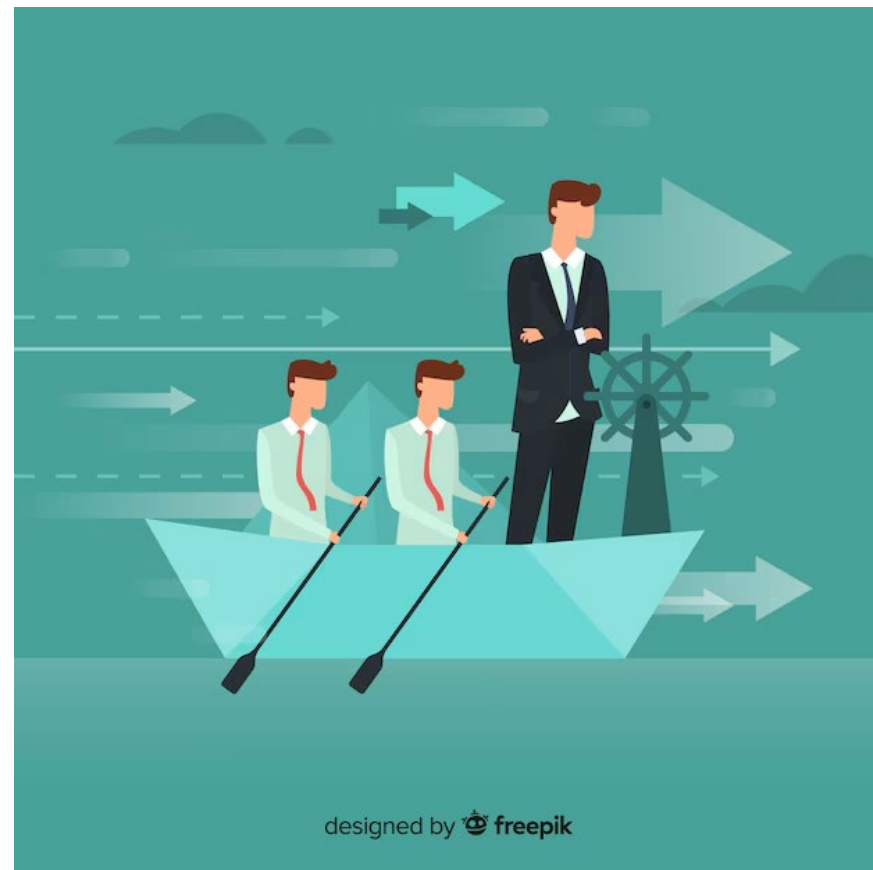
**Business support
and diversification**



**Net Zero
Southland
(Decarbonisation)**

GS Board Directives

- DISH – Data & Insights
 - Continued development
 - Shared services opportunities
- Housing coordination
 - Subject to **additional** funding
- Aquaculture
 - Strategy implementation
- Tourism & events
 - Concentration on building business events
- Regional emissions & decarbonisation
 - Subject to external funding
 - Continue outreach programmes with local businesses
- What's our next big thing?
 - New business opportunities



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Tourism & Events

Mark Froid



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Strategy - Focused

- Murihiku Destination Strategy - Bluff, support existing assets (walking, cycleways, museums etc), support growing infrastructure (Hotels)
- Business Events and Events programs and Invercargill City Centre service agreement
- Regional Connectivity – Grow and improve – Invercargill hub (airport), Te Anau/Manapouri as a hub to grow Southland (sea and roading)
- Data – develop our regional data for better business decision-making
- Strengthen our communities via the visitor economy - Attracted to live, work, invest and educate in our vibrant communities

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Focus FY 25/26 Opportunities

Deliver on SOIs

Building year-round travel to our region (non-peak shoulders) – align with TNZ’s off-peak strategy

Trade and PR - Famils – Demand focus.

Business Events - Incentive and grow future pipeline

We have got momentum....keep it going

- Southern Way - Airports Alliance – partnerships
- Trade - Tourism Export Council Conference was excellent for our region – keep the momentum
- Events - starting to have a strong portfolio of IVC/regional events – keep building awareness
- MOP - Where to next? What is the opportunity for us?

^{A5585240}Increasing business events in IVC/region supports:

- Reduce Seasonality – Year-round attraction
- Economic Growth – Higher yielding, higher productivity sector (wider asset base eg Stadium, Civic Centre etc)
- Regional Profile – Enhances our regions capabilities, industries
- Improved Connectivity – Airline and regional
- Improved Social Outcomes – Employment and community (live, work, invest educate)
- Diversification – Opens opportunities to nontraditional tourism businesses, arts, cultural, creative sectors

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Regional Development Leadership

Bobbi Brown

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A5585240 Great South's Role with Housing (current Business Year)

Great South has been requested by its shareholders (including the region's Councils) to prioritise housing alongside other economic development aspirations. To date this has included:

1 Industry Liaison & Support



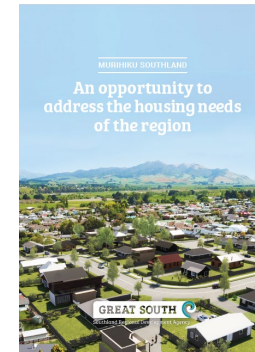
Being a conduit and connector with **existing and new industry, key stakeholders, businesses and developers** regarding current and future housing demand and supply.

2 Council Support & Alignment



Support for individual councils to understand their role and aspirations regarding housing – *enablers, providers, regulators*.

3 Government Liaison, Advocacy & Funding



Advocacy, regional representation of housing issues and identification of **funding** opportunities.

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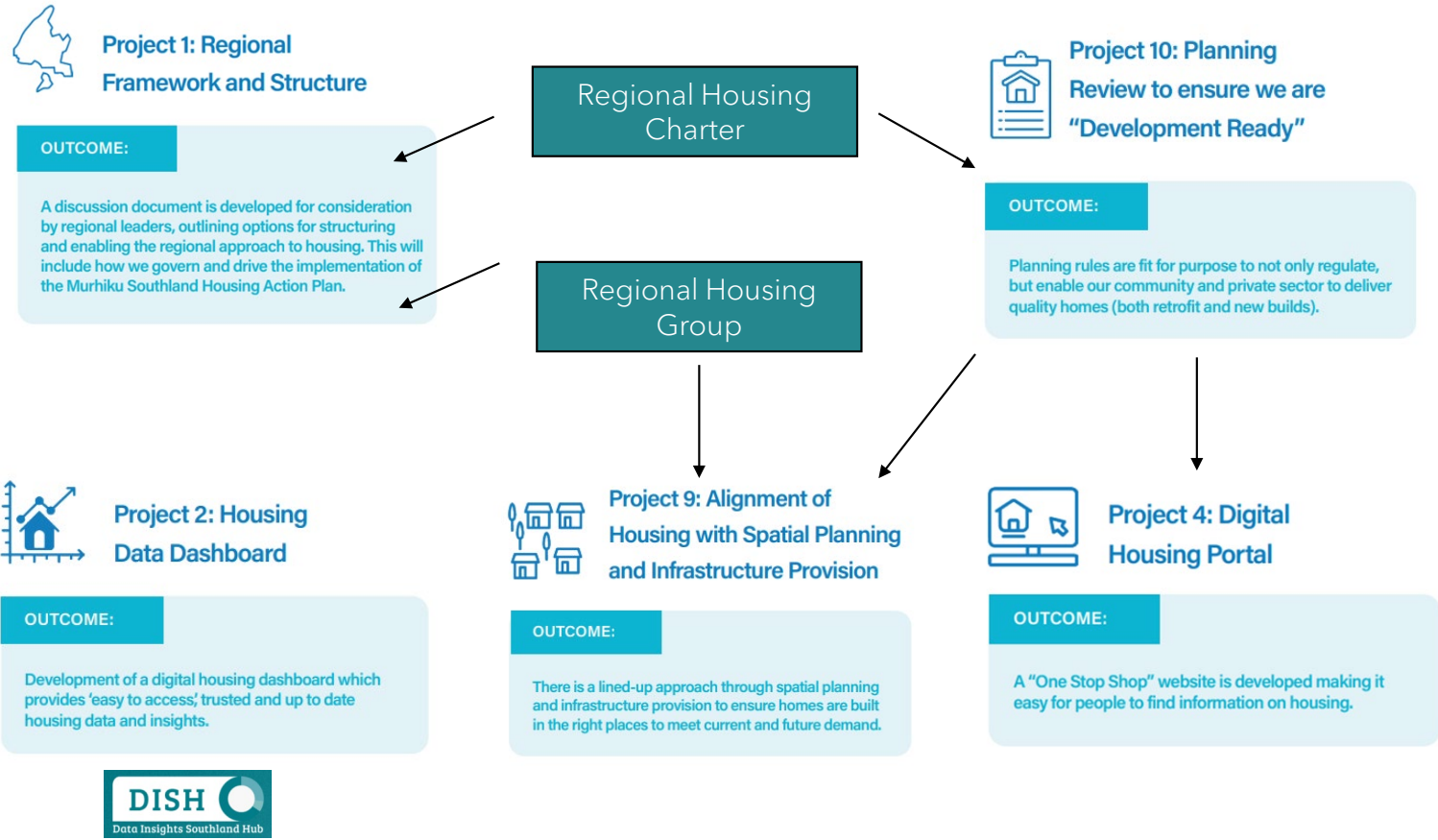
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Regional Strategic Planning & Implementation



WHARENOHO AHUPORI
Murihiku Southland Housing Action Plan

Action Plan identifies 13 key actions, of which five enablers will be implemented by Great South by July 2025 (resourced in SOI).



Next 12 months from 1 July 2025...

	Area of Focus	Current Business Deliverables (2024-25)	Proposed Next Year Deliverables (2025-26)
1	Industry Liaison & Support	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Linking developers, “the market” with Councils, data on the region etc. 2. Feeding potential housing needs of new business’ into modelling (to understand housing supply/demand) 3. Investigating how to be more ‘development ready’ to support the market to provide housing we need. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continued ‘conduit’ role but will increase due to increased new industry and business interest in the region. 2. “Development Ready” Regulatory Review project will be finished mid Nov 2024 and next steps to be discussed with Councils.
2	Council Support & Alignment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Range of support, expertise and services provided for individual Councils e.g. data for District Plan reviews; new Council Housing Planning; individual subdivision support; connection to Spatial Planning. 2. Be a connector for councils to wider market, central Govt and industry. 3. Continually looking for efficiencies across all Councils and with a regional lens. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continued varied support to be provided for each Council as resource permits. 2. New ‘Regional Housing Group’ will be serviced by Great South. 3. <u>Increased focus on ensuring alignment of localised spatial planning with housing approach.</u>

Next 12 months from 1 July 2025...

	Area of Focus	Current Year Deliverables (2024-25)	Proposed Next Year Deliverables (2025-26)
3	Government Advocacy, Liaison and Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fed into review of Kāinga Ora, hosted Ministers, Govt officials and provided briefings on Housing. 2. Key relationships established with staff at MHUD, KO, MSD, TPK and Public Service Commissioners. 3. Prepared submissions on Granny Flat MRU proposal etc. 4. Supporting local runanga alongside Te Puni Kōkiri to look at papakāinga/ 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Same as last year with Govt briefings. Suspect increased focus as Govt Housing position becomes more defined. 2. More focus on PPPs – linking private sector and Govt e.g. Aquaculture workforce housing requirements? 3. Identify new funding opportunities and support Govt to develop and align where possible with Southland’s needs e.g Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF). 4. Advocate for rules which enable Southland to meet our housing challenges e.g. Housing Growth Fund. Continued preparation of submissions & use of relationships to ensure Southland’s voice is heard.

Next 12 months from 1 July 2025...

	Area of Focus	Current Year Deliverables (2024-25)	Proposed Next Year Deliverables (2025-26)
4	Housing Data	<p>DISH has been developed and will provide consistent datasets & reporting from multiple data sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - allows the region to monitor changes in housing demand and supply. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ongoing maintenance of DISH (sourcing datasets i.e. QV); technical oversight & governance; analytical expertise etc. 2. Regular development and distribution of Housing Reports e.g. quarterly. 3. Development of the “Annual Housing Situation Report” in line with regional economic scenario modelling etc. <u>Will feed into council spatial planning.</u>
5	Regional Strategic Planning & Implementation	<p>Draft Regional Action Plan has been developed and GS will have delivered 5 projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Housing Charter developed - Regional Housing Group established - “Development Ready” Regulatory Review - Regional Housing Website/Portal - Housing Data Dashboard & Reporting 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consideration of the recommendations from the 5 projects already completed. 2. Consideration of new projects to be delivered e.g. focus on elderly housing; heating options, short term accommodation. 3. GS to coordinate, be secretariat and be a part of the “Regional Housing Group”. 4. GS to maintain and look after the Regional Housing Website/Portal.

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Aquaculture

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Great South's Role with Aquaculture (current year)

1

Industry and Iwi Liaison & Support

- Being a conduit and connector with existing and new industry, key stakeholders, businesses and iwi.
- Partnership with Te Rūnaka o Awarua, Ngāi Tahu.
- Regional Infrastructure Fund.
- Fast Track Consenting process.
- Individual contracts with private sector.

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Government Liaison, Advocacy & Funding



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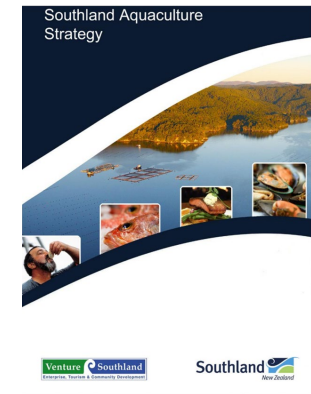
Council Support & Alignment

Support for individual councils to look at:

- Localized spatial planning (connection with Stewart Island & Bluff).
- Infrastructure & water considerations and possible PPPs.
- ES and Coastal Plan review and alignment.

4

Regional Strategic Planning & Modelling



- Strategy to be refreshed in line with national strategies & iwi planning.
- Export, housing, workforce, supply chain considerations.

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Scenario Planning and Contribution to Wider Economy

Scenario 3: Aquaculture


This scenario is based around the rapid development of the aquaculture sector known as 'farming in water', which is the aquatic equivalent of agriculture or farming.

Key assumptions:

- Assumes timely consenting approvals of key aquaculture projects and in particular open ocean farming of salmon.
- That the sector will be supported with increased processing facilities, inland smolt breeding and rearing, and increased shellfish, seaweed and whitebait production.
- This scenario assumes that some financial assistance will be given to support research and development, upgrades to infrastructure and training of the required workforce.
- This is modelled on the assumption that most of the smolt is bred out of the region.
- Aquaculture was modelled to reach \$1 billion in sales revenue by 2035 and then continue to grow to \$2.6 billion by 2054. Note that GDP is only a small proportion of the overall figure of sales as it removes all the inputs to the processes that are either generated by other industries or in other regions.

EMPLOYMENT  +2,940

POPULATION  +5,310

HOUSEHOLDS  +2,110

ANNUAL GDP  +\$190 M

The above figures relate to the 2054 projections

Key take outs:

- The major impact is within the Invercargill City Council area due to the location of the fishing industry in Motupōhue Bluff.
- The fishing industry accounts for 1,970 jobs and manufacturing (processing of seafood) accounts for another 970 jobs.
- The GDP impacts are similarly distributed with \$130 million to fishing and \$60 million to processing.

 **\$1 billion by 2035**

Currently aquaculture is worth \$670 million to the Aotearoa New Zealand economy and employs approximately 3000+ FTEs. Murihiku Southland currently farms 22% of Aotearoa New Zealand salmon and 3% of Aotearoa New Zealand mussels.

NZ Aquaculture Strategy 2019

Fast-track Approvals Bill, Regional Infrastructure Fund & Significant Policy Changes

Three aquaculture projects proposing to be fast tracked under the new Fast-track Approvals Bill

1. Sanford Ltd – Makarewa Hatchery (land-based recirculating water salmon hatchery on 24ha site)
2. Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Ltd – Hananui Aquaculture Project (2,500 ha marine finfish farming)
3. Impact Marine Ltd – Land based salmon farm (including processing facility)

Desire is for the Regional Infrastructure Fund to line up with projects in the Fast-track Approvals Bill process.

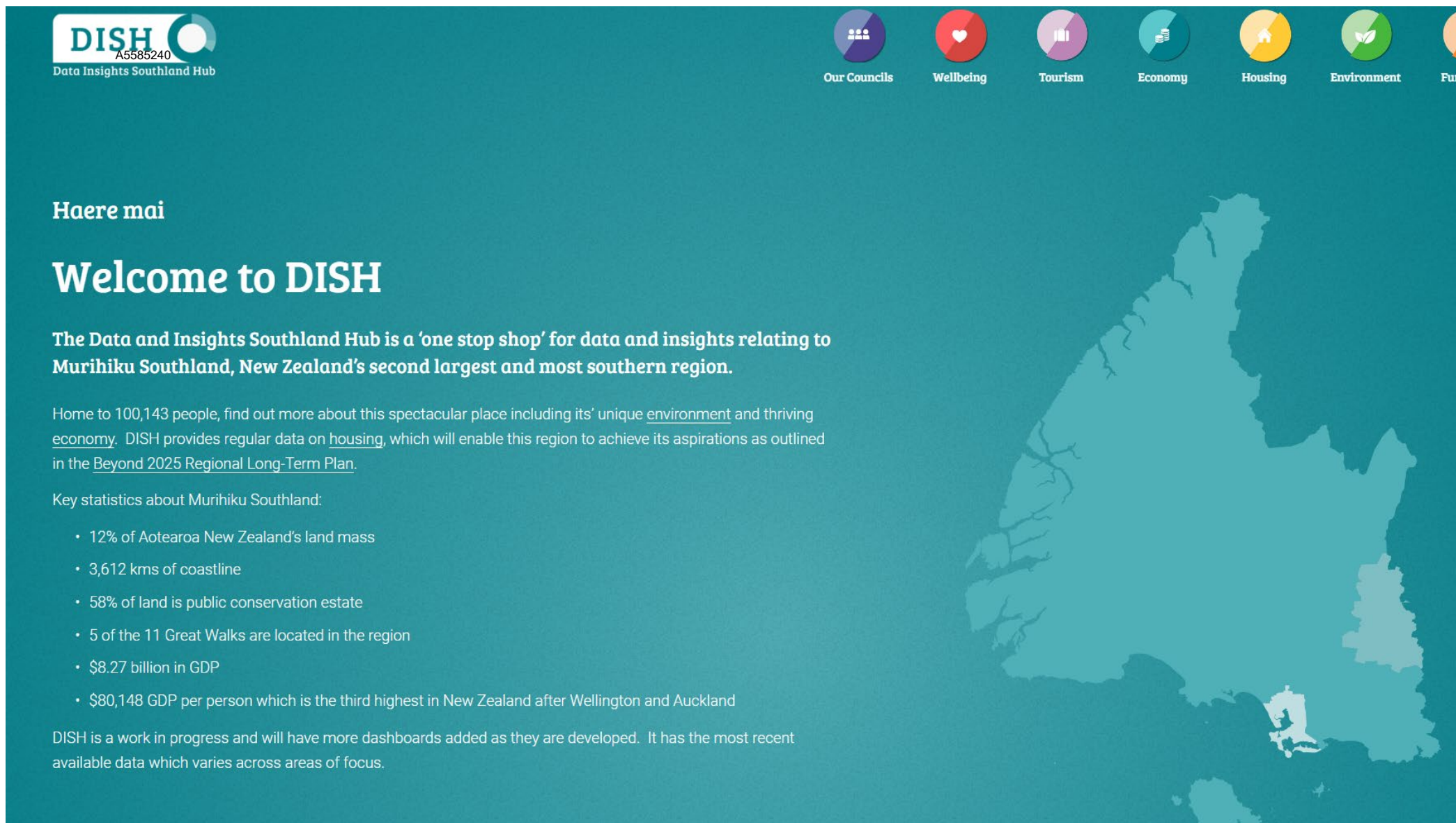
Significant review of regulation and policy associated with Aquaculture at the moment – local and central Govt

1. ES Coastal Plan review
2. National Environmental Standards for Marine Aquaculture (goal for it to be more flexible and enable innovation and adaptation)
3. Marine Farming extension permits (have happened in a relatively rapid process)
4. New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (goal for it to be more enabling of aquaculture and other outcomes relating to other industries)

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DISH – Data & insights

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Data Insights Southland Hub

Our Councils Wellbeing Tourism Economy Housing Environment Fun

Haere mai

Welcome to DISH

The Data and Insights Southland Hub is a 'one stop shop' for data and insights relating to Murihiku Southland, New Zealand's second largest and most southern region.

Home to 100,143 people, find out more about this spectacular place including its' unique [environment](#) and thriving [economy](#). DISH provides regular data on [housing](#), which will enable this region to achieve its aspirations as outlined in the [Beyond 2025 Regional Long-Term Plan](#).

Key statistics about Murihiku Southland:

- 12% of Aotearoa New Zealand's land mass
- 3,612 kms of coastline
- 58% of land is public conservation estate
- 5 of the 11 Great Walks are located in the region
- \$8.27 billion in GDP
- \$80,148 GDP per person which is the third highest in New Zealand after Wellington and Auckland

DISH is a work in progress and will have more dashboards added as they are developed. It has the most recent available data which varies across areas of focus.

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Economic Data Insights

The Murihiku Southland economy is a force to be reckoned with, pushing Auckland from the number one spot for Q1 of 2024 in the latest ASB Economic Scoreboard. GDP of \$8.27 billion is at an all-time high and the region has the third highest GDP per person at \$80,148 (after Wellington and Auckland).

The economy is robust, with a strong focus on its natural resources. Primarily driven by agriculture, forestry, and tourism, dairy farming is a key sector, supported by beef and sheep farming, which contributes significantly to both local and export markets. In fact, about 12% of all of New Zealand's pastoral exports come from this region reflecting the region's significant agriculture and manufactured contributions to New Zealand's economy.

Below are some key indicators and associated commentary, with more information on data sources available in the Technical Glossary and via links to other dashboards.

[Read Commentary](#) [Technical Glossary](#) [Key Links to other Dashboards](#)

Southland Economy

Southland Regional GDP \$8.27B (+6.3% YoY)

Southland GDP as % of NZ GDP 2.13% (-0.04% YoY)

GDP per Capita \$80.15K (+6.4%)

Value of Exports (% to NZ Economy)

— Tradeable — Pastoral - - - Primary

0% 5% 10% 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Contribution to Southland Economy by Industry

Top 5 by GDP	Health	Manufacturing	Primary	Retail trade	Services	Total
GDP (\$M)	\$419	\$1,176	\$1,840	\$323	\$2,089	\$7,781
GDP YoY % Increase	18.4%	30.7%	17.4%	11.4%	11.7%	15.7%
# Businesses	453	483	4,398	660	6,288	14,541
# Employed	5,550	8,400	7,975	5,200	11,514	52,329

Employed by Industry

- Services: 11.5K
- Manufacturing: 8.4K
- Primary: 8.0K
- Health: 5.6K
- Retail trade: 5.2K
- Construction: 3.7K

Employment, Participation and NEET Rates

● NEET Rate ● Unemployment Rate — Participation Rate (RHS)

2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

Unemployment Rate % 3.7% (+0.4%)

Participation Rate % 70.7% (-1.5%)

NEET Under 25 Rate % 15.3% (+5.7%)

- Will be formally launched on 12 November 2024.
- Aims to create a 'one stop shop' for Southland data and a conduit to other dashboards.
- Reflects partnerships with a number of suppliers of data i.e. SDC and number of people travelling to Stewart Island paying the Levy.
- Great South is accessing some key data sets on behalf of the region e.g. QV (house, rent prices).
- Provides data on areas of focus which are a priority for the region and from Beyond 2025 i.e. Housing, Tourism, Environment and the Economy.

Economy Commentary

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+ Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

- Exports

- Southland's key physical exports are dairy products, sheep & beef products, and aluminum as well as fish/aquaculture, forestry, and other manufactured goods.
- Southland also produces non-physical exports through tourism (international tourists, predominately visiting Fiordland and dispersing throughout Southland), data, space, and education (international students attending SIT).
- Current statistics do not accurately represent the value of Southland's export sector, as exports are typically attributed to a region based on the last New Zealand exporting port that handles the goods. As most of Southland's exports are not exported directly from Southland's ports, Great South have undertaken analysis as reflected in the above graph which provides a more accurate picture of the export sector. By using the region's production measures (e.g. milk solids, livestock numbers), Great South have estimated that:
 - Southland exports make up **8.1%** of New Zealand's Tradeable exports.
 - Southland produces an estimated **11.7%** of New Zealand's Pastoral exports (land-based farming products like meat, dairy), reflecting Southland's significant agriculture and manufactured contributions to New Zealand's exports.
 - Southland exports make up **8%** of New Zealand's Primary exports.

Please see the [Technical Glossary](#) for more information including definitions of Tradeable, Pastoral and Primary exports.

+ Key Industries

+ Number of Businesses

+ Number of Employees

+ Unemployment Rates

+ Participation and NEET Rates

Key Links to other Dashboards

The Government's [Regional Data Portal](#) has been developed by the Social Investment Agency in partnership with Regional Public Service Leaders. It brings together a range of social sector and economic data from Government agencies which users can drill down to a local level and even by age and ethnicity. For the Economy, data is provided on Kiwisaver and Employment.





Government Regional Data
Tool

Aotearoa Data Explorer
(Stats NZ)

- The MVP of DISH provides key insights and trends from the graphs.
- Next step involves the development of a number of reports using the analytical functions of DISH e.g. Housing, Tourism, Economy etc.
- To be developed in partnership with key users (i.e. Local and Central Govt) and a schedule established (e.g quarterly).

Next Steps beyond MVP - New areas of focus; Geospatial data sets to support spatial planning and housing

- Partnering with ES regarding identification and agreement on required datasets e.g. who has them, how are they managed/maintained, shared and modelled.
- What are the data gaps required to support localised spatial planning and regional housing.

	Maintenance	<p>Action 1: Maintain and refresh data sets as per the Master Technical Notes document.</p> <p>Action 2: Maintain the integrity of the cloud-based processing system including all dashboards.</p> <p>Action 3: Maintain and update the Website.</p>
	Analytics and Reporting	<p>Action 4: Maximise the functionality and benefits of the analytic functions.</p> <p>Action 5: Schedule and deliver a range of reports to meet identified demand.</p>
	Enhancements	<p>Action 6: Enhance existing MVP dashboards.</p> <p>Action 7: Develop new dashboards and areas of focus on the website.</p> <p>Action 8: Investigate Geo-spatial data to support spatial planning.</p>
	Data Governance	<p>Action 9: Develop an Overarching Data Governance Policy & Procedures Framework</p> <p>Action 10: Investigate shared governance to ensure consistency.</p>

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Sustainability & Spatial Planning

Steve Canny

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Why is a Low Carbon Economy Important for Invercargill and Southland

- **70% of Southland's Economy is dedicated to exports** and Export supply chain
- **Over 80% of New Zealand's exports by value** are going to countries that have mandatory climate related disclosures**(Protecting NZ's Competitive Advantage Global Sustainability Reporting & Trade Trends April 2024)*
- **40% already have Carbon Boarder Adjustment Mechanisms** – EU, UK, US, Australia, Taiwan
- **Governmental and Customer Expectations and environmental factors are being reflected in Free Trade Agreements** and in other non-tariff interventions(chemical residues).
- **Southland Exporters and supply chains need to respond** to the Export Market change to maintain a competitive advantage and maintain and grow access into high-value markets.
- **This affects all export products** including meat, dairy products, food, ingredients, manufactured goods, and metals such as aluminum.

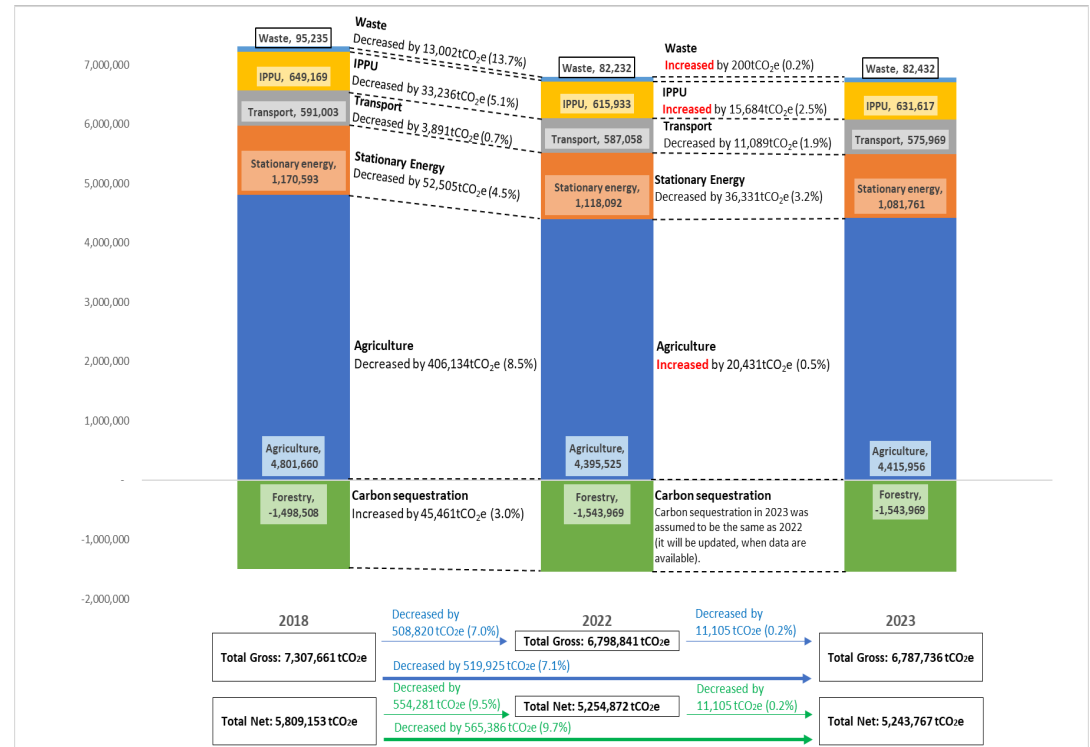
A5585240 Net Zero Southland 2018 – 2023 (provisional)

- Between 2018 & 2023* Southland’s Net Emissions reduced by 9.7%

(*Final figures from forestry Carbon Sequestration is awaiting harvest and planting data from MPI)

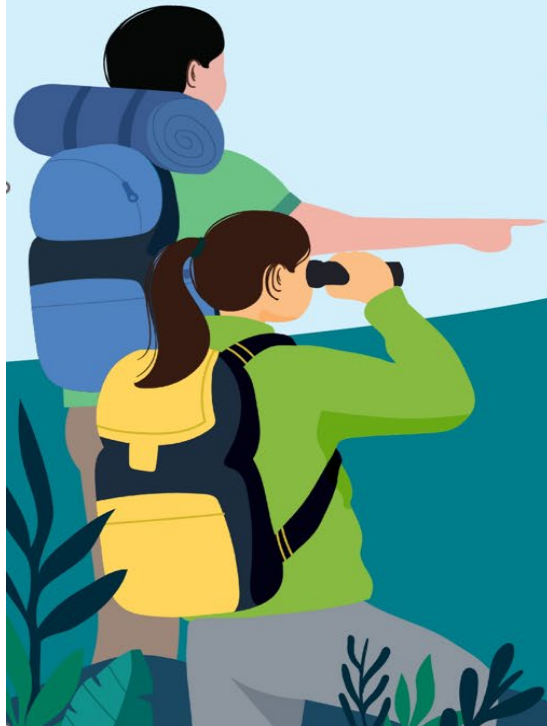
- Emissions reduction have occurred in the following activities: Waste, Industrial Processing, Transport, Stationary Energy, Agriculture (stock reduction but increased emissions factors for dairy cows).

Livestock	2018	2023	Total Change
Sheep	3,737,512	3,069,684	- 667,828 less
Dairy Cows	681,011	661,014	- 19,997 less
Beef Cattle	173,770	184,702	+ 10,932 inc’
Fertilizer	253,133	194,876	- 58,257 less



Roadmap to a net-zero business

Program Delivery Stages 1 to 5



Workshop 3
Including Statutory and Voluntary Reporting

Workshop 2

Workshop 1

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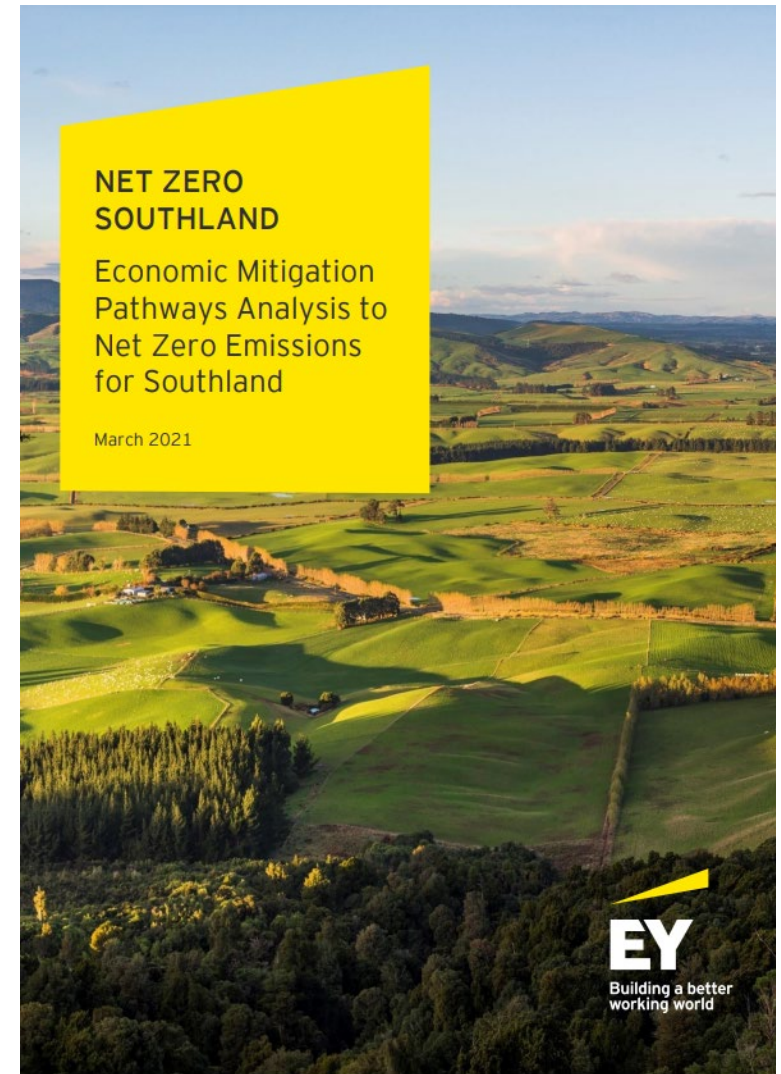
A5585240 Net Zero Southland report 2025 Review

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Ernst & Young engaged by Great South (mid-2020)

Outcomes:

- Southland not on track to reach net zero by 2050
- Southland can achieve net zero by 2050 with a positive net financial outcome and avoiding social shock.
- Flexibility in the portfolio of options Southland can take.
- The pathway will require action across all sectors.



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Our commitment to sustainability

Great South is a carbon conscious organisation (EKOS accredited)

We aim to:

- Integrate sustainability consideration in all we do
- Reduce waste and water consumption
- To date has reduced its emissions by 31% reducing operating costs by \$60,000 p.a.
- Be a carbon neutral organisation by 2026



Invercargill Decarb Project 50 Conversions to date

Business	Location	Fuel		The number of boilers
		from	to	
1 Bowmont Meats	Invercargill	LPG	Woodchip	1
2 Donovan Primary School	Invercargill	Coal	Woodchip	1
3 Environment Southland	Invercargill	Coal	Woodchip	1
4 Invercargill City Council (Parks and Reserves)	Invercargill		Woodchip	1
5 Invercargill City Council (Splash Palace)	Invercargill	Coal	Woodchip	1
6 Makarewa School	Invercargill	Coal	Woodchip	1
7 McCallums	Invercargill		Woodpellets	2
8 New Rever School	Invercargill		Woodpellets	1
9 Ruru School	Invercargill	Coal	Woodchip	1
10 Tisbury School	Invercargill	Coal	Woodchip	1
11 Waihopai School	Invercargill	Coal	Woodchip	1
12 Southland Hospital	Invercargill	Coal	Pellets	2
13 Southern Institute of Technology	Invercargill	Coal	Electric	2
14 Invercargill Prison	Invercargill	Coal	Pellets	2
15 Aurora College	Invercargill	Coal	Woodchip	1
16 Bluff School	Bluff	Coal	Pellets	1
17 Fernworth Primary School	Invercargill	Coal	Pellets	1
18 Invercargill Middle School	Invercargill	Coal	Pellets	1
19 James Hargest College (Jnr & Snr)	Invercargill	Coal	Woodchip	2
20 Murihiku Young Parents' Learning Centre	Invercargill	Coal	Pellets	1
21 Newfield Park School	Invercargill	Coal	Pellets	1
22 Otago University (Invercargill Campus)	Invercargill	Coal	Pellets	1
23 Southland Boys' High School	Invercargill	Coal	Pellets	1
24 Southland Girls' High School	Invercargill	Coal	Pellets	2
25 Southland Girls' - Enwood House	Invercargill	Coal	Pellets	1
26 Te Wharekura o Arowhenua	Invercargill	Coal	Pellets	1
27 Waverley Park Primary School	Invercargill	Coal	Woodchip	1
28 Windsor North School	Invercargill	Coal	Pellets	1
29 Ascot Park hotel	Invercargill	Coal	Woodchip	2
30 Bainfield Park Residential Care	Invercargill	Coal	Pellets	1
31 Great South	Invercargill	Diesel	Heat pump	1
32 Habitat for Humanity	Invercargill	Diesel	Pellets	1
33 IBIS Hotel	Invercargill	Diesel	Electric	1
34 Mitre 10 MEGA	Invercargill	LPG	Heat pump	1
35 Railway Station	Invercargill	Coal	Pellets	1
36 Southland Adventist Christian School	Invercargill	Coal	Pellets	1
37 South Port	Bluff	Diesel	Heat pump	1
38 AlSCO Ltd	Invercargill	Coal	Pellets	1
39 Downers Rooding	Bluff	Diesel	Diesel+Electric	1
40 Open Country Dairy	Awarua	Coal	Electric+Heat p	1
41 Prime Range Meats	Invercargill	Coal	Coal	Energy efficiency and technology upgrades to reduce coal use by 50%
42 South Pacific Meats	Awarua	Coal	Biogas+Electric	1
43 Distinction Hotel (Ex Menzies Building)	Invercargill	Diesel	Heat pump	1



- The programs have delivered 50 boiler conversions, reducing carbon emissions, airborne particulates and accordingly delivering significant health benefits to residents.
- Reducing the risk of hospitalization & premature deaths from airborne particulates in ICC area alone, estimated by Stats NZ* as causing 124 premature deaths per annum

*Stats NZ cite the lower South Island had higher rates of premature deaths from human-made air pollution, with the highest rate in Invercargill City (219 premature deaths per 100,000 people, 30+ years).

Funded through EECA and Private sector Partnerships



Net Zero Southland – 56 Invercargill Businesses



Decarbonisation Workshops

- 4 NES powerlines
- Accelerate Physiotherapy
- Active Southland
- Am Subritzky
- Ashlar Motel
- Backcountry Cuisine
- BDO Invercargill
- Beauty Batch
- Blue River Dairy
- Centre for Social Impact
- Chamber Music NZ
- Chamber of Commerce Southland
- Coin South
- Community Trust South
- Department of Internal Affairs
- EEScience
- Environment Southland
- Fortuna Group
- Green Yard Veges
- Habitat for Humanity
- Heritage South
- Invercargill Airport
- Invercargill City Council
- Invercargill City Youth Council
- Jubilee Budget Advisory Service LTD
- Lewis Windows Ltd
- Lighthouse Southland
- McCullough Partners

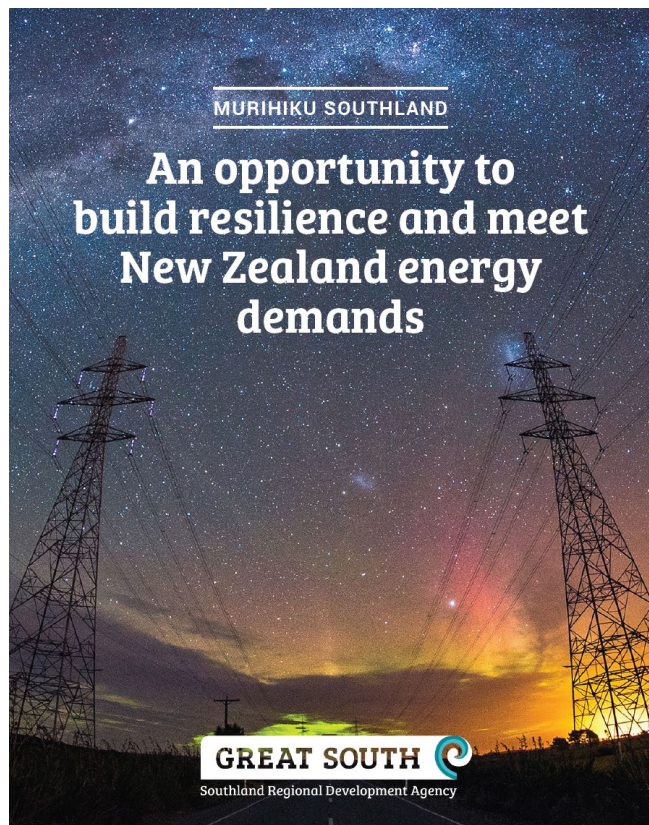
- Murihiku Kai Collective
- Nind electrical services
- Picture Caskets
- Pipe Band Nationals
- Powernet
- Presbyterian Support Southland
- Prime Range Fresh
- Redworks Studio
- SCES Education
- Southland District Council
- Shark Experience Ltd
- Southern Institute of Technology
- South Alive - The Pantry
- South Port NZ
- Southern MG
- Southern Steam Train Charitable Trust
- Southland Help
- Southland Labour Party
- Sport Southland
- Talent Development Southland CT
- Te Kōhaka Reo O Murihiku
- Thriving Southland
- Thwaites Aluminium Ltd
- Tribe
- Vet South
- Xcell Engineering
- Youthline Southland
- Yunca Group



Sustainable Tourism Workshops

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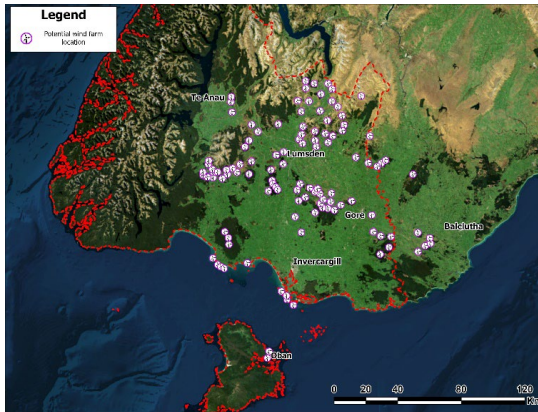
Energy Planning - Net Zero Southland



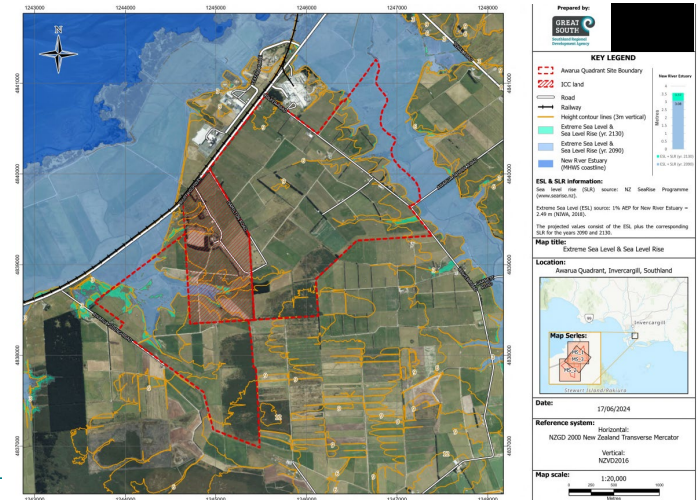
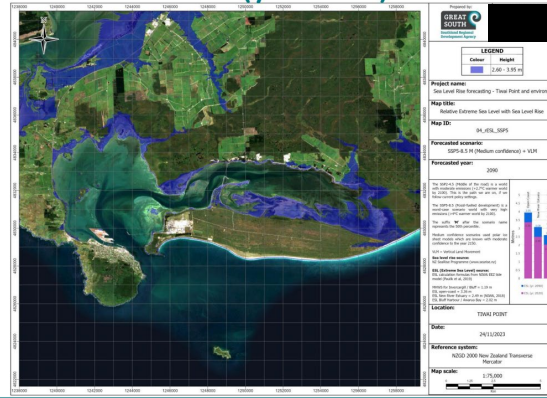
- **Energy Planning and the availability of renewable energy at an affordable price** is critical to industry decarbonization and infrastructure transmission planning.
- **Spatial plans** have been developed for - 112 potential wind sites in Southland, 10 Run of River hydro electric sites have been evaluated as has the solar potential
- **Biomass boiler fuel** availability has grown from 15,000 tons p.a in 2015 to 215,000 p.a. 2024 and is projected to grow to 550,000 by 2028.
- **Biogenic methane** will progressively be a substitute for LPG from 2027 onwards.
- **There is an expected demand 1,150 MW** of renewable electricity and there is **2,600 MW of wind energy** in the consent processes and further 200 MW being evaluated.
- **Streamlining consent processes** by incorporating energy into Spatial Plans is critical.
- **Public education**, energy efficiency and initiatives better insulation standards are a must.

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Spatial Planning

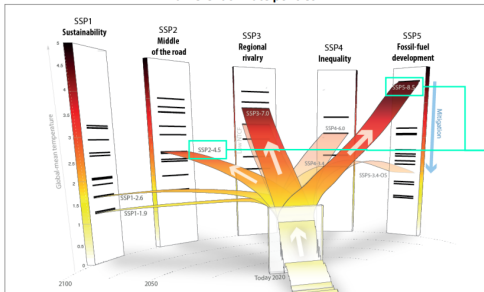


Relative SSP5-8.5: ESL (yr. 2090)



Forecasted SSP-RCP scenarios

The SSP change scenarios describe the possible greenhouse gas emissions from different climate policies.



The labels enumerate five scenarios, which are defined by the socio-economic challenges for mitigation and adaptation (Source: Meinshausen et al., 2020).

SSP2-4.5 climate change scenario.

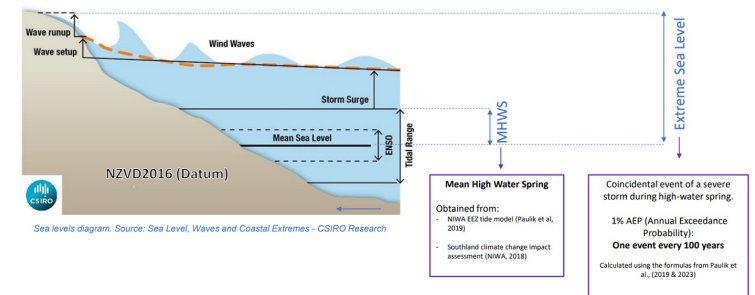
Correlation between the Shared Socioeconomic Pathways SSP2 (Middle of the road) and the Representative Concentration Pathway RCP 4.5. This is the path we are on, if we follow current policy settings. It is a world with moderate emissions with an expected increase in the global temperature of 2.7°C by 2100.

SSP5-8.5 climate change scenario.

Correlation between the Shared Socioeconomic Pathways SSP5 (fossil-fuelled development) and the Representative Concentration Pathway RCP 8.5. This is a world with very high emissions with an expected increase in the global temperature of >4°C by 2100.

- LIDAR,
- Sea level Rise
- Geotechnical/soil
- Bathymetry
- Gamma Ray Spectrometry
- Energy Planning
- Land use
- Coastal Planning

Forecasted sea-levels





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Thank you

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MEETING DATES FOR 2025

To:	Council
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 29 October 2024
From:	Michael Morris – Manager Governance and Legal
Approved:	Michael Day - Chief Executive
Approved Date:	Tuesday 24 October 2023
Open Agenda:	Yes
Public Excluded Agenda:	No

Purpose and Summary

Meeting dates for Council and its standing Committees for 2025 need to be set and then publicly advertised.

Recommendations

That Council:

1. Receives the report "Meeting Dates for 2025".
2. Adopt the 2025 Meeting Schedule.
3. Confirm if all Committee and Council meetings (excluding back to back meetings) are to start at either 2.00 pm or 3.00 pm.

Background

A schedule of meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year has been prepared and is attached for Council adoption. All meetings with the exception of the Bluff Community Board will be held in the Council Chambers and commence at 3.00 pm, unless otherwise advised.

Issues

There are some proposed changes to the calendar from the 2024 edition.

It is proposed that the Finance and Policy Committee meet on a bi-monthly basis with the alternate month holding Risk and Assurance.

As like 2024, one week of the school holidays have been factored into the schedule, and there will be no meetings or workshops scheduled in these weeks to ensure Councillors can plan to have that week free from regular Council business. However, there may need to be an extraordinary meeting as required.

It is always a good time to check when approving the calendar that Councillors are happy with the start time of 3.00 pm for meetings and to see if there is any interest in meetings starting at 2.00 pm?

The Bluff Community Board adopted their meeting schedule at their 14 October 2024 meeting.

The dates for the new incoming Council are tentative at this stage and are indicative only as they will be set by the incoming Mayor and Chief Executive after the Elections.


Next Steps

The Governance Team will put the dates into the meeting calendar and send invites to all during November.

Attachments

1. 2025 Council Meeting Schedule (A5299338)

Council - Public - Meeting Dates for 2025 (A5536662)

 <h1 style="margin: 0;">Meeting Schedule 2025</h1>												
	January Kohitatea	February Hui-tanguru	March Poutū-te-rangi	April Paenga-whāwhā	May Haratua	June Pipiri	July Hōngongoi	August Here-turi-kōkā	September Mahuru	October Whiringa-a-nuku	November Whiringa-ā-rangi	December Hakihea
Monday / Rāhina				1			1	Bluff		1		1
Tuesday / Rātū				2			2	Infrastructure		2	Infrastructure	2
Wednesday / Rāapa	1			3	Infrastructure		3	Infrastructure		3		3
Thursday / Rāpare	2			4		1	4			4		4
Friday / Rāmere	3			5		2	5			5		5
Monday / Rāhina	6	3	3	7	7	5	7	4	Bluff	Bluff	3	8
Tuesday / Rātū	7	4	Infrastructure	4	Infrastructure	8	Comm Wellbeing	6	Infrastructure	3	Infrastructure	7
Wednesday / Rāapa	8	5	5	9	9	7	8	5	Infrastructure	9	Comm Wellbeing	7
Thursday / Rāpare	9	6	6	10	10	8	9	6	10	8	5	10
Friday / Rāmere	10	7	7	11	11	9	10	7	11	9	6	11
Monday / Rāhina	13	10	Bluff	10	14	12	14	11	15	13	10	15
Tuesday / Rātū	14	11	Comm Wellbeing	Comm Wel Extraordin	15	Risk	Comm Wel Extraordin	Comm Wellbeing	Comm Wellbeing	Finance/Policy	Council	16
Wednesday / Rāapa	15	12	12	13	16	14	15	13	16	14	12	17
Thursday / Rāpare	16	13	13	17	17	15	17	14	18	16	13	18
Friday / Rāmere	17	14	14	18	18	16	18	15	19	17	14	19
Monday / Rāhina	20	17	17	Bluff	21	19	21	18	22	20	17	22
Tuesday / Rātū	21	18	Risk	Finance/Policy	22	20	Finance/Policy	17	Risk	23	Council	21
Wednesday / Rāapa	22	19	19	23	21	18	23	20	24	22	19	23
Thursday / Rāpare	23	20	CCS	CWF	24	22	24	21	25	23	20	25
Friday / Rāmere	24	21	21	25	23	20	25	22	26	24	21	26
Monday / Rāhina	27	24	24	26	24	21	28	25	29	27	24	29
Tuesday / Rātū	28	Council	25	Council	28	Council	27	Council	24	Council	26	30
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Tuesday / Rātū												

Council	Council
Comm Wellbeing	Community Wellbeing and Regulation
Infrastructure	Infrastructure and Projects
Finance / Policy	Finance and Policy
Bluff	Bluff Community Board
Risk	Risk and Assurance
Reserved	Reserved for Extraordinary Council and Workshops
Hearing	Hearings (if required)
Workshops	Workshops
Extraordinary	Extraordinary Meetings
CCS	Creative Communities Scheme Invercargill Fund Committee
CWF	Community Wellbeing Fund
LCNZ	Local Government NZ Conference
Zone 6 Meetings	Zone 6 Meetings
Statutory / School Holidays	Statutory / School Holidays
Elections	Elections
CCH	City Centre Heritage Sub Committee

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26 JULY 2024 MEETING - REVIEW OF OUTCOMES

To:	Council
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 29 October 2024
From:	Michael Morris – Manager – Governance and Legal
Approved:	Michael Day - Chief Executive
Approved Date:	Tuesday 22 October 2024
Open Agenda:	Yes
Public Excluded Agenda:	No

Purpose and Summary

At the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 26 July 2024 relating to the Code of Conduct hearing, Council resolved to "Review the outcomes" of that meeting at the October 2024 Council meeting.

This report brings that review to the Council table.

Recommendations

That Council:

1. Receives the report "26 July 2024 Meeting - Review of Outcomes".
2. Resolves that: XXX

Background

The Extraordinary Council meeting on 26 July 2024 made a total of six resolutions that day.

These resolutions were:

1. *That Council determines that there has been a material breach of the Code of Conduct.*
2. *That Council has today received an apology from the Mayor which satisfies the recommendation of the independent report but that a sincere apology be made in person and in public at a full Council meeting.*
3. *That Council resolves to send a letter of censure to the Mayor.*

4. *That Council resolves to review the outcomes of the resolutions moved today regarding this Code of Conduct at the October full Council Meeting*
5. *Receive the report titled 'Code of Conduct Investigation – Councillors Bond and Pottinger'.*
6. *Note the perceived conflict of interest of Councillors.*

Resolution four called for the outcomes of those resolutions to be reviewed at the October 2024 Council meeting.

Of those resolutions only two and three need to be reviewed as resolutions one, five and six are procedural.

Issues

Letter of Censure

The Letter of Censure was sent to Mayor Clark on 2 August 2024.

Apology

Mayor Clark made the Public apology at an Extraordinary Council meeting held on 13 August 2024 being the first available Council meeting.

The approved and confirmed Minutes record:

1. Apology

Mayor Clark issued a public apology to elected members and the community as part of the code of conduct inquiry and that he breached the code of conduct expectations and portrayed the city in a poor light. He also acknowledged the role Cr Campbell had played.

Note: Cr Bond called a point of order regarding the apology that the Mayor had made as she believed it should be made at a full Council meeting rather than an Extraordinary Council meeting. Mayor Clark said he wished to resolve this as quickly as possible and this was the first available meeting to make this apology.

Rev Cook said the apology was carefully worded as he had apologised to councillors and the public but not staff or mana whenua representatives who were also part of the process. She hoped it was not his intention to exclude them from the apology. She honoured the fact that he had made the apology but he needed to consider who he had apologised to.

Mayor Clark said he did not differentiate between mana whenua representatives and elected members, and his broad apology was to all concerned. He had publicly apologised in the media, and tabled an apology and did not exclude anyone in this process.

It is now for the Councillors and Mana Whenua Representatives to review the outcomes as required in resolution four.

Attachments

There are no attachments to this report.

FLAG, COAT OF ARMS, AND OTHER EMBLEMS POLICIY

To:	Council
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 29 October 2024
From:	Michael Morris - Manager Governance and Legal
Approved:	Michael Day - Chief Executive
Approved Date:	Tuesday 22 October 2024
Open Agenda:	Yes
Public Excluded Agenda:	No

Purpose and Summary

A Flag, Coat of Arms, and Other Emblems Policy has been developed to ensure there is appropriate guidance on the use of the Council flag poles, the flying of the Council flag and the use of the Coat of Arms and other Emblems, such as the logo.

Recommendations

That the Council:

1. Receives the report "Flag, Coat of Arms, and Other Emblems Policy".
2. Adopts the Flag, Coat of Arms, and Other Emblems Policy (A5582699)

Background

There have been an increasing number of requests to fly flags from the Council flag pole. A number of these are from communities within the city wishing to celebrate the National Day of their "home" country. A good example is the regular raising of the *Tirāngā* the National Flag of India on 15 August each year to celebrate the Independence Day of the Republic of India.

This has led to the need to develop some guidelines relating to the flying of flags at all Council controlled flag poles. It was also an opportunity to formalise arrangements for the use of the Coat of Arms and the Council logo.

Issues and Options

Analysis

The Policy is designed to give guidance to staff on the protocols around raising flags on flag poles, for the New Zealand flag, Council flags, and others.

Some flag poles have special meaning, such as those at the Cenotaph, where a strictly limited number of flags will be flown because the site is considered sacred.

The Policy allows National flags only of those countries recognised by New Zealand as sovereign states. The Policy also allows flags to be flown to acknowledge visits to the city by diplomatic staff of other countries, as well as a power reserved to the Chief Executive to direct the flying of any other flags.

The Policy also covers the protocols relating to the half-masting of a flag. The New Zealand Flag is only half-masted at the direction of the Ministry of Culture and Heritage. When the New Zealand Flag is at half-mast, all other flags are removed and not flown. Tradition dictates that the flag is only kept at half-mast for the death of the Monarch as head of state, or during a period of national mourning. Other flags, including the Council flags, may be half-masted on appropriate occasions at the direction of the Chief Executive.

Staff have developed an internal guidance document to ensure there are established protocols to follow in the event of the death of the King, member of the Royal family, Governor General, Prime Minister, Mayor and Councillor in office as well as to acknowledge people who have held those roles.

Significance

While raising a "home" flag of a community in our city is a significant show of support for that community, this Policy does not trigger the Significance and Engagement Policy.

Options

The draft Policy is presented to Council for feedback, and adoption if it is considered to meet the needs Council seeks to have addressed.

The Policy can also be referred back for additional work following comments from Council.

Community Views

No consultation has taken place, although it is noted that there is an interest from many communities in the city to celebrate their "home" cultural heritage as Invercargill increasingly becomes home to many cultures and customs from across the world.

Implications and Risks

Strategic Consistency

The Policy supports the wider community in embracing all the nations and cultures/customs that the many people bring to our city with heart.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications. The purchase and renewal of flags is covered in the Governance and Legal existing budgets.

Legal Implications

Flying flags can be a strong political statement, they can indicate a show of support for a nation facing aggression or a people seeking recognition as a nation.

The Policy seeks to cover this, by flying only those flags of states recognised by New Zealand as nations, and a small number of other flags (such as those of Sister Cities) in appropriate circumstances.

Climate Change

There are no climate change impacts. Staff have sought to reuse/renew existing flags where possible, rather than purchasing new flags.

Council flags that reach end of life are soon able to be returned to the manufacturer for recycling, a New Zealand first.

Risk

There is no risk inherent in the Policy, however as noted under the Legal Implications section there are risks associated with flying flags that make a political statement.

Next Steps

Once adopted staff will implement the Policy and the guidance it gives. Training will be provided for those internal roles affected by the Policy as needed.

Attachments

1. Draft Flag, Coat of Arms, and Other Emblems Policy (A5582699)

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Flag, Coat of Arms, and Other Emblems Policy

2024



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Purpose

To provide guidance on the display of flags on Council flag poles at all Council facilities.

This Policy outlines which flags may be raised and when.

This Policy also provides guidance on the use of the Coat of Arms and other emblems of the City.



Flags – General Policy

Flag Etiquette

No flag shall fly higher than the New Zealand flag. Should the New Zealand flag be at half-mast all other flags must be removed and not flown.

Flags on Council and Government related buildings are flown at half-mast on the direction of the Chief Executive of the Ministry of Culture and Heritage.

The Chief Executive of Council may direct the Council flag to be flown at half-mast on appropriate occasions.

The Flying of Flags

Flags may be flown at the following Council flag poles:

- Te Hīnaki – Civic Building (1)
- Queens Park – Feldwick Gates (2)
- Queens Park – Band Rotunda (1)
- War Memorial Dee Street (2)
- Any other flag pole under the control or administration of Council



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Flags that may be Flown

For all locations other than Te Hīnaki – Civic Building and the War Memorial:

- The New Zealand Flag, Council Flags, Tino Rangatiratanga / National Māori Flag, Pride Flag, Sister City Flags (including those of the Sister-Cities' home nation) and the Merchant Navy Flag.
- Other Flags, including event flags, may be flown with the permission of the Chief Executive.

Flags at the War Memorial

The New Zealand Flag, Australian Flags, including those of the states, Aboriginal Nations and Torres Strait Islanders, the Flag of the United Kingdom, including the flags of the component parts of the United Kingdom, the New Zealand Merchant Navy Flag, Flags of the New Zealand Armed Forces.

Other flags, appropriate to the dignity of the site, may be flown with the approval of the Chief Executive.

Flags at Te Hīnaki – Civic Building

The New Zealand Flag, Council Flags, Tino Rangatiratanga / National Māori Flag, Pride Flag, Sister City Flags (including those of the Sister-Cities' home nation), the Merchant Navy Flag, Flags of Countries recognised by New Zealand as Nations, the Flags of the component parts of the United Kingdom, and flags for events in the City or Southland region.

Other flags may be flown with the permission of the Chief Executive.

Requests for Fly Flags

If any organisation or person would like to see a flag flown at one of the locations listed above, applications can be made to governance@icc.govt.nz. Where a request is received, if the flag is in one of those listed categories above then it may be flown at the discretion of the Manager - Governance and Legal. If the flag is not in one of those listed categories above then the flag may only be flown with the approval of the Chief Executive, who has sole discretion to determine if the flag can be flown.

It is expected that the requester will provide the flag(s) to be flown.



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Display of the New Zealand Flag



General Guidelines

When displaying the New Zealand Flag the guidelines of the Ministry of Culture and Heritage for positioning and presentation should always be followed. These can be accessed at: <https://mch.govt.nz/nz-identity-heritage/flags/displaying-new-zealand-flag>

The New Zealand Flag may be flown at half-mast as a sign of mourning on the following occasions, following direction received by email to the Chief Executive from the Chief Executive of the Ministry for Culture and Heritage:

The Sovereign

From the announcement of death up to and including the day of the funeral (except on Proclamation Day when the new sovereign is officially announced and flags are flown from the top of the mast).

Government Officials / Officers of State

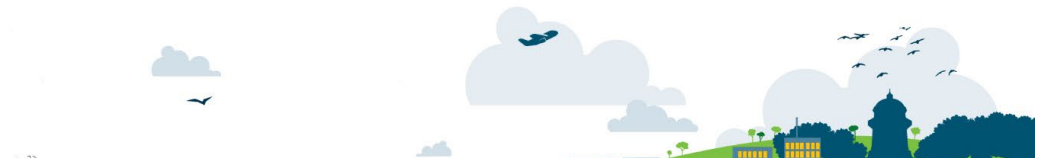
The Governor-General, former Governors-General, the Prime Minister and former Prime Ministers on the announcement of death and the day of the funeral.

Members of the Royal Family

On the day of the funeral subject to special command from the reigning Sovereign or the Governor-General.

Foreign Heads of State and Government Officials

Commonwealth Governors-General, Commonwealth Prime Ministers in office, Foreign and Commonwealth Heads of State on the day of the funeral only.



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When the New Zealand Flag is at half-mast no other flags may be flown above it.

It may not be flown at half-mast for any other occasions. If other local flags are being flown at half-mast in recognition of a prominent citizen the New Zealand Flag should remain at full mast.

How to half-mast a Flag

A flag is half-masted by raising it to the top of the mast, then slowly lowering it to the half-mast position, which will depend on the size of the flag and the length of the flagpole.

The flag must be lowered to a position more than its own depth from the top of the flagpole to avoid the appearance of a flag which has accidentally fallen from the top of the flagpole.

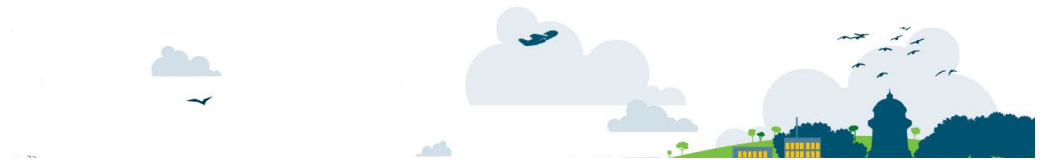
The flag should be raised again to the peak before lowering it for the day.

Invercargill City Flags

Invercargill City has two flags: the Invercargill City Flag (Coat of Arms) and the Invercargill City Council branded flag.

The Invercargill City flags (and the New Zealand Flag) are the responsibility of the Chief Executive's Office (Governance and Legal) and may be accessed by Elected Members and Council Officers via the Governance and Legal team.

Operational responsibility for communicating the arrangements for the flying and half-masting of flags sits with the Governance and Legal team. The Parks and Recreation team shall be responsible for all flags other than the flag pole at Te Hīnaki – Civic Building.



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Invercargill City Flag (Coat of Arms)

Under the Grant of Arms, only Invercargill City Council as the grantee may ever use or display this flag because it bears the full Coat of Arms for the City of Invercargill.

The Invercargill City Flag (Coat of Arms) may, at the discretion of the Chief Executive, be flown at half-mast as a sign of mourning following the death of prominent national or local citizens (i.e. past or current Mayors and Councillors, persons with Freedom of the City etc.).

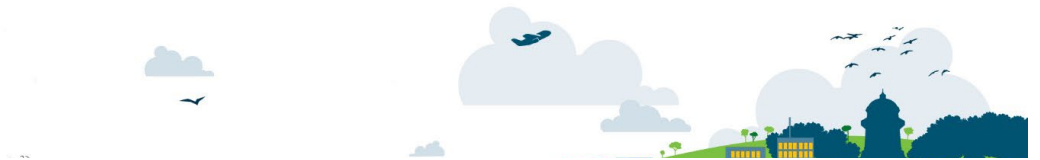
In line with Council protocol the half-masting of this flag will take place only on the day of death being notified and/or the day of the funeral.

Invercargill City Council branded flag

The Invercargill City Council branded flag is available for use by Council as required on a daily basis, and may also be flown at events and functions where Council is represented or at venues funded by Council.

The Invercargill City Council branded flag may, at the discretion of the Chief Executive, be flown at half-mast as a sign of mourning following the death of prominent national or local citizens (i.e. past or current Mayors and Councillors, persons with Freedom of the City etc.). This is an alternative option to the Coat of Arms Flag.

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Coat of Arms



Origin/Meaning

The Arms were granted on 25 July 1958 having first been proposed in 1956 as part of the centennial celebrations of Invercargill.

The shield, topped by a mural crown, denotes a body corporate and is the emblem of local government administration. The symbols of the shield are two sheaves and a ram's head, indicative of the agricultural and pastoral prosperity of the province, whilst the ship is a symbol of overseas-borne trade.

The city was named after Captain Cargill, associated with the House of Drummond. The three red wavy bars behind the head are from the arms of the House of Drummond.

The supporters are two Takahē (Notornis) birds, first discovered in Fiordland in 1856. Presumed to be extinct, they were re-discovered in 1948. The foliage of the surrounds is Southland beech.

The Latin inscription "Pro Communi Utilitate" means "For the benefit of the community". Appropriate use of any Coat of Arms is defined by the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA 2002) Section 234. Penalty for conviction of an offence under this section is liable to a fine of up to \$5,000.



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Use of the Coat of Arms

Invercargill City Council, as the governance body of the City, is the sole and exclusive owner of the Coat of Arms.

The Grant of Arms is a limited right, and Council cannot authorise a third party to use the Arms. In this context “use” means a third party using the Coat of Arms as if it was that third party’s own.

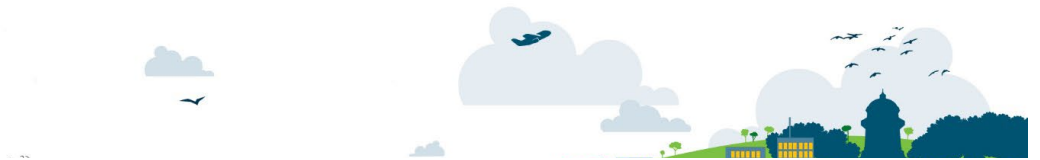
Council may, however, authorise the display of the Coat of Arms (and any imitations of it) by external parties on receipt of a request in writing, and may impose conditions on the display. Display requires that a suitable inscription be included on the display item which clearly shows whose Arms they are.

Council may at any time revoke and vary the conditions of authorisation by notifying the person to whom consent was given.

The Coat of Arms (or any imitation) is not allowed to be applied to any object, or permitted to be applied to any object, for the purposes of sale without the prior written authorisation of Council (LGA 2002 s234(b)). Where authorisation is granted, a suitable inscription must be included on any and all objects for sale which clearly shows whose Arms they are.

The Chief Executive and Manager – Governance and Legal also have delegated authority to approve the display of the Invercargill City Council Coat of Arms on related documents, publications and materials associated to projects, activities, and events that have received Council support.

Unauthorised use or display of the Coat of Arms for sale purposes is an offence, and could result in a fine not exceeding \$5,000 (LGA 2002 s242(2)).



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Invercargill City Council Logo



The current Invercargill City Council logo and branding was launched in February 2009. It takes its theme from the blade of grass sculpture outside Te Hīnaki – Civic Building in Esk Street and forms the letters ICC.

Display of the Invercargill City Council logo requires written authorisation of Council before proceeding.

Council is the sole and exclusive owner of the Invercargill City Council logo.

Council may authorise the display of the Invercargill City Council logo by external parties on receipt of a request in writing, and may impose conditions on its display.

Council may at any time revoke and vary the conditions of authorisation by notifying the person to whom consent was given.

The Chief Executive, Manager – Governance and Legal, and Manager – Communications and Marketing have delegated authority to approve the use of the Invercargill City Council logo on related documents, publications and materials associated to projects, activities, and events that have received Council support.

Council's standardised branding is to be included on all Council publications.

Used of the logo must adhere to Council's brand guidelines.



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Document control

Revision History:

Effective Date:

Review Period:

This Policy will be reviewed every six (6) years, unless earlier review is required due to legislative changes, or is warranted by another reason requested by Council.

New Review Date:

Associated Documents / References: A5436260, A5353754

Supersedes:

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Team Leader – Cemetery
Team Leader – Parks Business Support
Manager – Communications and Marketing
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT

To:	Council
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 29 October 2024
From:	Michael Day – Chief Executive
Approved Date:	Tuesday 15 October 2024
Open Agenda:	Yes
Public Excluded Agenda:	No

Purpose and Summary

This report provides an update from the Chief Executive on a wide range of activities across the Council.

Recommendations

That Council:

1. Receives the report "Chief Executive Management Report".

Consents and Environment

Minister Penk recently announced that government is looking at a "major reform" for the building consent system, by replacing the Building Consent Authority (BCA) with a new model. The new model would add three options to streamline the process:

Voluntary Consolidation: Allowing Councils to group together to deliver building control functions. There are already a number of Councils who are pooling some resources but barriers exist to full integration. This approach focuses on removing these barriers.

Regional BCAs: Establishing a smaller number of relatively large regional BCAs to replace the current 67 district and city council BCAs. This approach focuses on improving consistency and forming entities with the critical mass to drive economies of scale.

Single Point of Contact: Setting up a single point of contact for builders to submit plans to. Building inspection may be contracted out to existing BCAs or private consenting providers, creating competition, and encouraging specialisation.

Although any efforts to streamline the building consent process are welcomed, it is fair to say that the recent announcement is short on detail.

Key hurdles to clear are the current policy position of joint and several liability which has often resulted in Councils being the 'last man standing' and thus liable for the actions (or lack thereof) of others as well as a reluctance by insurers to take on risks resulting from construction projects.

The timeline for consultation and any resulting proposed changes is yet to be determined now. It is likely that Invercargill City Council will wish to submit when the opportunity arises.

Community Engagement and Corporate Services

Latest Census Data Highlights New Zealand Growing New Zealand's Growing Ethnic Diversity

Census Data releases are broadly in line with the Long-term plan estimates which were based on early NZ Stat estimates. The census figures show that Invercargill's diversity is increasing over time. Currently 19% of the population is Māori and 8% is Asian, as outlined in our Long-term plan. The latest census data shows that 14% of our population is over 65 (our LTP estimated this a little higher) and that population as a whole is slightly smaller than estimated (55,600 compared to 57,900).

[Latest census data highlights New Zealand's growing ethnic diversity | Beehive.govt.nz](https://www.beehive.govt.nz/latest-census-data-highlights-new-zealand-growing-ethnic-diversity)

Infrastructure

National Infrastructure Pipeline

The National Infrastructure Pipeline provides a national view of current or planned infrastructure projects, from roads, to water infrastructure, to schools, and more. Produced by the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission, the pipeline includes information on current, planned, and anticipated infrastructure projects and programmes to maintain, renew, and improve the infrastructure the country relies on. The infrastructure system requires the right people, at the right time, in the right place. The pipeline assists industry with more certainty to invest in its workforce – including training, along with new technologies and equipment. Insights from the pipeline will serve as an important part of developing the national infrastructure plan as well as assists us regionally to know what projects may be seeking resource at the same time we are. In September Invercargill City Council became one of the 94 organisations who have joined the pipeline.

The Commission's projections show that more than \$16 billion is expected to be spent across all infrastructure sectors in 2024. This spend is equivalent to around four per cent of GDP and highlights the significance of our infrastructure sectors to the New Zealand economy. The estimated value of projects in the pipeline changes over time as infrastructure providers update their project planning, improve the scope and quality of the information they submit, and as more organisations contribute their project information.

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Strengthening Resilience with Critical Road Improvement Projects

The Government has approved a \$226.2 million package of resilience improvement projects for state highways and local roads across the country that will reduce the impact of severe weather events and create a more resilient and efficient road network, Transport Minister Simeon Brown says.

“Our Government is committed to delivering infrastructure that boosts economic growth, reduces congestion, and enables Kiwis and freight to get where they want to go, quickly and safely.

“In recent years we have seen the terrible consequences that severe weather events can have on important transport networks across the country. It’s critical that improvements are made to strengthen our transport infrastructure against future severe weather events.”

Finance Minister Nicola Willis and Transport Minister Simeon Brown have jointly approved a \$132 million investment through the Crown Resilience Programme into 101 state highway projects across the country that will commence during 2024-27. An additional \$74.6 million will also be invested in local road projects across 34 Councils.

“Funding of almost \$16 million will address flooding risk across four critical Auckland state highway projects. Over \$25 million will be invested across 30 state highway projects in the Waikato, including a retaining wall upgrade in the Karangahake Gorge and critical erosion work alongside the Waikato River and in the Hikuai Hills.

“Our Government has approved over \$30 million to be invested across the South Island through the Crown Resilience Programme, including drainage improvements and underslip repairs in the Whangamoa Hill and Rai Saddle, and rockfall work at the Bens Creek bridge on the West Coast.

“While this critical programme of works is focused on small to medium level projects, we’re taking a proactive approach to increase the resilience of our network. Rather than just reacting to severe weather events, we are building resilience now to ensure that our infrastructure is strong in the face of future challenges.

“Our roads are critical for freight and tourism, and serve as important lifelines for communities around New Zealand. We must maintain these assets to the standard Kiwis need and expect, particularly in rural and remote locations where alternative routes are not available.”

[Strengthening resilience with critical road improvement projects | Beehive.govt.nz](#)

Building a Stronger Weather Forecasting System

The Government is looking at integrating the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) and the MetService to improve the weather forecasting system for New Zealand, Science, Innovation & Technology Minister Judith Collins says.

“We have agreed in-principle to NIWA acquiring the MetService, with the MetService retaining its role as New Zealand’s authorised meteorologist, subject to further work being completed.

"Having a strong weather forecasting system which combines weather forecasting science with land and hydrological system sciences through to daily public weather updates will help us meet the current and future demands of New Zealanders," Ms Collins says.

"Our weather forecasting system is critically important, not only to give us warning of severe weather so that we can prepare, but for daily operations of the aviation, marine and energy industries, and many businesses across New Zealand. It is crucial that our capabilities are streamlined in order to ensure that it is easy to access information about the weather from a single trusted source.

"Extreme weather events in 2023 resulted in a tragic loss of life. These events cost nearly \$12 billion in economic terms and \$5 billion in insured loss. The Weather Forecasting System Review found that there is a compelling case for change.

"Bringing together the science around climate, weather forecasting, hydrology, and coastal hazards will improve our understanding and allow us to better prepare for, and respond to, severe weather events," Ms Collins says.

"More work is needed before this change can happen. We have asked officials at the Treasury and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to work with the Met Service and NIWA to provide implementation details as soon as possible.

"A more streamlined system will increase safety, improve efficiencies and support a future focused weather forecasting system that works for all New Zealanders."

[Building a stronger weather forecasting system | Beehive.govt.nz](https://www.beehive.govt.nz/building-a-stronger-weather-forecasting-system)