


Minutes Infrastructure and Planning Committee 10 April 2025

 <p>WHAKATĀNE District Council <i>Kia Whakatāne au i ahau</i></p>	Details of Meeting:	INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE TŌTARA MEETING ROOM, WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL, 14 COMMERCE STREET, WHAKATĀNE, ON THURSDAY, 10 APRIL 2025, COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM
	Present:	His Worship the Mayor Dr V Luca, Deputy Mayor L Immink, Councillors J Pullar (Chairperson), A Iles, G Dennis, J Jukes, T O’Brien, N Rangiaho, N Tánczos, and T Boynton <i>Via Teams:</i> Councillor W James
	In Attendance:	S Perdia (Chief Executive), D Bewley (General Manager Planning, Regulatory and Infrastructure), L Woolsey (General Manager Strategy and Growth), A Reynolds (Manager Transportation), J Sinclair (Senior Water Consents Project Planner), J Joyce (Project Manager), N Woodley (Manager Policy Planning and Consents), J Metcalf (Team Leader Transport Strategy and Assets), S Stewart (Manager Strategy and Performance) and A Dass (Governance Support Advisor) <i>Via Teams:</i> H Patrick (Kaihautu – Strategic Māori Partnership)
	Visitors:	O Dobbin, C Hamill, N Davis and A Horwood (MartinJenkins)
	Apologies:	

1 KARAKIA

The meeting opened with a Karakia by Councillor O’Brien at 8:58 am.

2 MEETING NOTICES

Meeting participants were advised that the meeting was being live streamed. Attendees were also advised of Health and Safety procedures.

3 APOLOGIES

No apologies had been advised.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / TRIBUTES

Councillor Boynton acknowledged the members that attended Te Maruata Māori elected members conference.

Jack Karetai-Barrett was acknowledged for his Hikoi for Māori Wards; a return trip between Whakatāne and Tauranga.

Attendance: Councillor Tánczos entered the meeting at 9:02 am.

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6.1 West End Road Speed Reduction Safety Proposal – O Dobbin and C Hamill (WOCB Chairperson)

The committee received a presentation regarding road safety concerns at West End Road. Mr Dobbin advised Briar Goldie was unable to attend.

West End was described as a paradise with numerous amenities, serving as a hub for beach visitors and attracting approximately 10,000 tourists annually. Significant concerns were raised regarding frequent speeding incidents along the road and highlighted risks to residents in the area.

Potential solutions were proposed, such as reduced speed limits, additional signage, and speed bumps to encourage drivers to slow down. The presentation emphasised strong community support for these safety measures. Specific incidents were cited, including a bike collision with a reversing vehicle and a fatal injury to a dog. The presenters stressed that such incidents could easily involve pedestrians, particularly children, and noted that near misses were too numerous.

Attendance: O Dobbin and C Hamill left the meeting at 9:23 am.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Refer to page 26 of the agenda.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Boynton

Procedural Note: The mover and seconder agreed to include the public excluded minutes and to confirm both sets of minutes together.

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Infrastructure and Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday, 20 February 2025 and the public excluded minutes of the Infrastructure and Planning Committee meeting held 14 November 2024 be **confirmed** as true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 REPORTS

8.1 Submission on Proposed Wastewater Environmental Performance Standards

Refer to pages 27-54 of the agenda.

The Senior Water Consents Project Planner introduced the report, and the discussion included aspects of the water reform programme, focusing on proposals to streamline the consenting process. Key points included the establishment of discharge quality standards and the assessment of environmental effects. Members noted that the proposed standards would only cover low-rate commission scenarios. Concerns were raised regarding potential costs at the appeals stage and the implications of the standards, particularly whether a more lenient approach might be adopted.

Moved Councillor Tanczos / Seconded Deputy Mayor Immink

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Proposed National Wastewater Environmental Performance Standards Submission report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approves** the draft submission on the proposed wastewater environmental performance standards, as attached in Appendix 1; and
3. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee has **noted** the next steps.

CARRIED

8.2 Three Waters Consent Replacement Programme Update Report – April 2025

Refer to pages 55-63 of the agenda.

The Programme Manager introduced the report, and discussion highlighted the following points:

- Numerous submissions from across the country were being processed by Central Government.
- Members observed that no upgrades were listed despite significant funding being available. A proposal was presented for managing these funds moving forward, with the committee noting that all figures remained subject to revision in forthcoming submissions.
- It was reported that currently technical work was being undertaken, with project management positions yet to be filled.

Moved Deputy Mayor Immink / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

THAT the Three Waters Consent Replacement Programme Update Report - April 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.3 Matatā Wastewater Project Update – April 2025

Refer to pages 64-71 of the agenda.

The Programme Manager introduced the report. The ensuing discussion highlighted the potential implementation of the Matatā scheme and examined the potential benefits it could bring to Whakatāne. An update would be included in the Matatā newsletter to inform residents of the developments.

Moved Councillor Dennis / Seconded Councillor Boynton

RESOLVED:

THAT the Matatā Wastewater Project Update - April 2025 report be **received**.

CARRIED

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am and reconvened at 10:15 am.

8.4 Local Waters Done Well – Options for Future Water Delivery

Refer to pages 72-167 of the agenda.

Andrew Horwood and Nick Davis from MartinJenkins introduced the report. Discussion included the financial review conducted over the previous month in collaboration with Tonkin and Taylor, focusing on deliverable options within budget and timeframe constraints. Members were advised that the long-term benefit would come through multiple Council-Controlled Organisations (CCOs).

The financial projections spanning the next decade and beyond were highlighted. Members were informed that the draft consultation document attempted to reflect the advantages and disadvantages of various approaches, with allowances made for additional incremental costs.

It was acknowledged that the financial modelling was 'assumption-driven'. Particular attention was drawn to the table shown on page 80, the dark green circles did not necessarily indicate superiority to certain groups and remained subject to interpretation.

The committee was encouraged to focus on the consultation document rather than the accompanying table, with reference made to Appendix B (page 137).

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Jukes

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Local Water Done Well – Options for Future Water Delivery report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approves** two options for public consultation regarding the future water service delivery model, including indicating a preferred option. The options are:
 - a Multi-Council Council-Controlled Organisation (CCO) – (the preferred option); and
 - an Internal Council Business Unit.
3. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approves** the draft consultation document (as attached in Appendix B), and delegates authority for final approval to the Chief Executive should any further refinements be required; and
4. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **notes** that formal consultation is scheduled to take place from 17 April to 18 May 2025, followed by hearings on 5 June 2025.

There were also concerns about potential imbalances between eastern and western entities, which could lead to disproportionate influence from other stakeholders.

Members stressed the need to inform the public with all available information, using clear and understandable language.

CARRIED

Attendance: A Horwood and N Davis left the meeting at 11:11 am.

8.5 2025 Speed Limit Setting – Consultation Approval

Refer to pages 168-209 of the agenda.

The Manager of Transportation introduced the report and highlighted that variable speed limits around schools were legislative requirements. Members were advised that the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) would co-fund variable speed limits, which would significantly reduce necessary funding. Members acknowledged that both sealed and unsealed roads were targeted in this initiative, with flexibility to adjust as required.

Correction: Page 172, Ōhope Road was listed as 100 km/h and should have been corrected to 80 km/h as its current speed.

Action: An options report to be presented at a future Infrastructure and Planning Committee meeting regarding the installation of speed safety measures on West End Road.

Attendance: Councillor Tánczos left the meeting 11:30 am and re-entered the meeting at 11:34 am.

Moved Councillor Iles / Seconded Councillor Rangiaho

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the 2025 Speed Limit Setting - Consultation Approval report be **received**; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **notes** that the current reduced speed limits at Te Mahoe School and Waimana School will be transitioned to variable school speed limits before 1 May 2025, in compliance with mandatory legislative school speed limit requirements; and
3. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **notes** that new variable school speed limits will be implemented by 1 July 2026, in accordance with legislative requirements, with funding allocated from existing budgets.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Boynton / Seconded Councillor Jukes

RESOLVED:

THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee delegates authority to a sub-committee to consider the proposed speed limits for each road in our District to be included in the consultation process. The sub-committee membership consisting of the following five Councillors and the Mayor, namely:

- Councillor Dennis
- Councillor Jukes
- Councillor James
- Councillor Iles
- Councillor Rangiaho
- Mayor Luca

CARRIED

8.6 Options Assessment Report – Arawa Road / Bridge Street Roundabout

Refer to pages 210-218 of the agenda.

The Manager of Transportation noted that the funding was primarily for remedial work and would be co-funded. The \$100,000 allocation fell within the local share and had been approved in the Long-Term Plan (LTP).

Moved Councillor Tánczos / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receives** the Arawa Road/Bridge Street Roundabout Options Assessment report; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approve** Option 2, comprising rescoped, lower-cost improvements with the surfacing renewal of Arawa/Bridge Street Roundabout. Namely:
 - The renewal of the existing roundabout surface with a 40mm AC layer.
 - Concrete infill on all traffic islands on approach and centre roundabout island.
 - Rehabilitation of pavement failures.
 - Upgrade of the inadequate drainage structures (kerbs and cesspits).
 - Installation of guardrail around the WWPS.
 - Construction of two raised pedestrian platforms, using asphaltic concrete (AC), across the two key connections; Arawa Road and Awatapu Drive.

CARRIED

8.7 Options Assessment Report - Goulstone Road Raised Pedestrian Crossings

Refer to pages 219-226 of the agenda.

The Manager of Transportation introduced the report and there was a discussion regarding budgets for infrastructure.

Moved Councillor Jukes / Seconded Councillor O'Brien

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receives** the Goulstone Road Raised Pedestrian Crossings Options Assessment Report; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approves** Option 2: Do Minimum – Construct Whakatāne High School Asphalt Platform Only.

CARRIED

8.8 Submission on the Term of Parliament (Enabling 4-Year Term) Legislation Amendment Bill

Refer to pages 227-234 of the agenda.

The General Manager of Strategy and Growth introduced the report and during discussions the following points were noted:

- There was a considerably short timeframe to submit to Central Government.
- Support for the bill was expressed.
- Suggested amendments to be provided prior to 17 April 2025.
- The Electoral Reform Working Group had circulated a paper for consideration.

Attendance: Councillor Iles left the meeting at 12:05 pm and re-entered the meeting at 12:12 pm.

Moved Mayor Luca / Seconded Councillor Tánczos

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **receive** the Submission on the Term of Parliament (Enabling 4-Year Term) Legislation Amendment Bill report; and
2. THAT the Infrastructure and Planning Committee **approves** the submission from Whakatāne District Council to the Justice Committee, as attached to this report (Option 1); and
3. THAT The Mayor and Chief-Executive be **delegated authority** to finalise and approve Council's submission on the bill should further changes be required.

CARRIED

8.9 Capex Delivery Update Report – April 2025

Refer to pages 235-252 of the agenda.

The Manager of Transportation introduced the report and she noted the following points:

- The Otumahi and Johnson Road Ultraviolet Systems was noted as being completed and would proceed as planned.
- Investigations were ongoing regarding the unsealed sections of Matahi Valley Road.
- The development contribution for the Withy Road Subdivision was to be applied towards the sealing of the road.
- The Blue Rock Quarry reference was clarified and should have been noted as relating to the Tāneatua Road Resilience and Improvement project.

Moved Mayor Luca / Seconded Councillor Dennis

RESOLVED:

THAT the Capex Delivery Update Report – April 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed with a Karakia from Councillor O'Brien at 12:25 am.

Confirmed at the meeting dated
CHAIRPERSON