



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Kia Reretahi Tātau

Finance Committee Minutes from 15 February 2023

Present: Councillor Colin Olds (Chair), Mayor Martin Connelly (from 10:10am), Councillors Kaye McAulay (via Zoom only), Martin Bosley and Aaron Woodcock.

In Attendance: Councillor Pip Maynard, Alistair Plimmer.

Also in Attendance: Harry Wilson (Chief Executive Officer), Karon Ashforth (General Manager Finance), Amanda Bradley (General Manager Policy and Governance), Paul Gardner (HR Manager), Sheil Priest (General Manager Communications and Engagement), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager Partnerships and Operations), Rebecca Jamieson (Digital Communications Advisor), Robyn Wells (Principal Advisor Water Transition), and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor).

Conduct of Business: This meeting was held in SWDC Greytown Office, 64 Main Street, Greytown and via audio-visual conference. This meeting was live-streamed and is available to view on our YouTube channel. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 10:03am to 12:14pm except where expressly noted.

Open Section

Councillor Olds welcomed attendees and members of the public online, noting that the venue had moved from Martinborough to Greytown, due to weather conditions.

Item Moved

A2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

A1. Mihi/Karakia Timatanga - Opening

Ms Andersen opened the meeting.

A3. Conflicts of Interest

The following conflicts of interest were declared.

A4. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

A5. Actions from public participation

As above.

A6. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

A7. Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

B Information Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

B1. Finance Report

Mayor Connelly joined the meeting at 10:10am.

Ms Ashforth spoke to matters included in the report.

Ms Ashforth noted the Annual Report 2021/22 final audit will restart next week.

Ms Wells provided further information and updates in relation to the Three Waters transition programme.

Ms Ashforth responded questions from members regarding: the Provincial Growth Fund (Tauherenikau Bridge); staffing of libraries (Mr Corbett provided historical background); collection of rates arrears; the Annual Report 2021/22 completion delays and notification to the public about this issue; Three Waters reporting, submissions and regular updates as the transition progresses; upcoming consultation and engagement (LTP, rating review); insurance; and the Financial Delegations Policy.

Action 54: To write a letter to the Auditor General expressing concerns about the delay in completing the review of SWDC's Annual Report 2021/22; to be co-signed by the Mayor, Chief Executive and General Manager Finance, *H Wilson*.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RESOLVED (FI2023/01) to receive the Finance Report.

(Moved Cr Bosley, Seconded Cr Woodcock)

Carried

C Chairperson's Report

C1. Report from Finance Committee Chair

FINANCE COMMITTEE RESOLVED (FI2023/02) to receive the Chairperson's report.

(Moved Councillor Olds/Seconded Mayor Connelly)

Carried

D Public Excluded Business

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:

Report/General Subject Matter	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution
IT Systems and Architecture – Critical Spend and Programme of Work	Good reason to withhold exists under 7(2)(j)	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution (FI2023/03) is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution
The withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.	Section 7(2)(j)

(Moved Councillor Bosley/Seconded Mayor Connelly)

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29am.

The meeting was recommenced at 11:40am.

Mayor Connelly left the meeting at 12:00pm.

E Karakia Whakamutunga – Closing

Ms Andersen closed the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 12:14pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Chair)

.....(Date)