

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE SUPPER ROOM, WAIHINGA CENTRE, TEXAS STREET, MARTINBOROUGH
ON WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 10:00AM**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter (Chair), Cr Alistair Plimmer, Cr Aaron Woodcock, Cr Martin Bosley, Cr Colin Olds, Mayor Martin Connelly, Cr Pip Maynard, Ms Violet Edwards and Cr Kaye McAulay.

APOLOGIES: Cr Aidan Ellims.

IN ATTENDANCE: Janice Smith (Chief Executive Officer), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager, Corporate Services), Russell O'Leary (Group Manager, Planning & Regulatory), Mia Wilton (Manager, Environmental Services), Narida Hooper (Pou Māori), Matt Vins (Manager, Governance & Business Operations), Lina McManus (Coordinator, Grants & Funding), Siv Fjaerestad (Lead Advisor, Community Development), Joanna Baldwin (Advisor, Welcoming Communities) and Amy Andersen (Lead Advisor, Democracy & Committees).

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS: This meeting was held in the Supper Room, WaiHINGA Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conferencing commencing at 10:01am. The meeting was held under public excluded provisions from 11:52am to 12:34pm except where expressly noted.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

All in attendance opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

2.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/136

Moved: Cr C Olds

Seconded: Cr P Maynard

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to accept apologies from Cr Ellims and Ms Edwards.

CARRIED

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No interests were disclosed relating to items on the agenda or interests not already recorded on a relevant register.

13 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

13.1 SOUTH WAIRARAPA SPORTS AND RECREATION SERVICE

Mr Vins spoke to the report and responded to queries from members including: KPIs for the successful tender (reporting back to Council by organisation, similar to the current economic development organisations); key outcomes and how these will be progressed by the successful tender, clarification as to why Māori was a criteria and the weighting of 6% applied (officers highlighted this was to ensure there was a focus on support to access services, noting studies have shown that to work with Kaupapa Māori would produce better results for Māori and Pasifika in particular); how will Kia Hākinakina reach children differently to Greytown Sports and Leisure; the location of organisations and the significance between being based in Masterton vs South Wairarapa.

In terms of the recommendations, Mr Vins noted Kia Hākinakina is fully compliant as an organisation. As part of the tender they provided detailed plans on how to deliver and grow the initiative and responded to further queries from members on the weighting and scoring in their evaluation. Mr Vins also noted that Kia Hākinakina has provided evidence with regard to fundraising and reinvestment in assets (thinking outside of the box).

During debate on the matter, some members thanked staff for the work and the objectivity of the evaluation. Others held concerns regarding the overall evaluation process, whether the decisions should have been left to operations, as well as the limited time of 20 months to ensure sustainability of the initiative.

Some members were keen to ensure that the original intent of the tender was followed, noting that members had given officers direction and that a process had been followed, resulting in three interested parties.

Some members did not agree with the evaluation and were concerned that a Masterton based organisation would not be *ready to go* and start working with clubs, assuming that relationships were not in place already. Furthermore, members noted that Greytown Sports and Leisure was established within South Wairarapa, and believed that a local individual with relationships and understanding of the area should run the service.

Cr McAulay left at 12:13pm.

Cr McAulay returned at 12:15pm

The Chair reiterated what local sports clubs had requested during the collation of feedback prior to the tender and what members had requested from officers originally (noted, this did not include that the tender had to have a stipulation the organisation must be based in the South Wairarapa).

Mayor Connelly noted that Kia Hākinakina were involved in South Wairarapa sports, including Kuranui College and stated it would be an unnecessary risk to ignore advice from officers.

Mr Vins further noted that anyone could apply during the tender process and council could have had more out of region responses.

Ms McManus provided final assurances around the evaluation processes and a brief explanations of the scoring/weightings for each organisation.

Mr Vins confirmed that the delivery outcomes, reporting will come back to Council in future.

Following discussion regarding the public release of all appendices, recommendation 4 in the report was removed from the final resolution. Documents will be released when those who applied to the tender have been notified of the Committee's decision.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/143**Moved: Cr C Olds****Seconded: Cr P Maynard**

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to receive the *South Wairarapa Sports and Recreation Service report*.

CARRIED**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/144****Moved: Mayor M Connelly****Seconded: Cr C Olds**

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to approve that Kia Hākinakina be provided \$80,600 grant funding per year, pro-rata, for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2027 to deliver a sports and recreation service for South Wairarapa.

In Favour: Cr C Olds, Mayor M Connelly, Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr P Maynard, Ms V Edwards and Cr K McAulay

Against: Cr A Plimmer, Cr A Woodcock and Cr M Bosley

CARRIED 6/3**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/145****Moved: Cr A Plimmer****Seconded: Cr P Maynard**

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to agree to the release of the South Wairarapa Sports and Recreation Service report, following decision at Strategy Working Committee to provide the grant as outlined at recommendation 2.

CARRIED**14 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING**

All in attendance closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 12:34pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

..... (Chair)

..... (Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

..... (Date)

Released