

# MINUTES

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 15 March 2023

**Time:** 1.00pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Present**

HWTM Andy Watson  
Cr Dave Wilson  
Cr Brian Carter  
Cr Gill Duncan  
Cr Richard Lambert  
Cr Coral Raukawa  
Cr Jeff Wong  
Cr Simon Loudon  
Cr Greg Maughan  
Cr Jarrod Calkin  
Cr Fi Dalgety

**In attendance**

Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive  
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer  
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy and Planning  
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community Services  
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager - Corporate Services  
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager - People and Culture  
Ms Adina Foley, Group Manager-Capital Projects  
Ms Georgia Etheridge, Corporate Planning Advisor  
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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## 1 Welcome / Prayer

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/042**

That the apologies for Tracey Piki Te Ora Hiroa be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr G Duncan. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

Nil

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Nil.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

No change to the order of business.

## 6 Reports for Decision

### 6.1 Adoption of Supporting Documents and Documents for Simultaneous Consultation for the 2023/24 Annual Plan

Mrs Gordon advised that supporting information and documents for simultaneous consultation are adopted prior to the Consultation Document.

His Worship noted that Council is able to submit on its own Annual Plan if elected members believe it is necessary, but hopefully this will not be required. He also acknowledged there had been a number of workshops on these topics.

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/043**

That the report 'Adoption of Supporting Documents and Documents for Simultaneous Consultation for the 2023/24 Annual Plan' be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/044**

That the Council adopts the following documents as information relied on by the content of the Consultation Document for the development of the 2023/24 Annual Plan:

- The draft 2023/24 Annual Plan
- The adopted 2021-31 Long Term Plan

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/045**

That Council adopts for consultation, using the special consultative procedure, simultaneously with Framing 2023/24, the following associated documents:

- Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2023/24
- Amended Rates Remission Policy  
Revenue and Financing Policy
- Draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

**6.2 Adoption of "Framing 2023/24" - the Consultation Document for the draft 2023/24 Annual Plan**

In response to a question Mrs Gordon said an updated debt graph had been produced at the request of the CE and Mayor. Mr Tombs noted it is usual practice to use the debt levels from the LTP but the debt level graph was updated to show debt levels with the different options included in the Consultation Document and the impact of removal of three waters. There is a large amount of information unknown regarding three water related debt and there is mixed advice on when the debt will transfer which will impact on our debt levels. The information provided is what we know currently.

Key Choice 1: Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

Elected members requested it be made clear that Taihape is the first priority as there is a need for earthquake strengthening.

Mr Tombs noted that the 10.1%- increase is the increased amount to run Council. The 9.1% figure reflects the average annual rate increase to current ratepayers.

Council acknowledged and thanked staff who undertook this work, noting it has been a challenging year with Covid, the reform of three waters, and increased workload on the assets team.

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/046**

That the Adoption of "Framing 2023/24" - the Consultation Document for the draft 2023/24 Annual Plan report be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried Unanimously

**Resolved minute number    23/RDC/047**

That the Council resolves to adopt “Framing 2023/24” as the Consultation Document for the 2023/24 Annual Plan (in terms of section 95A of the Local Government Act 2002), subject to minor editorial and formatting changes.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

**The meeting closed at 2.15pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 March 2023.**

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**Chairperson**