

NOTES

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Date: 01 October 2026

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: 46 High Street
Council Chambers
Marton

Present

Cr Diana Baird
Cr Alan Buckendahl
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Sandra Field
Cr Graeme O'Fee
Cr Paul Sharland
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Jeff Wong

Apology

HWTM Andy Watson (on Council businesses)
Cr John Hainsworth
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Coral Raukawa

In attendance

Ms Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive
Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
Michael Hodder, Advisor to the Chief Executive
Graeme Pointon, Legal Advisor
Justine Moore, Transition Manager for Horowhenua District Council
Paul Carlsson, Asset Manager
Sophia Sykes, Manager Communications and Engagement
Erin Townsend, Manager People and Culture (Zoom).

1. Welcome

1.1 The workshop commenced at 1.00pm by Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson.

2. Central Districts Water – Transfer Agreement

That the public were excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this workshop.

1 Central Districts Water – Transfer Agreement

The general subject matter 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 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 for the passing of this resolution
Central Districts Water – Transfer Agreement	To consider commercial activities relating to the Transfer of assets to Central Districts Water Reason: s7(2)(h) and s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities or to carry out negotiations.	s48(1)(a)(i)

This decision is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

3. Update on Legislative Changes

3.1 A presentation was provided by the Chief Executive on recent legislative changes:

- Planning Act and Natural Environment Act 2026
- Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Act 2026
- Emergency Management Act 2026
- Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2026

3.2 Additional updates were provided on:

- Rates Capping
- Simplifying Local Government (Headstart / Backstop)

The workshop closed at 3.00pm.