

MINUTES

UNCONFIRMED: FINANCE/PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 25 September 2025

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

- Cr Jeff Wong
- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Brian Carter
- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Simon Loudon
- Cr Greg Maughan

In attendance

- Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
- Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive
- Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services
- Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
- Ms Lorraine Bergen, Manager – Financial Services
- Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships
- Ms Marita Wilkinson, Financial Accountant
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The meeting opened at 9.30am and Cr Dalgety read the council prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/046

That the apology received from the Mayor Andy Watson and Cr Sharland.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Wong. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Amendment: That page 10 item 9.7 officers review the sentence for clarity.

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/047

That the minutes of Finance/Performance Committee Meeting held on 28 August 2025 **as amended** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter Carried

7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report - September 2025

The Chair provided a verbal report.

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/048

That the Chair's Report – September 2025 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

8 Reports for Decision

8.1 Draft 2024/25 Annual Report

Ms Wilkinson, one of Council's accountants, was introduced to the Committee. Members were advised that Ms Wilkinson had made a significant contribution to the preparation of the Annual Report and would have a greater presence in supporting Council throughout the new triennium.

Officers also noted that personnel costs were lower than budget due to staffing changes within the infrastructure and roading teams. Members discussed Council's overall financial position, with officers advising that while the balance sheet remains positive, depreciation continues to be a significant factor in Council's operating result and future funding requirements.

Officers reminded the Committee that the Annual Report presented was still in draft form. Any amendments arising from the completion of the audit would be clearly identified in the final version, and the incoming Council would be briefed on all substantive changes before adoption.

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/049

That the Draft 2024/25 Annual Report report be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/050

That the Finance/Performance Committee recommend to the new Council to adopt the final 2024/25 Annual Report subject to any amendments (if any) Audit NZ may request or any final changes to the set of accounting notes, or grammatical corrections identified.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/051

That His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the letter of representation addressed to the Council's auditor for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Finance Snapshot - August 2025

The Committee commented that significant financial adjustments often appear at the end of the financial year, making it difficult to understand the full financial position throughout the year. Officers advised that financial reporting is undertaken regularly during the year but acknowledged the value of improving the way major projects and financial movements are reflected in routine reporting. They noted that this approach would be considered for future reporting.

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/052

That the report Finance Snapshot - August 2025 be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr S Loudon. Carried

9.2 Debt Collection Update

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/053

That the report Debt Collection Update be received.

Cr S Loudon/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.3 LGFA - General Information

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/054

That the report LGFA - General Information and the Local Government Funding Agency 2025 Annual Report be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter Carried

9.4 Public Feedback / Performance Report - August 2025

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/FPE/055

That the report Public Feedback / Performance Report – August 2025 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Maughan. Carried

The meeting closed at 10.24am.