

MINUTES

FINANCE/PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 2 April 2026

Time: following Risk/Assurance Workshop

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Diana Baird

In attendance

Cr Alan Buckendahl
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
Mr Darryn Black, Roding Transport Manager
Ms Lorraine Bergen, Manager – Financial Services
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
Ms Crystal Johnston, Executive Assistant – Group Managers

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Chair opened the meeting at 1:47pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **26/FPE/001**

That the apologies from HWTM Watson and Cr Sharland be received.

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 were no changes to the order of business.

6 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

6.1 Follow-Up Action Items from Finance/Performance Committee Meetings

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **26/FPE/002**

That the report Follow-up Action Items from Finance/Performance Committee Meetings be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report - April 2026

The chair provided a verbal report, and this was tabled after the meeting.

Resolved minute number 26/FPE/003

That the Chair's Report – April 2026 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Wong. Carried

8 Reports for Information

8.1 Finance Snapshot - February 2026

Officers answered questions on the revenue for waste transfer stations and that the Bulls, Taihape and weighbridge at the Marton station are now charged per weight, it is suspected that previously people were coming from outside of the district due to this being significantly cheaper. This has resulted in less income from the transfer stations but also a reduction in expenditure for landfill cost, overall, this is positive.

The Committee asked about the impacts of the recent weather event. Officers responded that Council has used reserve funding. If there are further costs, then there will need to be a further decision by Council on the funding of this.

Officers responded to a question regarding capital expenditure and the percentage of spend to date against the revised \$43.2 million budget. It was questioned whether the remaining budget could realistically be spent within the remainder of the financial year.

The Chief Executive confirmed that the larger projects are progressing, although not as quickly as originally anticipated, and noted that these projects sit within staged budgets. It was also noted that roading budgets are expected to be fully spent.

Concern was raised about the length of time some projects have been running, and the need to reduce the number of concurrent projects to improve delivery and ensure capital budgets are spent effectively. Mrs Gordon noted that some delays are outside Council's control, such as consenting processes.

Resolved minute number 26/FPE/004

That the report Finance Snapshot - February 2026 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Baird. Carried

8.2 Fee Waiver - 01 July 2025 to 31 December 2025

Mrs Gordon commented that Council is receiving an increasing number of requests as costs continue to rise. It was noted that Council will discuss, as part of the Long-Term Plan process, its appetite for continuing to waive fees.

Resolved minute number 26/FPE/005

That the report Fee Waiver - 01 July 2025 to 31 December 2025 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Wong. Carried

8.3 Debt Collection Update

The Committee commented that they wished Council did not need to utilise Debt Management Central but acknowledged that the process is a necessary measure for the recovery of overdue rates. Officers confirmed that Debt Management Central follows the required processes and legislation when recovering outstanding rates.

Officers also responded to a question regarding the rates rebate scheme and whether the rebate amount is set by central government. It was confirmed that the scheme operates on a fixed dollar amount determined by central government, which council administers against.

Resolved minute number 26/FPE/006

That the report Debt Collection Update be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr D Baird. Carried

8.4 LGFA - General Information

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/FPE/007

That the report LGFA – General Information, including the Draft Statement of Intent 2026-2029 and covering letter be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

8.5 QV Report - March 2026

Members noted that the next valuation review is scheduled to commence in August 2026. Officers confirmed that the new valuations will take effect from 1 July 2027, and that Council will receive the information in advance to enable modelling work to be undertaken beforehand.

A member asked a question regarding population growth and how forecasting is being approached for 2026. Officers agreed to investigate this further as an action item.

Resolved minute number 26/FPE/008

That report QV Report - March 2026 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Wong. Carried

The meeting closed at 2:27pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Finance/Performance Committee held on 28 May 2026.

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Chairperson