

MINUTES

FINANCE/PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 28 May 2026

Time: Following Risk/Assurance Committee

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Diana Baird
Cr Paul Sharland
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Jeff Wong
HWTM Andy Watson

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
Mr Darryn Black, Roading Transport Manager
Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships
Ms Crystal Johnston, Executive Assistant – Group Managers

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Cr Dalgety opened the meeting at 3.25pm.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

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

Resolved minute number 26/FPE/009

That the minutes of Finance/Performance Committee Meeting held on 2 April 2026 without amendment 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 D Wilson. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Finance/Performance Meetings

Population Projections

Officers advised that updated population projections will be presented to elected members as part of the Long-Term Plan Forecasting Assumptions Workshop. The projections will inform Council's future planning and the assumptions underpinning the development of the Long-Term Plan.

Resolved minute number 26/FPE/010

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Wong. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - May 2026

The Chair acknowledged and thanked staff for their significant work in preparing the Annual Plan, recognising the considerable effort involved in meeting statutory timeframes.

Discussion then turned to local government reform and the potential implications of metropolitan, rural, and provincial governance models.

Members discussed the need for Council to proactively prepare for future reform discussions by developing an evidence-based understanding of the district's position and ensuring the interests of rural communities are effectively represented in any future governance arrangements.

Resolved minute number 26/FPE/011

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Baird. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Finance Snapshot - April 2026

Officers advised that, as outlined in section 2.2 of the report, Council is currently forecasting an operating surplus of \$2.2 million. It was noted that while a deficit had been anticipated later in the financial year, it is now expected to be lower than originally budgeted.

Members received an update on Council's debt position following the transfer of three waters assets.

Members discussed a range of aspects of the financial snapshot.

Resolved minute number 26/FPE/012

That the Finance/Performance Committee receive the Finance Snapshot Report - April 2026.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

9.2 Debt Collection Update

Officers advised that the Debt Collection Update now includes movement from the previous reporting period, following a request from elected members for greater visibility of trends.

Members noted that the number of debt collection cases had increased during the reporting period.

Officers also advised that rates rebate applications continue to be submitted as ratepayers provide the required documentation. While applications are still being processed, the volume of new applications has reduced as the financial year has progressed.

Resolved minute number 26/FPE/013

That the Finance/Performance Committee receive Debt Collection Update Report.

Cr D Baird/HWTM A Watson. Carried

9.3 LGFA - General Information

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/FPE/014

That the report 'LGFA - General Information' be received.

HWTM A Watson/Cr D Baird. Carried

The meeting closed at 4:00pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Finance/Performance Committee held on 27 August 2026.

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Chairperson