

Minutes of the thirty-second meeting of the twelfth triennium of Horizons Regional Council held at 9.31am on Tuesday 24 June 2025, in the Tararua Room Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs RJ Keedwell (Chair), AL Benbow, EM Clarke (via Zoom to 12.15pm), DB Cotton (from 9.37am), JT Edmonds, SD Ferguson, EB Gordon, FJT Gordon, GM McKellar, JM Naylor, NM Riley, AR Taylor, and WK Te Awe Awe (from 9.45am).

IN ATTENDANCE Acting Chief Executive Mr G Shirley
Acting Group Manager
Corporate and Governance Mrs C Hesselin
Committee Secretaries Mrs JA Kennedy and Mrs R De Souza

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:

Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Catchment Operations), Dr E Daly (Group Manager Strategy, Regulation & Science), Mr A Smith (Chief Financial Officer), Mr J Galuszka (Senior Communications Advisor), Ms J Hamblyn (Communications Advisor), Mr M Read (Manager Transport Services), Mr I Mills (Senior Transport Planner), Mrs J Thorby (Senior Transport Planner), Mr M Bray (Transport Planner), Ms M Edwards (Transport Planner), Ms S Foale (Transport Team Administrator), Ms B Hautapu (Policy Advisor - Iwi and Hapū Relationships), Mr N Winikerei-Watson (Cultural Development Advisor), Ms C Almond (Manager Policy & Strategy), Mr R Marshall (Senior Policy Analyst), Mr N Portegys (Team Leader Policy), Mrs M Reiche (Policy Analyst), Mr J Kendrew (Graduate Policy Analyst Planner), Mr C Morris (People & Capability Manager), Mr B Rush (Senior Safety & Wellbeing Advisor), Mr C Grant (Programme Director), Ms H Jackson (Project Lead), Mrs T Hunt (Lead Integrated Catchment), Mr C Davey (Biodiversity, Biosecurity, & Partnerships Manager), Ms A Mackintosh (Team Leader Biodiversity), Dr M Patterson (Principal Scientist), Dr L Fullard (Team Leader Science), Ms M Stout (Scientist Water Allocation), Mrs S Boyte (Environmental Scientist Natural Resources), Mr David Neal (Business Services Manager), Mr I Stuart (Assets Team Leader), Ms L Matehe (Assets and Facilities Advisor), and Mrs J Rankin (Manawatū Standard).

Via Zoom: Mr P Beverly and Mrs F Wedde (Buddle Findlay).

WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting with a Karakia from Cr Edmonds.

APOLOGIES

25-402 Moved Keedwell/B Gordon

That the Council receives an apology from Cr Teira, an apology from Cr Cotton for late arrival, and an apology from Cr Clarke for early departure.

CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS

There were no requests for public speaking rights.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

The Chair noted Annex A to Item 8.8, Report No. 25-93 Horizons Submissions on Resource Management Reform Phase 2 – Integrated National Direction Package as a supplementary item.

25-403 **Moved** **Naylor/Taylor**

That the Council receives Annex A to Item 8.8, Report No. 25-93 Horizons Submissions on Resource Management Reform Phase 2 – Integrated National Direction Package as a Supplementary Item.

CARRIED

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

During discussion of Report No. 25-93, Horizons Submissions on Resource Management Reform Phase 2 - Integrated National Direction Package, Cr F Gordon declared a potential Conflict of Interest for matters relating to NES-CF.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

25-404 **Moved** **Naylor/Ferguson**

That the minutes of the Regional Council meeting held on 27 May 2025 as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

Cr Cotton joined the meeting at 9.37am.

TE TIRITI O WAITANGI PARTNERSHIP HEALTH CHECK

Report No 25-86

This report presented the findings of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi Health Check, which was conducted by Buddle Findlay as an independent review. It assessed how Horizons Regional Council fulfilled its obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi in its relationships with iwi and hapū throughout the Manawatū–Whanganui region. Mr P Beverly and Mrs F Wedde (via Zoom) presented the report and gave an overview of the methodology for the review, legislative context, and conclusions/recommendations.

Cr Te Awe Awe joined the meeting at 9.45am.

Members' sought clarification and provided their suggestions for improvements to wording contained in the Te Tiriti o Waitangi Review. Following debate there was a motion to include the words 'Treaty of Waitangi' in recommendations c. and d. This was then amended to remove the wording 'Treaty of /Waitangi'.

25-405 **Moved** **Ferguson/Keedwell**

It is recommended that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 25-86 and Annex.*
- b. thanks Buddle Findlay for their report and presentation.*
- c. receives the Te Tiriti o Waitangi / ~~The Treaty Of Waitangi~~ Review Report dated June 2025.*
- d. notes that officers will commence development of an implementation plan in 2025/26 in response to the recommendations of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi/ ~~The Treaty Of Waitangi~~ Health Check.*

CARRIED

The Chair then put the substantive motion.

25-406 **Moved** **McKellar/B Gordon**

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 25-86 and Annex.*
- b. *thanks Buddle Findlay for their report and presentation.*
- c. *receives the Te Tiriti o Waitangi Review Report dated June 2025.*
- d. *notes that officers will commence development of an implementation plan in 2025/26 in response to the recommendations of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi Health Check*

CARRIED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

The Acting Chief Executive summarised the CE's report and responded to Members' questions.

25-407 **Moved** **Ferguson/Taylor**

That the Chief Executive's report be received.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE 2025-26 ANNUAL PLAN

Report No 25-87

This report detailed the procedures for approving and adopting the 2025-26 Annual Plan. The Acting Chief Executive presented the report and along with Mr Smith (Chief Financial Officer), addressed questions from Members. Members' provided their views on the rate percentage increase.

25-408 **Moved** **Naylor/Taylor**

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 25-87;*
- b. *adopts the 2025-26 Annual Plan, subject to any feedback received;*
- c. *requests the Chief Executive to prepare the final 2025-26 Annual Plan for publication, including minor proofing changes.*

CARRIED

RATE SETTING AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES CONFIRMATION FOR 2025-26

Report No 25-88

Mr Smith summarised this report which recommended the rates to be set for the 2025-26 year, including the confirmation of the administrative charges for the same period.

25-409

Moved

Naylor/F Gordon

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 25-88 and Annex.*
- b. *notes that it has had regard to the matters set out in section 100T of the Biosecurity Act 1993 in the development of the 2017-37 Regional Pest Management Plan, the supporting documentation Horizons Amended Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan 2017-37 and the 2024-34 Long-term Plan, as is reflected in the content of those documents, and no significant changes have been made.*
- c. *sets the following rates for the financial year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 (all amounts are GST inclusive):*
 - i. *A general rate set on a differential basis on equalised capital value using projected values of each of the region's territorial authority areas, differentiated based on the location as determined by the relevant local authority boundary as follows:*

District/City	All Properties \$ per \$ of Capital Value 2025-26
Horowhenua DC	0.0003490
Manawatū DC	0.0003464
Palmerston North CC	0.0003756
Part Stratford DC	0.0003459
Part Taupō DC	0.0004484
Part Waitomo DC	0.0003987
Rangitīkei DC	0.0003987
Ruapehu DC	0.0003746
Tararua DC	0.0003717
Whanganui DC	0.0003679

- ii. *a Uniform Annual General Charge of \$50.57 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit on all rateable rating units in the region; and*
- iii. *a Public Transport Rate set on a differential basis on capital value on urban rating units in constituent districts as follows:*

District/City	All Properties \$ per \$ of Capital Value 2025-26
Horowhenua DC	0.0000560
Manawatū DC	0.0001423
Palmerston North CC	0.0002949
Rangitīkei DC	0.0000269
Ruapehu DC	0.0000093
Tararua DC	0.0000120
Whanganui DC	0.0001966

- iv. a Sustainable Land Use Initiative Rate of \$38.42 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit on all rateable rating units in the region; and
- v. an Environmental Initiatives Rate of \$37.09 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit on all rateable rating units in the region; and
- vi. a Biosecurity and Biodiversity Protection (per ha) Rate of \$1.17 per hectare on all rateable rating units larger than 4 hectares in the region; and
- vii. a Regional Park Rate on every rateable rating unit within Manawatū District and Palmerston North City, of \$0.35 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit; and
- viii. a Rangitīkei Environment Group Rate on every rateable rating unit within the Rangitīkei District per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, differentiated by the area of rating unit, as follows:

Property Type	Dollars Per SUIP 2025-26
Rating units less than 4 Ha	9.72
Rating units greater than 4 Ha	37.58

- ix. a Waitarere Community Biodiversity Rate on every rateable rating unit within the Waitarere Beach Community of an amount of \$0.0000300 per dollar of capital value; and
- x. a Manawatū River Accord Rate on every rateable rating unit within the Manawatū River Catchment of \$8.51 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit; and
- xi. a Horowhenua Water Quality Improvement Rate on every rateable rating unit within the Horowhenua District, of \$45.89 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit; and
- xii. River and Drainage Scheme Rates set in each of the rating areas identified in the first column, on the classes and differential categories identified in the second column, on the factors shown in the third column and values/amounts shown in the fourth;

River and Drainage Schemes	Class/ Diff	Rating Basis	Unit Rate
RIVER SCHEMES			
Ashhurst Stream	AC	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000148
	AL	\$ Per Hectare	66.71
	AN	\$ Per SUIP	9.65
	AU	\$ Per Hectare	17.64
Kahuterawa	KM	\$ Per Hectare	133.13
Lower KIWITEA Stream	CK	\$ Per Hectare	212.74
	CN	\$ Per Hectare	1.42
	MK	\$ Per Hectare	329.56
Lower Manawatū	CE	\$ Per Hectare	0.63
	CL	\$ Per Hectare	2.16
	CW	\$ Per Hectare	1.08
	DR	\$ Per Hectare	163.19
	F1	\$ per \$ of Land Value	0.0007270
	F2	\$ per \$ of Land Value	0.0005816

	F3	\$ per \$ of Land Value	0.0004362
	F4	\$ per \$ of Land Value	0.0002908
	F5	\$ per \$ of Land Value	0.0000727
	FB	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000761
	FG	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0001132
	HF	\$ Per SUIP	763.16
	IC	\$ Per SUIP	14.21
	IE	\$ Per SUIP	7.11
	IF	\$ Per SUIP	4.69
	IS	\$ Per SUIP	7.11
	IW	\$ Per SUIP	4.69
	PN	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000584
	R1	\$ Per Hectare	90.32
	R2	\$ Per Hectare	18.06
	SA	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0006180
	SB	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0005453
	SC	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0003635
	SD	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0001818
Lower Manawatū Special Project	AH	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000012
	SP (On specified PN scheme)	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000382
	TU (Turitea)	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0004763
Lower Whanganui River	N1	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000202
	N2	\$ Per SUIP	25.98
	W1	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0001173
	W2	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000587
Makirikiri	A	\$ Per Hectare	0
	A1	\$ Per Hectare	0
	B	\$ Per Hectare	0
	B1	\$ Per Hectare	0
	C	\$ Per Hectare	0
	C1	\$ Per Hectare	0
	CN	\$ Per Hectare	0
	F	\$ Per Hectare	0
	F1	\$ Per Hectare	0
	GF	\$ Per SUIP	0
	T1	\$ Per SUIP	0
	LF	\$ Per SUIP	0
Mangatainoka	CK	\$ Per Hectare	0.72
	CM	\$ Per Hectare	0.10
	CU	\$ Per Hectare	2.75
	DR	\$ Per Hectare	108.22
	F1	\$ Per Hectare	63.08
	F2	\$ Per Hectare	37.85
	IN	\$ Per Hectare	1.03
	KL	\$ Per Hectare	165.53
	LH	\$ Per Hectare	19.65
	LL	\$ Per Hectare	3.93
	LM	\$ Per Hectare	11.79
	MH	\$ Per Hectare	58.41
	ML	\$ Per Hectare	11.68
	MM	\$ Per Hectare	35.05
	MR	\$ Per Hectare	9.59
	PU	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0002285
	R1	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0003998
	R2	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0002752
	UH	\$ Per Hectare	166.21
	UL	\$ Per Hectare	33.24
	UM	\$ Per Hectare	99.73
Matarawa	CM	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000026
	CN	\$ Per Hectare	1.99
	IN	\$ Per SUIP	18.84

	L1	\$ Per Hectare	9.87
	L2	\$ Per Hectare	9.87
	L3	\$ Per Hectare	39.50
	M1	\$ Per Hectare	65.83
	M3	\$ Per Hectare	13.17
	M4	\$ Per Hectare	13.17
Ohakune	UR	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000896
Ōhau-Manakau	AD	\$ Per Hectare	36.55
	CD	\$ Per Hectare	23.14
	CH	\$ Per Hectare	32.60
	CL	\$ Per Hectare	2.45
	FH	\$ Per Hectare	123.01
	FL	\$ Per Hectare	9.23
	HD	\$ Per Hectare	19.24
	IN	\$ Per Hectare	8.38
	KD	\$ Per Hectare	36.78
	L2	\$ Per Hectare	33.60
	LD	\$ Per Hectare	67.20
	MC	\$ Per Hectare	5.50
	ML	\$ Per Hectare	129.93
	MU	\$ Per Hectare	304.11
	OL	\$ Per Hectare	78.46
	OM	\$ Per Hectare	236.14
	OT	\$ Per Hectare	902.16
	OU	\$ Per Hectare	422.24
	PD	\$ Per Hectare	34.51
	SD	\$ Per Hectare	11.91
	TD	\$ Per Hectare	52.02
	UM	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000605
	UO	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000483
	UW	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0001422
	WD	\$ Per Hectare	24.28
	WL	\$ Per Hectare	71.06
	WU	\$ Per Hectare	258.29
Pakihi Valley	A	\$ Per Hectare	174.35
Pohangina - Oroua	DR	\$ Per Hectare	271.18
	EZ	\$ Per Hectare	0.14
	IA	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000150
	IN	\$ Per Hectare	3.03
	O1	\$ Per Hectare	97.61
	O2	\$ Per Hectare	145.19
	O3	\$ Per Hectare	78.09
	O4	\$ Per Hectare	116.15
	P1	\$ Per Hectare	274.02
	P2	\$ Per Hectare	164.41
	P3	\$ Per Hectare	30.23
	P4	\$ Per Hectare	219.21
	P5	\$ Per Hectare	131.53
	P6	\$ Per Hectare	24.19
Porewa Valley	A	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0005208
	B	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0003021
	C	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0001458
	D	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000260
	E	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000156
	F	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000052
	U1	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000417
	U2	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000104
Rangitīkei River	CD	\$ Per Hectare	0.42
	CN	\$ Per Hectare	0.83

	CU	\$ Per Hectare	0.42
	DR	\$ Per Hectare	257.22
	E1	\$ Per Hectare	88.41
	E2	\$ Per Hectare	35.37
	E3	\$ Per Hectare	158.15
	E4	\$ Per Hectare	134.39
	F1	\$ Per Hectare	100.29
	F2	\$ Per Hectare	60.17
	F3	\$ Per Hectare	15.54
	F4	\$ Per Hectare	36.44
	F5	\$ Per Hectare	75.09
	F6	\$ Per Hectare	45.05
	GF	\$ Per SUIP	497.66
	GT	\$ Per SUIP	143.46
	IN	\$ Per Hectare	0.72
	RF	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0043643
	RH	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0017722
	RO	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0001307
	UF	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0010710
	UL	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000259
	UT	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0003252
	UU	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000231
Ruapehu DC	CN	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000399
South East Ruahines	CN	\$ Per Hectare	1.53
	DK (Dannevirke only)	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000788
	DR	\$ Per Hectare	59.62
	IN	\$ Per Hectare	1.26
	M1	\$ Per Hectare	48.01
	M2	\$ Per Hectare	87.07
	M3	\$ Per Hectare	93.35
	M4	\$ Per Hectare	96.40
	M5	\$ Per Hectare	15.29
	RZ	\$ Per Hectare	0.03
	SZ	\$ Per Hectare	0.02
	W1	\$ Per Hectare	11.34
	W2	\$ Per Hectare	21.17
	W3	\$ Per Hectare	14.34
	WO (Woodville only)	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000832
Tararua	CN	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000397
Tawataia - Mangaone	B	\$ Per Hectare	84.52
	C	\$ Per Hectare	28.17
	D	\$ Per Hectare	14.09
Turakina	CN	\$ Per Hectare	0.14
	T1	\$ Per Hectare	39.39
	T2	\$ Per Hectare	35.84
	T3	\$ Per Hectare	24.23
	T4	\$ Per Hectare	15.42
	T5	\$ Per Hectare	7.15
Tutaenui	CN	\$ Per Hectare	0.93
	IN	\$ Per Hectare	0.91
	TL	\$ Per Hectare	23.93
	TW	\$ Per Hectare	50.99
	UB (Bulls)	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000403
	UM (Marton)	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000525

Upper Manawatū	CN	\$ Per Hectare	0.36
	D1	\$ Per Hectare	17.13
	D2	\$ Per Hectare	12.67
	D3	\$ Per Hectare	13.19
	D4	\$ Per Hectare	29.20
	IN	\$ Per Hectare	1.37
	M1	\$ Per Hectare	100.52
	M2	\$ Per Hectare	321.80
	U1	\$ Per Hectare	156.42
	U2	\$ Per Hectare	117.78
Upper Whanganui	U3	\$ Per Hectare	188.85
	U4	\$ Per Hectare	84.57
	IN	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000153
	R1	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0002840
	R2	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0001420
	R3	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0001702
	R4	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000851
	U1	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0001759
U2	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000704	
Whangaehu – Mangawhero	CN	\$ Per Hectare	0.14
	IN	\$ Per SUIP	14.60
	LW	\$ Per Hectare	3.06
	MW	\$ Per Hectare	10.81
	UM	\$ Per Hectare	46.35
	UW	\$ Per Hectare	25.40
DRAINAGE SCHEMES			
Forest Road	A	\$ Per Hectare	61.04
	B	\$ Per Hectare	45.78
	C	\$ Per Hectare	30.52
	D	\$ Per Hectare	15.26
	E	\$ Per Hectare	7.94
	F	\$ Per Hectare	4.27
Foxton East	CN	\$ Per Hectare	10.14
	UB	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000515
Haunui	A	\$ per \$ of Land Value	0.0007918
Himatangi	A	\$ Per Hectare	22.52
	B	\$ Per Hectare	15.76
	C	\$ Per Hectare	7.88
	D	\$ Per Hectare	4.05
	E	\$ Per Hectare	1.58
	F	\$ Per Hectare	1.13
Hōkio	AC	\$ Per SUIP	93.72
	DA	\$ Per Hectare	26.89
	DH	\$ Per Hectare	18.02
	DL	\$ Per Hectare	4.04
	DM	\$ Per Hectare	14.19
	DP	\$ Per Hectare	37.25
	DS	\$ Per Hectare	27.80
	IN	\$ Per Hectare	4.06
	UH	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000185
	UL	\$ per \$ of Capital Value	0.0000051

Koputaroa	A1	\$ Per Hectare	59.59
	A2	\$ Per Hectare	29.80
	C1	\$ Per Hectare	22.53
	C2	\$ Per Hectare	14.87
	C3	\$ Per Hectare	7.44
	C4	\$ Per Hectare	23.87
	C5	\$ Per Hectare	15.75
	D1	\$ Per Hectare	44.66
	D2	\$ Per Hectare	22.33
	D3	\$ Per Hectare	27.27
	D4	\$ Per Hectare	13.63
	D5	\$ Per Hectare	28.43
	D6	\$ Per Hectare	14.22
	D7	\$ Per Hectare	49.42
	D8	\$ Per Hectare	24.71
	F1	\$ Per Hectare	12.07
	F2	\$ Per Hectare	7.24
	F3	\$ Per Hectare	3.62
	F4	\$ Per Hectare	1.21
	F5	\$ Per Hectare	40.14
	F6	\$ Per Hectare	16.06
	I1	\$ Per Hectare	6.68
	I2	\$ Per Hectare	9.09
	I3	\$ Per Hectare	7.88
	I4	\$ Per Hectare	10.44
	IA	\$ Per Hectare	1.57
	IK	\$ Per Hectare	1.70
	IN	\$ Per SUIP	27.84
	K1	\$ Per Hectare	112.80
	K2	\$ Per Hectare	56.40
P1	\$ Per Hectare	229.39	
P2	\$ Per Hectare	151.40	
P3	\$ Per Hectare	181.83	
P4	\$ Per Hectare	120.01	
P5	\$ Per Hectare	213.34	
P6	\$ Per Hectare	140.80	
P7	\$ Per Hectare	70.40	
P8	\$ Per Hectare	231.61	
P9	\$ Per Hectare	152.86	
Makerua	B1	\$ Per Hectare	35.53
	B2	\$ Per Hectare	14.21
	C1	\$ Per Hectare	59.76
	C2	\$ Per Hectare	23.90
	CK	\$ Per Hectare	15.95
	CM	\$ Per Hectare	20.04
	CO	\$ Per Hectare	1.38
	EC	\$ Per Hectare	2.31
	G1	\$ Per Hectare	11.12
	K1	\$ Per Hectare	87.27
	L1	\$ Per Hectare	28.26
	L2	\$ Per Hectare	11.30
	M1	\$ Per Hectare	39.53
	M2	\$ Per Hectare	15.81
	O1	\$ Per Hectare	55.65
	O2	\$ Per Hectare	22.26
	OC	\$ Per Hectare	6.44
	PB	\$ Per Hectare	270.48
	PK	\$ Per Hectare	168.70
	PM	\$ Per Hectare	189.82
PO	\$ Per Hectare	63.28	
R1	\$ Per Hectare	54.62	
T1	\$ Per Hectare	46.65	
Manawatū	CL	\$ Per Hectare	177.74
	CN	\$ Per Hectare	11.52
	DR	\$ Per Hectare	27.92
	DU	\$ Per SUIP	107.72

	F1	\$ Per Hectare	54.38
	F2	\$ Per Hectare	27.19
	F3	\$ Per Hectare	5.44
	P1	\$ Per Hectare	206.41
	P2	\$ Per Hectare	103.20
	P3	\$ Per Hectare	51.60
	P4	\$ Per Hectare	10.32
Moutoa			
	B1	\$ Per Hectare	247.12
	B2	\$ Per Hectare	197.69
	B3	\$ Per Hectare	37.07
	C1	\$ Per Hectare	63.00
	C2	\$ Per Hectare	50.40
	C3	\$ Per Hectare	18.90
	D1	\$ Per Hectare	37.69
	D2	\$ Per Hectare	21.74
	D3	\$ Per Hectare	8.70
	D4	\$ Per Hectare	11.64
	D5	\$ Per Hectare	4.66
	MC	\$ Per Hectare	25.01
	P1	\$ Per Hectare	134.36
	P2	\$ Per Hectare	107.49
	P3	\$ Per Hectare	40.31
	P4	\$ Per Hectare	127.97
	P5	\$ Per Hectare	102.37
	P6	\$ Per Hectare	38.39
Te Kawau			
	AC	\$ Per SUIP	100.16
	C1	\$ Per Hectare	20.20
	C2	\$ Per Hectare	0.77
	CF	\$ Per Hectare	1.97
	CR	\$ Per Hectare	4.88
	CU	\$ Per Hectare	57.83
	DA	\$ Per Hectare	2.57
	DO	\$ Per Hectare	9.73
	DR	\$ Per Hectare	13.41
	DS	\$ Per Hectare	18.13
	FK	\$ Per Hectare	15.71
	FM	\$ Per Hectare	57.65
	P1	\$ Per Hectare	69.27
	P2	\$ Per Hectare	17.32
	PR	\$ Per Hectare	23.00
Whirokino			
	D1	\$ Per Hectare	77.21
	D2	\$ Per Hectare	50.96
	D3	\$ Per Hectare	7.72
	D4	\$ Per Hectare	178.27
	D5	\$ Per Hectare	71.31
	F1	\$ Per Hectare	59.45
	F2	\$ Per Hectare	35.67
	F3	\$ Per Hectare	5.95
	IN	\$ Per Hectare	5.66
	P1	\$ Per Hectare	399.49
	P2	\$ Per Hectare	159.80
	P3	\$ Per Hectare	39.95

- d. resolves that the due date for all rates for the 2025-26 rating year is 26 September 2025.
- e. resolves that:
- i. a penalty of 10% will be added to the amount of any rates for the 2025-26 rating year that remain unpaid on 3 October 2025.
 - ii. a penalty of 10% will be added to the amount of any rates assessed in previous financial years that remain unpaid on 4 July 2025.

- iii. a further penalty of 10% will be added to any amounts to which a penalty has been added under 3(e)(ii) which remain unpaid, on 9 January 2026.

It is recommended, for the setting of Annual Administration Charges, that the Council:

- f. *adopts the administrative charges for 2025-26 as set in Annex A pursuant to section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10.57am.

The meeting reconvened at 11.10am.

REGIONAL HOUSE PALMERSTON NORTH PROJECT GOVERNANCE

Report No 25-89

This report sought Council's endorsement of the formation of a Panel to act as the Governance Body for the Regional House Palmerston North (RHPN) New Build Project. The report also outlined the proposed Governance structure, procurement policy and associated delegations. Mr Grant (Programme Director) introduced the report and highlighted the recommendations for appointing the Panel and the Term of Reference at Annex A. He, along with Ms Jackson (Project Lead), addressed Members' questions. For recommendation e. Cr Bruce Gordon was appointed to the Panel. Following debate around the Terms of Reference, amendments were made to paragraphs 6.2 & 6.3, and an additional paragraph 6.3.a was included to strengthen wording around the 'Responsibilities'. In discussing recommendation c, it was requested that the decisions made by Holdings for the Project, be included.

25-410 Moved Ferguson/Keedwell

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 25-89 and Annexes.*
- b. *acknowledges that MWRC Holdings Ltd (Holdings) will no longer act as the Governance Body for the Regional House Palmerston North New Build Project (the Project); and*
- c. *agrees to endorse decisions made by Holdings for the Project as follows:*
1. *Procurement Strategy - 05/05/25*
 2. *Procurement Plan - Quantity Surveyor - 22/05/25*
 3. *Procurement Plan - Project Planning and Development Services - 28/05/25*
 4. *Procurement Plan - Technical Design and Architecture Services - 28/05/25*
 5. *Procurement Plan - Legal Services - 28/05/25*
 6. *Quantity Survey Services – 26/05/2025;*
 7. *Project Planning and Development Services – 06/06/2025;*
 8. *Technical Design and Architecture Services – 06/06/25; and*
- d. *agrees to endorse the formation of a 'subordinate decision-making body' (Panel), made up of three Elected Members to act as the Governance Body for the Project; and*
- e. *agrees to appoint Chair of Council, Chair of Audit and Risk and Cr Bruce Gordon to the Panel; and*
- f. *agrees to adopt the Terms of Reference (Annex A) for the Panel with amendments in paragraphs 6.2, 6.3 and an additional paragraph at 6.3.a.*

CARRIED

PRE-ELECTION PERIOD COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Report No 25-90

This report provided a brief preliminary outline of the timetable for the 2025 Triennial Local Body Elections. It also noted the advice from Taituarā about communications in a pre-election period and, considering this advice, recommended a Pre-Election Communications Strategy focusing on the councillor profiles for Horizons Regional Council in the run-up to the 2025 elections. Mrs Hesselin (Acting Group Manager Corporate and Governance) introduced the report to Members.

25-411

Moved

B Gordon/Benbow

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 25-90 and Annexes;*
- b. *receives the preliminary timetable for the required procedures for the elections (refer Annex A);*
- c. *approves Horizons Regional Council's "Pre-Election Communications Strategy" through the pre-election period from 11 July 2025 to 11 October 2025 (refer Annex C); and*
- d. *receives the relevant section attached from the Taituarā Code of Good Practice for the Management of Local Authority Elections and Polls (Communications in the pre-election period) document and agrees that Horizons' communication staff follow these guidelines to make decisions in the pre-election period (refer Annex D).*

CARRIED

UPDATE ON HORIZONS APPROACH TO PEST MANAGEMENT

Report No 25-91

Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Catchment Operations) and Mr R Marshall (Senior Policy Analyst) presented this item that provided an update on Horizons' approach to pest management, including progress on the Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP) review, and sought endorsement in principle of current work programmes. The report also outlined key topics already discussed during a Council workshop on 30 April 2025.

25-412

Moved

F Gordon/Riley

It is recommended that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 25-91 and Annex.*
- b. *endorses in principle the key work programmes identified in Section 9 of this report, relating to preparing a biosecurity strategy and producing and consulting on a Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP) discussion document.*

CARRIED

STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT SYNTHESIS REPORT 2025

Report No 25-92

This paper presented to Council the 2025 State of Environment Synthesis Report and released the report to the public. Dr Daly (Group Manager Strategy, Regulation & Science) introduced the report and invited Mr Galuszka (Senior Communications Advisor) to comment on the comprehensive case study on Cyclone Gabrielle and its impact on the Region. Mrs Boyte (Environmental Scientist Natural Resources) presented the impacts on Land, and Dr Patterson (Principal Scientist) spoke to the work done regarding Water.

Cr Clarke left the meeting at 12.15pm.

25-413 **Moved** **F Gordon/Ferguson**

It is recommended that Council:

a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 25-92 and Annex.*

Against :Cr Gordon McKellar

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12.22pm.

The meeting resumed at 12.52pm.

During discussion of the following item, Cr F Gordon declared a potential Conflict of Interest for matters relating to NES-CF.

HORIZONS SUBMISSIONS ON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REFORM PHASE 2 - INTEGRATED NATIONAL DIRECTION PACKAGE

Report No 25-93

This item informed elected members about the contents and implications of the integrated national direction package (Phase 2 of the Government's Resource Management (RM) reform); sought endorsement of the proposed high-level policy positions; and sought agreement to delegate approval of the final submissions to the Chair. Mr Portegys (Team Leader Policy) introduced the item, outlined the approach from staff to direct all three submission, and elaborated further on the modifications requested through Councillors feedback. Members provided their views and sought clarification. Following debate around Council's view on Te Mana o te Wai hierarchy, a new recommendation d. was suggested.

The Chair put recommendations a, b, and c, followed by a new recommendation d.

25-414 **Moved** **B Gordon/Naylor**

It is recommended that Council:

a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 25-93.*

b. *endorses the proposed high-level policy positions set out in Annex A.*

c. *delegates authority to the Chair to approve the final submissions.*

CARRIED

Moved **F Gordon/Keedwell**

d. *supports the current Te Mana o te Wai hierarchy.*

LOST

SAFETY AND WELLBEING REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2025

Report No 25-94

Mr Rush (Senior Safety & Wellbeing Advisor) introduced the report and provided a summary of safety and wellbeing related activities and performance for the financial year to date. Mr Rush answered Members' questions.

25-415 **Moved** **Benbow/Riley**

It is recommended that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 25-94 and Annex.

CARRIED

AFFIXING OF THE COMMON SEAL

Report No 25-95

This paper reported on documents to which Horizons Regional Council's Common Seal had been affixed.

25-416 **Moved** **Naylor/Riley**

That the Council:

- a. acknowledges the affixing of the Common Seal to the below mentioned documents.

- Warrant Card: Harbourmaster
New Staff Member
Brittany Hogan

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS' WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE - 14 MAY TO 16 JUNE 2025

Report No 25-96

This item noted the Councillors' Workshop Attendance from 14 May 2025 to 16 June 2025.

25-417 **Moved** **Naylor/Riley**

It is recommended that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 25-96 and Annex.

CARRIED

RECEIPT AND ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORT OF STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - RECEIVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - 20 MAY 2025

25-418 **Moved** **Riley/Taylor**

That the Council receives and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting held on 20 May 2025.

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

25-424

Moved

Keedwell/B Gordon

THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting. The general subject 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(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 and section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

CARRIED

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
PX1 Confirmation of Public Excluded Meeting held on 27 May 2025.	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.
PX2 Report of Audit, Risk & Investment Committee Meeting - Receive and Adopt Resolutions and Recommendations – 28 May 2025	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.
PX3 Feilding bus service - contract award	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. Paper related to tender and contract award. Contains commercially sensitive third party information. s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). Paper related to tender and contract award. Contains	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.

	commercially sensitive third party information.	
PX4 Treatment of Existing Regional House Palmerston North	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.</p> <p>Commercially Sensitive.</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.</p> <p>Commercially Sensitive.</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)</p> <p>The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</p>
PX5 Chief Executive end of Year Performance Review	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.</p> <p>This report should remain confidential because it includes information about the performance and employment terms of an identifiable individual.</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)</p> <p>The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</p>
<p>PX6 Council / Committee to consider whether any item in the Public Excluded minutes can be moved into the public domain and define the extent of the release</p>		

The meeting adjourned to the Public Excluded part of the meeting at 1.24pm and resumed at 2.52pm.

The meeting closed at 2.53pm.

Confirmed

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHAIR