
Policy and Planning Committee

MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, The Octagon, Dunedin on Thursday 05 February 2026, commencing at 9.00 am

PRESENT

Chairperson	Mayor Sophie Barker
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor Cherry Lucas

Members	Cr John Chambers	Cr Doug Hall
	Cr Marie Laufiso	Cr Russell Lund
	Cr Mandy Mayhem	Cr Benedict Ong
	Cr Andrew Simms	Cr Mickey Treadwell
	Cr Lee Vandervis	Cr Steve Walker
	Cr Brent Weatherall	

IN ATTENDANCE	David Ward (General Manager 3 Waters, Property and Urban Development), Mike Costelloe (General Manager Arts, Culture & Economic Development), Carolyn Allan (Chief Financial Officer), Dr Anna Johnson (Manager City Development), Tony Nelmes (Project Accountant, Financial Services), Bede Morrissey (Senior Planner City Development), Brandy Saxton (Senior Advisor Climate Adaptation and Resilience) and Jackie Harrison (Manager Governance)
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Governance Support Officer	Jean Cockram
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1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

The Mayor opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

2 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no Public Forum.

3 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Christine Garey for absence, and from Crs Mandy Mayhem and Steve Walker for early departure.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Committee:

Accepts the apologies from Cr Christine Garey for absence and from Crs Mandy Mayhem and Steve Walker for early departure.

Motion carried (PAPCC/2026/001)

4 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Committee:

Confirms the agenda without addition or alteration.

Motion carried (PAPCC/2026/002)

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arose between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the Elected Members' Interest Register; and
- b) **Confirms** the proposed management plan for Elected Members' Interests.

Motion carried (PAPCC/2026/003)

Cr Mickey Treadwell entered the meeting at 9.02am.

Cr Benedict Ong entered the meeting at 9.04am.

PART A REPORTS

6 DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL SUBMISSION ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AND FINANCE ACT AMENDMENT BILL

A report from City Development, Finance and Corporate Policy sought approval of a draft Dunedin City Council (DCC) submission to the Finance and Expenditure Committee on the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Amendments Bill.

The General Manager, 3 Waters, Property and Urban Development (Dave Ward), Manager, City Development (Dr Anna Johnson), Project Accountant, Financial Services (Tony Nelmes) and Senior Planner, City Development (Bede Morrissey) responded to questions.

Cr Mandy Mayhem left the meeting at 10.02am.

Moved (Cr Mickey Treadwell/Cr Marie Laufiso):

That the Committee:

- a) **Approves** the draft Dunedin City Council Submission, with any amendments, on the Infrastructure Funding and Finance Act Amendment Bill.
- b) **Authorises** the Chief Executive to make any minor editorial amendments to the submission.
- c) **Notes** that the Mayor or delegate will speak to the submission at any hearings.

Motion carried (PAPCC/2026/004) with Cr Lee Vandervis and Cr Russell Lund recording their vote against.

7 DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL SUBMISSION ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING) AMENDMENT BILL

A report from City Development, Finance and Corporate Policy sought approval of a draft Dunedin City Council (DCC) submission on the partial exposure draft of the Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill, and the associated Supporting Growth Through a Development Levies System consultation document.

The General Manager, 3 Waters, Property and Urban Development (Dave Ward), Manager, City Development (Dr Anna Johnson), Project Accountant, Financial Services (Tony Nelmes) and Senior Planner, City Development (Bede Morrissey) responded to questions.

Cr Benedict Ong left the meeting at 10.14am and returned at 10.34am.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Steve Walker):

That the Committee:

Adjourns the meeting for 10 minutes.

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 10.52am and reconvened at 11.03am.

Cr Steve Walker left the meeting at 10.56am.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Lee Vandervis):

That the Committee:

- a) **Approves** the draft Dunedin City Council Submission on the partial exposure draft of the Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill with an additional point, consistent with the Taituarā submission, regarding in-house water services and their ability to recover levies.
- b) **Authorises** the Chief Executive to make any minor editorial amendments to the submission.

Motion carried (PAPCC/2026/005)

8 DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL SUBMISSION ON THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BILL (NO 2)

A report from Corporate Policy sought approval of a draft Dunedin City Council (DCC) submission to the Governance and Administration Committee on the Emergency Management Bill (No. 2) (the Bill).

The General Manager, Arts, Culture & Economic Development (Mike Costelloe) and the Senior Advisor – Climate Adaptation and Resilience (Brandy Saxton) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Committee:

- a) **Approves** the Dunedin City Council submission, with any amendments, to the Governance and Administration Committee on the Emergency Management Bill (No. 2).
- b) **Authorises** the Chief Executive to make any minor editorial amendments to the submission.
- c) **Authorises** the Mayor or delegate to speak at any hearings.

Motion carried (PAPCC/2026/006)

9 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

Mayor Sophie Barker:

With respect to Item 7 Dunedin City Council submission on the Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill

Staff were requested to compare DCCs development contributions against other major cities and the percentage of Dunedin's growth costs that are funded by these contributions.

10 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

The Mayor closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting concluded at 11.33am.

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MAYOR