

## Council MINUTES

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**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Dunedin City Council held in the Council Chamber, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, the Octagon, Dunedin on Wednesday 04 March 2026, commencing at 9.00 am**

### PRESENT

<b>Mayor</b>	Mayor Sophie Barker	
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	Cr Cherry Lucas	
<b>Members</b>	Cr John Chambers	Cr Christine Garey
	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

Sandy Graham (Chief Executive), Carolyn Allan (Chief Financial Officer), Scott MacLean (General Manager City Services), David Ward (General Manager 3 Waters, Property and Urban Development), Nicola Morand (Manahautū - General Manager Community and Strategy), Paul Henderson (General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services), Mike Costelloe (General Manager, Arts, Culture and Economic Development) Hayden McAuliffe (Financial Services Manager), John McAndrew (Head of 3 Waters), Janet Fraser (Corporate Planner), Jeanine Benson (Group Manager Transport), Heath Ellis (Group Manager Parks and Reserves), Chris Henderson (Group Manager Waste and Environmental Services), Anna Nilsen (Group Manager Property Services), Sarah Gallagher (Director Library Services), Cam McCracken (Director DPAG and Toitū, Lan Yuan and Olveston), Alan Worthington (Resource Consents Manager), Mike Hart (Acting Manager, Building Services), Bonnie Wright (Manager Compliance Solutions), Caron Solomon (Kaiwhakahaere o Mana Ruruku), Lara McBride (Assistant Accountant – Compliance), Tony Nelmes (Project Accountant) and Jackie Harrison (Manager Governance).and Tim Loan (Chairman, Dunedin City Holdings Ltd), David O'Malley (Dunedin Stadium Properties Ltd) and Peter Hocking (General Manager, Dunedin City Holdings Ltd)

### Governance Support Officers

Lynne Adamson and Lauren Riddle

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## 1 OPENING

Rev Roly Scott (retired Baptist Pastor) opened the meeting with a prayer.

### TRIBUTE

The Mayor acknowledged the recent passing of former Councillor Neville Peat, a well liked and highly respected city councillor during the 2013-2016 triennium. She commented that Mr Peat was also an avid conservationist; photographer and prolific writer whose contributions would leave a lasting legacy with his loss being felt deeply across the Dunedin community.

Cr Christine Garey then paid tribute on behalf of Councillors both past and present who had worked alongside Mr Peat. She commented on some of the many achievements Mr Peat had accomplished during his lifetime and the impact he had on her life both professionally and personally and the support he provided her and extended deepest sympathy to his wife and whanau.

## 2 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no Public Forum.

## 3 APOLOGIES

There was an apology for absence on the morning of Thursday 5 March 2026 from Cr Lee Vandervis.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Accepts** the apology for absence from Cr Lee Vandervis for the morning of Thursday 5 March 2026.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/036)**

## 4 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

**Confirms** the agenda with the following alterations:

That Item C1 Bargaining Update be taken before Item 6 – CEO Overview Report – Annual Plan 2026/27.

Item 20 – Dunedin Stadium Property Ltd – Debt Repayment Options be taken at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 4 March 2026; and

that Item 23 Rating Method 2026/27 be taken before Item 21 – Engagement Approach – Annual Plan 2026/27.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/037)**

## RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

<b>General subject of the matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>	<b>Reason for Confidentiality</b>
C1 Bargaining Update	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).	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.	

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 or Section 7 of that Act, or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above after each item.

Adjourns the meeting for 5 minutes.

### **Motion carried (CNL/2026/038)**

The meeting moved into confidential and adjourned at 9.14 am and resumed in public at 10.53 am.

## **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 Council:

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

### **Motion carried (CNL/2026/039)**

## REPORTS

### 6 CEO OVERVIEW REPORT - ANNUAL PLAN 2026/27

A report from Civic and Finance provided an overview of the budgets to be included in the draft Annual Plan 2026/27 (the draft Plan). The draft Plan for 2026/27 was an update of year two of the 9 year plan 2025-34.

The Chief Executive (Sandy Graham), Chief Financial Officer (Carolyn Allan) and Financial Services Manager (Hayden McAuliffe) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

During discussion, Cr Doug Hall left the meeting at 11.38 am and returned at 11.39 am.  
Cr Lee Vandervis left the meeting at 11.43 am.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Adopts** the draft 2026/27 operating budgets for the purpose of community engagement as shown at Attachments A-H.
- b) **Notes** that any resolution made during this meeting related to the Annual Plan 2026/27 reports may be subject to further discussions and decision by the meeting.

#### Division

The Council voted by division

For: Crs John Chambers, Christine Garey, Doug Hall, Marie Laufiso, Cherry Lucas, Mandy Mayhem, Mickey Treadwell, Steve Walker, Brent Weatherall and Mayor Sophie Barker (10).

Against: Crs Russell Lund, Benedict Ong and Andrew Simms (3).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 10 votes to 3

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/040)**

### 20 DUNEDIN STADIUM PROPERTY LTD - DEBT REPAYMENT OPTIONS

A report from Finance presented options for a Debt Repayment Plan for Dunedin Stadium Properties Limited (DSPL).

Option 1 proposed an increase in the annual share capital funding by \$1.25 million in the 2026/27 year, and then increasing it by a further \$1.25 million (\$2.5 million increase in total) from 2027/28 onwards. Option 2 proposed increasing the share capital funding by \$2.25 million per annum from 2026/27 onwards.

Both options enabled long term debt repayment to at least the fair value of land, estimated to be \$51 million at 30 June 2060.

The Chief Financial Officer (Carolyn Allan); Chairman, Dunedin City Holdings Ltd (Tim Loan) and Chair, Dunedin Stadium Properties Limited (David O'Malley) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Cr Mickey Treadwell left the meeting at 12.11 pm and returned at 12.12 pm.

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Mayor Sophie Barker):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** option one to provide additional funding (share capital) of \$1.25 million in 2026/27, then increasing the additional funding to \$2.5 million from 2027/28 onwards to support capital expenditure and debt repayment for the Forsyth Barr Stadium
- b) **Notes** that the agreed option will be used to develop a Debt Repayment Plan for Dunedin Stadium Properties Limited.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/041)** with Crs Benedict Ong and Russell Lund recording their vote against

Moved (Mayor Sophie/Cr Cherry Lucas)

That the Council:

**Adjourns** the meeting until 9.00 am Thursday 5 March 2026.

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 12.47 pm and reconvened at 9.00 am on Thursday 5 March 2026.

An apology for lateness from Cr Marie Laufiso was noted.

## **7 3 WATERS - DRAFT OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BUDGETS 2026/27**

A report from 3 Waters provided an overview of the draft operating and capital expenditure budgets for the Annual Plan 2026/27 for the 3 Waters Group. The activities provided for were Water Supply; Wastewater and Stormwater.

The report sought adoption of the draft operating and capital expenditure budgets for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27.

Cr Benedict Ong entered the meeting at 9.03 am.

Cr Marie Laufiso entered the meeting at 9.11 am.

The General Manager 3 Waters, Property and Urban Development (David Ward) and Head of 3 Waters (John McAndrew) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Adopts** for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27:

- i) The draft 2026/27 operating budget for the 3 Waters Group as shown at Attachments A and B.
- ii) The draft 2026/27 fees and charges schedules for the 3 Waters Group as shown at Attachment C.
- iii) The draft 2026/27 capital expenditure budget for the 3 Waters Group as shown at Attachments D.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/042)** with Cr Benedict Ong recording his vote against

## 8 DRAFT CAPITAL BUDGET 2026/27

A report from Civic and Finance sought approval of the draft 2026/27 capital budget (draft budget) for inclusion in the draft Annual Plan 2026/27 (the draft Plan).

The draft Plan was an update to year two of the 9 Year Plan 2025-34 (the 9 Year Plan). The draft budget for 2026/27 is \$239.915 million, compared to \$230.510 million provided for in the 9 Year Plan, an increase of \$9.405 million (4.1%).

The Chief Executive (Sandy Graham), Chief Financial Officer (Carolyn Allan); General Manager City Services (Scott MacLean), General Manager 3 Waters, Property and Urban Development (David Ward), Group Manager Property (Anna Nilsen), Group Manager Waste and Environmental Solutions (Chris Henderson) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Cr Mickey Treadwell left the meeting at 10.07 am.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** the proposed capital expenditure budget for inclusion in the draft Annual Plan 2026/27.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/043)** with Crs Benedict Ong and Russell Lund recording their vote against.

Moved (Mayor Sophie/Cr Steve Walker

That the Council:

**Adjourns** the meeting for 10 minutes.

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 10.23 am and reconvened at 10.37 am.

There was an apology from Cr Mickey Treadwell.

Moved (Mayor Sophie/Cr Cherry Lucas)

That the Council:

**Accepts** the apology from Cr Mickey Treadwell.

**Motion carried**

## 9 ROADING AND FOOTPATHS - DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET 2026/27

A report from Transport provided an overview and a draft funding impact statement for the draft operating budgets for the Annual Plan 2026/27 for the Roading and Footpaths Group for transport activities.

The report sought adoption of the draft operating budget and changes for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27.

The General Manager, City Services (Scott MacLean) and Group Manager Transport (Jeanine Benson) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Sophie/Cr Cherry Lucas)

That the Council:

**Extends** the meeting beyond 6 hours.

### **Motion carried**

Moved (Mayor Sophie/Cr Brent Weatherall):

That the Council:

- a) **Adopts** for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27:
  - i) The draft 2026/27 operating budget for the Roading and Footpaths Group as shown at Attachments A and B.
  - ii) The draft 2026/27 fees and charges schedules for the Roading and Footpaths Group as shown at Attachment C.

### **Motion carried (CNL/2026/044)**

## 10 WASTE MINIMISATION - DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET 2026/27

A report from Waste and Environmental Services provided an overview of the draft operating budgets and the draft funding impact statement for the Annual Plan 2026/27 for the Waste Minimisation Group. The following activities were provided for Landfills; Refuse, Recycling and Litter; Waste Strategy and Waste Support Services

The report sought adoption of the draft operating budget for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27.

The General Manager, City Services (Scott MacLean) and Group Manager Waste and Environmental Services (Chris Henderson) spoke to the report and provided a correction to page 90 of the agenda – the Middlemarch and Waikouaiti Landfill – Large Vehicle Charges proposed fees should have read 132.00 and not 152.00.

The Chief Executive (Sandy Graham), Messrs MacLean and Henderson and the Financial Services Manager (Hayden McAuliffe) responded to questions.

It was agreed that resolution a) i) be taken separately.

Moved (Mayor Sophie /Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Adopts** for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27:
  - i) The draft 2026/27 operating budget for the Waste Minimisation Group as shown at Attachments A and B.

**Division**

The Council voted by division

For: Crs John Chambers, Christine Garey, Doug Hall, Marie Laufiso, Cherry Lucas, Mandy Mayhem, Steve Walker, Brent Weatherall and Mayor Sophie Barker (9).  
Against: Crs Russell Lund, Benedict Ong and Andrew Simms (3).  
Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 9 votes to 3

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/045)**

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Adopts** for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27:
  - ii) The draft 2026/27 fees and charges schedules for the Waste Minimisation Group as shown at Attachment C.
  - iii) The Waste Levy surplus of \$409,000 be used for Waste Minimisation capex in 2026/2027.

**Division**

The Council voted by division

For: Crs John Chambers, Christine Garey, Doug Hall, Marie Laufiso, Cherry Lucas, Russell Lund, Mandy Mayhem, Andrew Simms, Steve Walker, Brent Weatherall and Mayor Sophie Barker (11).  
Against: Cr Benedict Ong (1).  
Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 11 votes to 1

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/046)**

Cr Doug Hall left the meeting at 11.47 am and returned at 11.50 am.

**11 RESILIENT CITY - DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET 2026/27**

A report from the Executive Leadership Team provided an overview of the draft operating budgets for the Annual Plan 2026/27 for the Resilient City Group and a draft funding impact

statement. The following activities were provided for City Development; City Growth; Civil Defence; Community Partnerships; Housing Policy; South Dunedin Future and Zero Carbon

This report sought Council to adopt the draft operating budget for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27.

The Chief Executive (Sandy Graham), General Manager, 3 Waters, Property and Urban Development (David Ward), General Manager, City Services (Scott MacLean) and Manahautū - General Manager Community and Strategy (Nicola Morand) and Financial Services Manager (Hayden McAuliffe) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Christine Garey):

That the Council:

- a) **Adopts** for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27:
  - i) The draft 2026/27 operating budget for the Resilient City Group as shown at Attachments A and B.

#### **Division**

The Council voted by division

For: Crs John Chambers, Christine Garey, Doug Hall, Marie Laufiso, Cherry Lucas, Mandy Mayhem, Steve Walker and Mayor Sophie Barker (8).

Against: Crs Russell Lund, Benedict Ong, Andrew Simms and Brent Weatherall (4).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 8 votes to 4

#### **Motion carried (CNL/2026/047)**

## **12 CITY PROPERTIES - DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET 2026/27**

A report from Property provided an overview of the draft operating budget and draft impact statement for the Annual Plan 2026/27 for the City Properties. The following activities were provided for Community Housing; Community Property; Holding Property; Investment Property; Operational Property; Property Management and Parking Operations.

The report requested that council adopt the draft operating budgets and fees and charges for the purpose of developing the annual plan 2026/27.

Mayor Sophie left the meeting at 12.16 pm and Deputy Mayor Cherry Lucas assumed the Chair.

Cr Christine Garey left the meeting at 12.18 pm.

Mayor Sophie returned to the meeting at 12.18 pm and resumed the Chair.

Cr Christine Garey returned to the meeting at 12.20 pm.

The Chief Executive (Sandy Graham), General Manager, 3 Waters, Property and Urban Development (David Ward), Financial Services Manager (Hayden McAuliffe) and Group Manager, Property Services (Anna Nilsen) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Adopts** for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27:
  - i) The draft 2026/27 operating budget for the City Properties Group as shown at Attachments A and B.

**Division**

The Council voted by division

For: Crs John Chambers, Christine Garey, Doug Hall, Marie Laufiso, Cherry Lucas, Russell Lund, Mandy Mayhem, Andrew Simms, Steve Walker, Brent Weatherall and Mayor Sophie Barker (11).

Against: Cr Benedict Ong (1).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 11 votes to 1

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/048)**

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Adopts** for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27:
  - ii) The draft 2026/27 fees and charges schedules for the City Properties Group as shown at Attachment C.

**Division**

The Council voted by division

For: Crs John Chambers, Doug Hall, Cherry Lucas, Russell Lund, Andrew Simms, Steve Walker, Brent Weatherall and Mayor Sophie Barker (8).

Against: Crs Christine Garey, Marie Laufiso, Mandy Mayhem and Benedict Ong (4).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 8 votes to 4

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/049)**

Moved (Mayor Sophie/Cr Steve Walker)

That the Council:

**Adjourns** the meeting for 40 minutes.

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 12.48 pm and reconvened at 1:30 pm.

### 13 COMMUNITY RECREATION - DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET 2026/27

A report from Parks and Recreation provided an overview of the draft operating budget and a draft funding impact statement for the Annual Plan 2026/27 for the Community Recreation Group. The following activities were provided for Aquatic Services; Botanic Garden; Cemeteries and Crematorium; and Parks and Reserves.

The report requested Council adopt the draft operating budget and fees and charges for the purpose of developing the annual plan 2026/27.

The General Manager, City Services (Scott MacLean) and Group Manager Parks and Reserves (Heath Ellis) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Cr Benedict Ong entered the meeting at 1:38pm.

Moved (Cr Steve Walker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Adopts** for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27:
  - i) The draft 2026/27 operating budget for the Community Recreation Group as shown at Attachments A and B.
  - ii) The draft 2026/27 fees and charges schedules for the Community Recreation Group as shown at Attachment C.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/050)**

### 14 CREATIVE AND CULTURAL VIBRANCY - DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET 2026/27

A report from Arts and Culture and Library provided an overview of the draft operating budgets and a draft funding impact statement for the Annual Plan 2026/27 for the Creative and Cultural Vibrancy Group, The activities provided for were Creative Partnerships; Dunedin Public Art Gallery (DPAG), Toitū and Lan Yuan; Libraries and City of Literature and Olveston Historic House.

The report requested Council to adopt the draft operating budget and fees and charges for the purpose of developing the annual plan 2026/27.

The General Manager Arts, Culture and Economic Development (Mike Costelloe), Director Library Services (Sarah Gallagher) and Director DPAG and Toitū, Lan Yuan and Olveston (Cam McCracken) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Cr Russell Lund entered the meeting at 1:56 pm.

Moved (Cr Christine Garey/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Adopts** for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27:

- i) The draft 2026/27 operating budget for the Creative and Cultural Vibrancy Group as shown at Attachments A and B.
- ii) The draft 2026/27 fees and charges schedules for the Creative and Cultural Vibrancy Group as shown at Attachment C.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/051)** with Cr Benedict Ong recording his vote against

## **15 VIBRANT ECONOMY - DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET 2026/27**

A report from Enterprise Dunedin and Events provided an overview of the draft operating budget for the Annual Plan 2026/27 for the Vibrant Economy Group and a draft impact statement. The activities provided for were Economic Development; isite Visitor Centre; City Marketing and Events.

The report sought adoption of the draft operating budget for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27.

The General Manager, Arts, Culture and Economic Development (Mike Costelloe), spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Adopts** for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27
  - i) The draft 2026/27 operating budget for the Vibrant Economy Group as shown at Attachments A and B.
  - ii) The draft 2026/27 fees and charges schedules for the Vibrant Economy Group as shown at Attachment C.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/052)** with Cr Benedict Ong recording his vote against.

## **16 REGULATORY SERVICES - DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET 2026/27**

A report from Corporate and Regulatory provided an overview of the operating budgets and a draft funding impact statement for the Annual Plan 2026/27 for the Regulatory Services Group. The activities provided for were Building Services; Compliance Solutions; Parking Services (Enforcement) and Resource Consents.

The report sought adoption of the draft operating budget for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27.

The General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services (Paul Henderson), Resource Consents Manager (Alan Worthington), Acting Manager, Building Services (Mike Hart) and Manager Compliance Solutions (Bonnie Wright) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Mayor Sophie Barker):

That the Council:

- a) **Adopts** for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27:
  - i) The draft 2026/27 operating budget for the Regulatory Services Group as shown at Attachments A and B.
  - ii) The draft 2026/27 fees and charges schedules for the Regulatory Services Group as shown at Attachment C and D.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/053)** with Cr Benedict Ong recording his abstention

## **17 TREATY PARTNERSHIP - DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET 2026/27**

A report from Mana Ruruku provided an overview of the draft operating budgets and draft funding impact statement for the Annual Plan 2026/27 for the Treaty Partnership Group.

The report sought adoption of the draft operating budget for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27.

The Manahautū (General Manager Community and Strategy) Nicola Morand and Kaiwhakahaere o Mana Ruruku (Caron Solomon) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Marie Laufiso):

That the Council:

- a) **Adopts** for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27:
  - i) The draft 2026/27 operating budget for the Treaty Partnership Group as shown at Attachment A

**.Motion carried (CNL/2026/054)**

## **18 GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT - DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET 2026/27**

A report from Finance provided an overview of the draft operating budgets and draft funding impact statement for the Annual Plan 2026/27 for the Governance and Support Services Group. The activities provided for were Business Information Systems (BIS); Civic and Governance; Corporate Leadership; Council Communications and Marketing; Customer Services; Finance; People, Projects and Risk; Corporate Policy and Fleet Operations.

The report asks the Council to adopt the draft operating budget for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27.

The Chief Financial Officer (Carolyn Allan) and General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services (Paul Henderson) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Adopts** for the purposes of developing the Annual Plan 2026/27:

- i) The draft 2026/27 operating budget for the Governance and Support Services Group as shown at Attachments A and B.
- ii) The draft 2026/27 fees and charges schedules for the Governance and Support Services Group as shown at Attachment C.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/055)** with Crs Benedict Ong and Russell Lund recording their vote against.

Moved (Mayor Sophie/Deputy Mayor Cherry Lucas)

That the Council:

**Adjourns** the meeting for ten minutes.

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 3:17pm and reconvened at 3:31 pm.

## **19 COMPLIANCE WITH REVENUE AND FINANCING POLICY - ANNUAL PLAN 2026/27**

A report from Civic advised that a Revenue and Financing Policy (the Policy) was required by the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). It set out how Council's operating and capital expenditure would be funded, and the sources of those funds.

The report presented the level of compliance that the draft Annual Plan 2026/27 budget had with the Policy.

A review of the Revenue and Financing Policy would be undertaken as part of the development of the 10 year plan 2027-37 (10 year plan).

The Chief Financial Officer (Carolyn Allan) and Corporate Planner (Janet Fraser) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the Compliance with Revenue and Financing Policy report.
- b) **Notes** that a review of the Revenue and Financing Policy will be undertaken as part of the development of the 10 year plan 2027-37.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/056)**

## **23 RATING METHOD 2026/27**

A report from Finance presented the draft budget for consideration and approval.

The Chief Financial Officer (Carolyn Allan); Financial Services Manager (Hayden McAuliffe) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Mayor Sophie Barker):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** an increase in the Community Services targeted rate for the 2026/27 year of \$3.30, taking the rate to \$124.30 including GST.
- b) **Approves** an increase in the Stadium 10,000 plus seat differentiated rates for the 2026/27 year based on the June 2025 Local Government Cost Index of 2.7%.
- c) **Approves** the creation of a new general rate differential for water services utilities of 1.34
- d) **Approves** the current rating method for the setting of all other rates for the 2026/27 year.
- e) **Notes** that a full review of the general rate differential will be completed as part of the 10 Year Plan 2027-37.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/057)**

## **21 ENGAGEMENT APPROACH - ANNUAL PLAN 2026/27**

A report from Civic recommended approaches to community engagement for Council's draft Annual Plan 2026/27 (the draft Plan) and early engagement on the upcoming 10 Year Plan 2027-37 (the 10 Year Plan).

The draft Plan proposed no significant changes to year two of the 9 Year Plan 2025-34 (the 9 Year Plan), and there were limited material differences requiring specific feedback. Consequently, the report recommended a focused and proportionate engagement approach for the draft Plan, rather than inviting broad feedback.

Conversely, the development of the 10 Year Plan would be a substantial undertaking, and it was recommended to have a significant early engagement process. Pre-consultation was planned for mid-April to May 2026, and would be a chance for the community to give broad feedback on what was most important to them.

The Chief Financial Officer (Carolyn Allan) and Corporate Planner (Janet Fraser) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Ms Fraser advised of a change to the Meeting schedule on page 209 of Attachment A of the report. The dates for the 10YP 2027-37 Council budget meeting would now be held 7-10 December (in place of 14-17 December).

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** the recommended engagement approach for the Annual Plan 2026/27, as outlined in this report.
- b) **Amends** the 2026 Council meeting schedule with the change of meeting date to 7-10 December 2026, as outlined at Attachment A.

- c) **Approves** the recommended early engagement approach for the 10 Year Plan 2027-37, as outlined in this report.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/058)**

**22 PROPOSED EVENT ROAD CLOSURES**

A report from Transport recommended Council approves temporary road closures relating to the following events:

- i) 2026 Rally Otago
- ii) Anzac Day Service and Parades – Mosgiel and Outram
- iii) Hyde Street Party

Moved (Cr Christine Garey/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Council:

- a) **Resolves** to close the roads detailed below (pursuant to Section 319, Section 342, and Schedule 10 clause 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974 (LGA 1974)):

**i) 2026 Rally Otago**

*Media Day*

Wednesday, 8 April 2026	10.00am to 4.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silverstream Valley Road and Pineapple Track carpark</li> </ul>
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*Ceremonial Rally start*

Friday, 10 April 2026	12.00pm to 9.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Octagon Central Carriageway, between George Street and Princes Street</li> </ul>
	3.00pm to 9.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Lower Octagon, between George Street and Princes Street</li> <li>• Lower Stuart Street, between the Octagon and Lower Moray Place</li> <li>• Access will be maintained on Bath Street</li> </ul>

*SS 1 Waipori Gorge*

Saturday, 11 April 2026	6.00am to 11.30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waipori Gorge Road, from CDC/DCC boundary to Koefords Road</li> </ul>
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*SS 8 Super Stage*

Saturday, 11 April 2026	9.00am to 9.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sturdee Street, between Wickliffe Street and Halsey Street</li> <li>• Halsey Street, between Sturdee Street and Ward Street</li> <li>• Ward Street, between Halsey Street and Wickliffe Street</li> <li>• Wickliffe Street, between Ward Street and Jutland Street</li> </ul>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jutland Street, between Wickliffe Street and Akaroa Street</li> <li>• Ward Street Overbridge, between Anzac Avenue and Ward Street</li> </ul>
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*Service Park*

Saturday, 11 April 2026	2.00pm to 7.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ice Stadium carpark</li> </ul>
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*SS 9 Otokia*

Saturday, 12 April 2026	6.15am to 11.45am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• McLaren Gully Road, between rapid 108 McLaren Gully Road and Big Stone Road</li> <li>• Big Stone Road, between McLaren Gully Road and Otokia Kuri Bush Road West</li> <li>• Otokia Kuri Bush Road West, between Big Stone Road and Henley Road</li> <li>• Henley Road, between Otokia Kuri Bush Road West and Christies Gully Road</li> <li>• Christies Gully Road, between Henley Road and Otokia Kuri Bush Road East</li> <li>• Otokia Kuri Bush Road East, between Big Stone Road and Dicksons Road</li> <li>• Dicksons Road, between Otokia Kuri Bush Road East and Brighton Taieri Mouth Road</li> </ul>
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*SS 16 Kuri Bush*

Saturday, 12 April 2026	1.00pm to 6.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Otokia Kuri Bush Road East, between Brighton Taieri Mouth Road and Big Stone Road</li> <li>• Big Stone Road, between Otokia Kuri Bush Road East and rapid 141 Big Stone Road</li> </ul>
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*Rally Finish*

Saturday, 12 April 2026	1.00pm to 6.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brighton Domain</li> </ul>
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**ii) Anzac Day Service and Parades – Mosgiel and Outram**

Saturday, 25 April 2026	8.00am to 12.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church Street, between Factory Road and Cargill Street</li> </ul>
	10.50am to 11.30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hoylake Street, from Skerries Street to end of cul-de-sac</li> </ul>

**iii) Hyde Street Party**

	5.30am to 8.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Albany Street, between Grange Street and Clyde Street</li> </ul>
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Saturday, 18 April 2026	5.30am (on Saturday) to 12.00pm on Sunday, 19 April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hyde Street, between Albany Street and Frederick Street</li> </ul>
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**Motion carried (CNL/2026/059)**

**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Steve Walker):

That the Council:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

<b>General subject of the matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>	<b>Reason for Confidentiality</b>
C2 Appointment Of Independent Member and Chair of Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee	S7(2)(a) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.	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.	

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 or Section 7 of that Act, or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above after each item.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/060)**

The meeting moved into confidential at 4:16 pm and concluded at 4.21 pm.

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MAYOR