

Minutes of the 569th meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council, held at Environment Canterbury, Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Thursday 7 December 2023 at 10.30am.

Present

Chair Peter Scott, Deputy Chair Craig Pauling, and Councillors Greg Byrnes, Joe Davies, Paul Dietsche, David East, Grant Edge, Tutehounuku Korako, Ian Mackenzie, Claire McKay, Genevieve Robinson, Vicky Southworth, John Sunckell, Deon Swiggs*.

*via audio/visual link.

1. Mihi/Karakia Timatanga - Opening

Cr McKay opened the meeting with a karakia, followed by Cr Pauling with a mihi whakatau which also acknowledged the passing of Benita Wakefield who had worked closely with Environment Canterbury in the past.

The Chair noted that there is a new staff recommendation for report 7.1.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cr Iaeen Cranwell who was on Council business and Cr Swiggs, who joined online while on Council business and Councillor Nick Ward.

3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest reported.

4. Public Forum, Deputations and Petitions

There were no requests for public forum, deputations, and petitions.

5. Extraordinary and Urgent Business

There was no extraordinary or urgent business.

6. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

7. Report Items

Refer pages 6-18 of the agenda.

Cr Dietsche left the meeting at 10.59am and returned at 11.01am during discussion on item 7.1.

The meeting adjourned at 11.17am and reconvened at 11.23am, during discussion on item 7.1, before voting on the recommendations.

7.1 Local Government New Zealand Special General Meeting

Refer pages 6-18 of the agenda.

The Council was asked to decide how it would vote at the upcoming Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Special General Meeting on the proposed resolution to adopt 'The future by Local Government - a consensus outcome paper' to be used as a basis for engagement and advocacy with central government on local government system reform.

Secretarial note: Staff provided an update recommendation. These recommendations were taken separately.

Updated staff recommendation:

That the Council:

1. Agrees to vote in favour of the proposed resolution for 'Section 1 - Build a new system of government that's fit for purpose' of the 'The Future by Local Government - A consensus outcome paper' (Attachment 7.1.1) to be adopted as the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) basis for engagement and advocacy with central government on local government system reform, at the upcoming Local Government New Zealand Special General Meeting.
2. Agrees to vote in favour of the proposed resolutions for 'Section 2 - Rebalance the country's tax take between central and local government' of the 'The Future by Local Government - A consensus outcome paper' (Attachment 7.1.1) as the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) basis for engagement and advocacy with central government on local government system reform, at the upcoming Local Government New Zealand Special General Meeting.
3. Agrees to vote in favour of the proposed resolutions for 'Section 3 - Create stronger, more authentic relationships between local government and iwi, hapū and Māori' of the 'The Future by Local Government - A consensus outcome paper' (Attachment 7.1.1) as the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) basis for engagement and advocacy with central government on local government system reform, at the upcoming Local Government New Zealand Special General Meeting.

4. Agrees to vote in favour of the proposed resolutions for 'Section 4 - Align central, regional and local government priorities' of the 'The Future by Local Government - A consensus outcome paper' (Attachment 7.1.1) as the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) basis for engagement and advocacy with central government on local government system reform, at the upcoming Local Government New Zealand Special General Meeting.
5. Agrees to vote in favour of the proposed resolutions for 'Section 5 - Strengthen local democracy and leadership' of the 'The Future by Local Government - A consensus outcome paper' (Attachment 7.1.1) as the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) basis for engagement and advocacy with central government on local government system reform, at the upcoming Local Government New Zealand Special General Meeting.

Secretarial note: Chair Scott proposed a replacement recommendation which was moved by Cr Southworth and seconded by Cr Pauling as shown below. After a discussion of the Committee, this was withdrawn.

1. Agrees to vote in favour of all the proposed resolutions at the upcoming Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Special General Meeting to adopt all sections of 'The Future by Local Government - A Consensus Outcome Paper' (Attachment 7.1.1) as LGNZ's basis for engagement and advocacy with central government on local government system reform.

Secretarial note: The updated staff recommendations were taken separately and adopted without change.

Resolved CNCL/2023/172

The motion was considered by way of division and declared carried by 13 votes to 1 vote, the voting being as follows:

For: *Chair Scott, Deputy Chair Pauling and Councillors Byrnes, Davies, Dietsche, East, Edge, Korako, McKay, Robinson, Southworth, Sunckell and Swiggs.*

Against: *Councillor Mackenzie.*

That the Council:

1. Agrees to vote in favour of the proposed resolution for 'Section 1 - Build a new system of government that's fit for purpose' of the 'The Future by Local Government - A consensus outcome paper' (Attachment 7.1.1) to be adopted as the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) basis for engagement and advocacy with central government on local government system reform, at the upcoming Local Government New Zealand Special General Meeting.

Cr Pauling/Cr Robinson
CARRIED

Resolved CNCL/2023/173

That the Council:

2. Agrees to vote in favour of the proposed resolutions for 'Section 2 - Rebalance the country's tax take between central and local government' of the 'The Future by Local Government - A consensus outcome paper' (Attachment 7.1.1) as the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) basis for engagement and advocacy with central government on local government system reform, at the upcoming Local Government New Zealand Special General Meeting.

Cr Sunckell/Cr Byrnes
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved CNCL/2023/174

The motion was considered by way of division and declared carried by 10 votes to 4 votes, the voting being as follows:

For: *Chair Scott, Deputy Chair Pauling and Councillors Byrnes, Davies, Dietsche, Edge, Korako, Robinson, Southworth and Swiggs.*

Against: *Councillors East, Mackenzie, McKay and Sunckell.*

That the Council:

3. Agrees to vote in favour of the proposed resolutions for 'Section 3 - Create stronger, more authentic relationships between local government and iwi, hapū and Māori' of the 'The Future by Local Government - A consensus outcome paper' (Attachment 7.1.1) as the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) basis for engagement and advocacy with central government on local government system reform, at the upcoming Local Government New Zealand Special General Meeting.

Cr Korako/Cr Pauling
CARRIED

Resolved CNCL/2023/175

That the Council:

4. Agrees to vote in favour of the proposed resolutions for 'Section 4 - Align central, regional and local government priorities' of the 'The Future by Local Government - A consensus outcome paper' (Attachment 7.1.1) as the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) basis for engagement and advocacy with central government on local government system reform, at the upcoming Local Government New Zealand Special General Meeting.

Cr Byrnes/Cr Robinson
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved CNCL/2023/176

The motion was considered by way of division and declared carried by 10 votes to 4 votes, the voting being as follows:

For: Chair Scott, Deputy Chair Pauling and Councillors Byrnes, Davies, Dietsche, Edge, Korako, Robinson, Southworth and Swiggs.

Against: Councillors East, Mackenzie, McKay and Sunckell.

That the Council:

5. Agrees to vote in favour of the proposed resolutions for 'Section 5 - Strengthen local democracy and leadership' of the 'The Future by Local Government - A consensus outcome paper' (Attachment 7.1.1) as the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) basis for engagement and advocacy with central government on local government system reform, at the upcoming Local Government New Zealand Special General Meeting.

Cr Southworth/Cr Edge

CARRIED

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13 December 2023 at 10.30am.

9. Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

A karakia was provided by Cr McKay.

The meeting concluded at 11.36am.

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Chair Peter Scott
Councillor, Environment Canterbury