



Minutes of a meeting of the
Finance Committee held in the
Council Chamber on Wednesday 1 June 2022,
commencing at 9:00 AM

Membership

Cr Hilary Calvert *(Co-Chairperson)*
Cr Kevin Malcolm *(Co-Chairperson)*
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Alexa Forbes
Cr Carmen Hope
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Michael Laws
Cr Andrew Noone
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr Kate Wilson

Welcome

Co-Chair Hilary Calvert welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 9:03 am. Staff present included Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture and Customer), Anita Dawe (GM Policy and Science), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Liz Spector (Governance Support), and Mike Roesler (Manager Corporate Planning). Present electronically were Nick Donnelly (acting CE/GM Corporate Services), Richard Saunders (GM Regulatory and Communications), and Sean Garry (Management Accountant).

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies. Cr Gary Kelliher, Cr Michael Laws, Cr Kevin Malcolm, and Cr Kate Wilson were present electronically.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests to speak during Public Forum.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Resolution: Cr Calvert moved, Cr Noone seconded

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

Motion Carried

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1. Annual Plan 2022-23 Deliberation and Recommendations

This report was provided to enable deliberation on public feedback on the ORC's draft Annual Plan 2022-23. Nick Donnelly (acting Chief Executive and GM Corporate Services) and Mike Roesler (Manager Corporate Planning) were available to respond to questions about the report.

Following in depth discussion of the submissions, Cr Calvert adjourned the meeting at 10:40am for 30 minutes to allow Councillors time to formulate their proposed motions.

Cr Calvert Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the meeting be adjourned until 11:10 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Co-Chair Calvert called the meeting back to order at 11:20 a.m. She asked for all the motions that had been submitted to be displayed on the screen and requested the Committee members review any requests with financial impacts first, followed by any non-financial motions.

Cr Wilson spoke to the first motion. Following discussion and refinement of the motion, it was moved:

Resolution FIN22-112: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Hope Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Requests** staff report to the Governance, Comms and Engagement Committee on 15 September 2022 as to how nominated community members and councillors work with staff and their preferred timetables for meetings for liaison committees (for example, Dunedin bus users, Central Lakes work, Pomahaka River Management, and a flood protection liaison committee) as trials for community engagement and communication on upcoming work schedules.
- 2) **Requests** a draft timeline for staff and Councillors to work together on nominating community members and proposing terms of references.

A division was called:

Vote

For:	Cr Calvert, Cr Deaker, Cr Hope, Cr Kelliher, Cr Laws, Cr Malcolm, Cr Noone, Cr Scott and Cr Wilson
Against:	Cr Forbes and Cr Robertson
Abstained:	Nil

MOTION CARRIED 9 - 2

Cr Wilson then spoke to a second motion. She said there were concerns expressed by a submitter that climate change action KPIs weren't strong enough and she asked for a better way to measure them going forward. She requested the record reflect that this will happen, and that it be noted Councillors agreed.

Resolution FIN22-113: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Noone Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** that staff will bring back internal advice for consideration of better measures for Climate Change Action for the 2023/24 Annual Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Wilson spoke to a motion related to public access to flood and drainage infrastructure for cycling and walking. She said the motion was intended to narrow staff focus to ensure they provide advice on the specific issue. Cr Robertson and Cr Kelliher suggested the motion be amended to request a staff report on what is being proposed prior to going to the community for input. Cr Wilson and Cr Hope agreed to the amendment.

Resolution FIN22-114: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Hope Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Requests** staff prepare a report on potential sites for public access to flood and drainage schemes.
- 2) **Requests** staff along with Councillors consult with landowners and cycleway/walkway proponents together before completing development of the policy on cycleway/walkway development on flood and drainage infrastructure.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Noone Moved, Cr Hope Seconded

That the meeting be adjourned to 1:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Co-Chair Calvert called the Finance Committee meeting back to order at 1:30 p.m.

Cr Forbes was an apology for lateness.

Cr Deaker spoke to a proposed motion requesting staff to provide advice on bringing forward work on a business case analysis for upper Clutha public transport in time to be included in work on the 2023/24 Annual Plan. After refinement of the motion following discussion of the area under consideration, the motion was put.

Resolution FIN22-115: Cr Deaker Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Requests** staff advice in time for consideration for consultation on the draft 2023/24 Annual Plan process the costs and work required to develop a business case for Central/Lakes Public Transport.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Scott spoke to a motion he submitted related to ORC funding for various community projects. After a discussion, of the motion, Cr Malcolm and Cr Calvert stressed that when the requested report comes to the Committee, budget implications of any decision must be strongly considered.

Resolution FIN22-116: Cr Scott Moved, Cr Malcolm Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Requests** an issues discussion paper for potential funding of large site-led community biosecurity projects be brought to the 14 September 2022 Implementation Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Scott moved a motion that had been submitted by Cr Forbes. He said the motion was intended to facilitate communications and actions related to the annual plan process to the involved staff groups and for clarity to any newly elected Councillors following the 8 October 2022 election.

Resolution FIN22-117: Cr Scott Moved, Cr Noone Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Requests** staff group the suggestions and ideas raised in the submission comments to the 2022/23 Annual Plan as they relate to our strategic directions and highlight them to the new council prior to developing the 2023/24 Annual Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Forbes rejoined the meeting at 2pm.

Cr Laws spoke to a motion he submitted to reduce the rates increase on the draft 2022-23 Annual Plan by delaying or deferring any non-essential staffing increases. Following discussion of the motion, Co-Chair Calvert put the motion.

Cr Laws Moved, Cr Hope Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** in light of the cost-of-living crisis, which is expected to worsen in coming months, this Committee resolves upon a 9% rates rise for the 2022/23 financial year and directs staff to delay or defer any staffing number increases unless deemed essential to the performance of ORC statutory or national policy obligations.

A division was called:

Vote

For:	Cr Calvert, Cr Hope, Cr Kelliher and Cr Laws
Against:	Cr Deaker, Cr Forbes, Cr Malcolm, Cr Noone, Cr Robertson, Cr Scott, and Cr Wilson
Abstained:	Nil

MOTION FAILED 4 - 7

Cr Forbes moved adoption of the draft Annual Plan as provided which was to be funded with an 18% rates increase. Cr Wilson requested an amendment to the proposed motion which requested staff report quarterly to Council on any savings made to the adopted budget for 2022/23. Cr Calvert then requested an additional action which noted Council expected a balanced budget be achieved for the 2022/23 financial year. The mover and seconder agreed to the additions to the motion.

The motion was taken in two parts.

Resolution FIN22-118: Cr Forbes Moved, Cr Scott Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Resolves** that the Annual Plan be confirmed at an 18% rise for 2022/23 as proposed, but with any savings being reported quarterly to the Council.

A division was called:

Vote

For:	Cr Calvert, Cr Deaker, Cr Forbes, Cr Malcolm, Cr Noone, Cr Robertson, Cr Scott and Cr Wilson
Against:	Cr Hope, Cr Kelliher and Cr Laws
Abstained:	Nil

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Resolution FIN22-119: Cr Forbes Moved, Cr Scott Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Advices** staff that we expect a balanced budget will be achieved for the 2022/23 financial year which may mean savings will need to be made to allow for any unforeseen costs which will inevitably arise.

A division was called:

Vote

For:	Cr Calvert, Cr Deaker, Cr Forbes, Cr Hope, Cr Kelliher, Cr Laws, Cr Malcolm, Cr Noone, Cr Robertson, Cr Scott, and Cr Wilson
Against:	Nil
Abstained:	Nil

MOTION CARRIED 11 - 0

Cr Calvert asked for a motion noting the submissions and the upcoming action for the draft Annual Plan.

Resolution FIN22-120: Cr Hope Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** the public feedback on the Otago Regional Council Draft Annual Plan 2022/23.
- 2) **Notes** that the Council rates resolution will be provided to the 29 June 2022 Council meeting following adoption of the Annual Plan 2022/23.

MOTION CARRIED

6. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Co-Chair Calvert declared the meeting closed at 2:54pm.

Finance Committee Co-Chair

Date