

**MINUTES OF 340TH MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY, 28 KILMORE STREET,
CHRISTCHURCH ON THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2009 AT 8.30 A.M.**

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PRESENT

Crs T K Burke, J T Demeter, C J Evans, P C R Harrow, J M Kane, R M Kirk, R I R Little, A R McKay, B S Murray, A G Neill, M E Oldfield, E M Sage, D P Sutherland and R M G Tindall.

MANAGEMENT AND OFFICERS PRESENT

B R Jenkins (Chief Executive) J L Atkinson (Director Regional Programmes), J Curtis (Director External Relations), K L Drummond (Director Regulation), K Lawn (Director Operations), D Rule (Director Resource Planning and Consents), K J W Taylor (Director Investigations and Monitoring), I W Thomas (Director Finance and Corporate Services), J McNee (Stakeholder and Community Relations Manager), N C Pilbrow (Corporate Programmes Manager), H Sellwood (Finance Manager) and L M McDonald (Administration Officer)

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Kane declared an interest in submission 414 Canterbury District Health Board.
Cr Demeter declared an interest in submission 445 St Albans Community Centre.
Cr Little declared an interest in submission 516 Trustpower.

3. SUBMISSIONS AND RESPONSES TO THE 2009-19 LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN

In addition to the report attached to the agenda the following documents had been circulated prior to the meeting:

- Officers' Report

- Officers' Report – Water Management Cost Recovery
- Late Submissions
- Memo dated 3 June 2009 with notes from the hearings held in Timaru and Christchurch with additional information requested at those hearings.

Resolved

That the Council accepts the following late submissions:

- 594 LaMori Limited**
- 595 David Boyd**
- 596 Nikki Beardsley**
- 597 M M Cambridge**
- 598 Graham Oliver Johnstone**
- 599 Eric Buxton**
- 601 Andrew Crossland**
- 602 N L & D N Smith Limited**
- 603 N L & D N Smith**
- 604 Philip Mark Robins**
- 605 A J & J K Newton**
- 606 David G Trist**

Cr Burke/Cr Kane

An opportunity was then provided for Councillors to read the additional information attached to the memo dated 3 June 2009 that had been emailed to Councillors on 3 June 2009.

Cr Oldfield and Cr Tindall arrived at 8.37 am, Cr Neill arrived at 8.53 am.

Josie McNee advised that the Officers' Report was prepared before the submissions were heard and therefore some of the aspects raised during the verbal submissions would not be covered by the Officers' Report.

Bryan Jenkins explained the financial overview information (Appendix 6 to the report attached to the agenda) including a number of refinements since the draft LTCCP was prepared.

The submissions were then considered; starting with the matters raised from the "What Do You Think?" section of the draft LTCCP; followed by general portfolio matters.

What Do You Think?

AIR QUALITY – CLEAN HEAT PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Ken Lawn introduced this topic and referred Councillors to the "Additional Information for Clean Heat and Energy Efficiency" paper circulated with the 3 June 2009 material (page 39). This described possible changes to the Clean Heat Project, following the Government's budget announcements. Mr Lawn advised that further details will be presented to the June or July Council meeting.

Cr Kane moved, Cr Sage seconded.

- (a) *That the proposal in the draft 2009-19 LTCCP to reduce the level of the Clean Heat targeted rate in Christchurch from \$62.2M to \$55M over the next 10 years be adopted.*

- (b) *That Council review eligibility and subsidy levels for the Clean Heat Project after Central Government energy efficiency incentives programmes are announced, and their implications understood and that any resulting changes are implemented through changes to the Clean Heat Project Policy.*
- (c) *That we note the uncertainty regarding the expenditure and income that will result regarding the emerging issues in government announcements, and these will be reviewed with a view to revising them if significant issues exist.*

It was suggested that the level of the targeted rate be reduced to an amount below the \$55M recommended.

An amendment was moved by Cr Evans, seconded by Cr Murray

That the subsidy for Clean Heat Programmes from year 2 be reviewed in light of central governments energy efficiency incentives programmes announced in the budget.

The amendment was put and LOST, the voting being as follows:

For (7)	Against (7)
Cr Murray	Cr Kirk
Cr Evans	Cr Burke
Cr Oldfield	Cr Sutherland
Cr Little	Cr Demeter
Cr McKay	Cr Kane
Cr Harrow	Cr Sage
Cr Neill	Cr Tindall

The substantive motion was then put and CARRIED

Resolved

- (a) ***That the proposal in the draft 2009-19 LTCCP to reduce the level of the Clean Heat targeted rate in Christchurch from \$62.2M to \$55M over the next 10 years be adopted.***
- (b) ***That Council review eligibility and subsidy levels for the Clean Heat Project after Central Government energy efficiency incentives programmes are announced, and their implications understood and that any resulting changes are implemented through changes to the Clean Heat Project Policy.***
- (c) ***That we note the uncertainty regarding the expenditure and income that will result regarding the emerging issues in government announcements, and these will be reviewed with a view to revising them if significant issues exist.***

Cr Kane/Cr Sage

The meeting adjourned between 10.30 and 10.48 am.

ENERGY – HOUSEHOLD ENERGY INCENTIVES FOR CHRISTCHURCH

Ken Lawn presented this topic and referred to Councillors to page 10 of the agenda and page 39 of the 3 June information.

Resolved

- (a) That the proposal in the LTCCP, to provide an interest free loan repayable over 10 years via a targeted rate to be paid by the homeowner, or alternatively a subsidy towards the cost of the work, with the homeowner paying the balance, be adopted**
- (b) That uncertainty (c) and assumption (c) on page 50 be replaced with the following:**

Uncertainty (c) The extent and scale of the household energy efficiency incentives programme.

Assumption (c) Any programme will be funded entirely from government grants, funding from other partners, and household contributions. The levels of expenditure and income assumed in the LTCCP are based on a programme in Christchurch providing 4,000 conversions over the first three years. These numbers and coverage could be extended in the future.

Cr Murray/Cr Demeter

HAZARDS – WAIMAKARIRI FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT

Resolved

- (a) That the proposal in the draft 2009-19 LTCCP to proceed with the Waimakariri Flood Protection Project and a loan payback period of 25 years (loan repayments to be adjusted for inflation) be adopted.**
- (b) That the proposal in the draft 2009-19 LTCCP to fund the Waimakariri Flood Protection project via a new three-class targeted rating district, and a works and services rate and a general rate contribution.**

Cr Demeter/Cr Kane

LAND – ASHLEY/RAKAHURI AND TEKAPO REGIONAL PARKS

Wayne Thomas introduced this topic.

The recommendation from page 12 of the agenda was moved by Cr Demeter, seconded by Cr Kirk

- (a) That the proposal in the draft 2009-19 LTCCP to establish the Ashley/Rakahuri Regional Park in 2010/11 be adopted.**
- (b) That the proposal in the draft 2009-19 LTCCP to fund the Ashley/Rakahuri Regional Park from the existing catchment rating district, with contributions form a regional general rate and a targeted rate levied over Waimakariri District and Christchurch City ratepayers, less Banks Peninsula, be adopted.**
- (c) That the proposal in the draft 2009-19 LTCCP to fund the Lake Tekapo Regional Park from a mix of 60% regional rates and 40% targeted fixed rates per rating unit over the Mackenzie and Timaru Districts be approved.**

It was agreed to consider the recommendations separately.

An amendment to part (a) was proposed by Cr Sage, seconded by Cr Kane
That the Council undertake its management responsibilities for the lower Ashley River and estuary in a way that is compatible with the regional park.

The amendment was put and CARRIED. The amendment became part of the substantive motion, part (a), and was put and CARRIED.

Resolved

- (a) That the proposal in the draft 2009-19 LTCCP to establish the Ashley/Rakahuri Regional Park in 2010/11 be adopted and the Council undertake its management responsibilities for the lower Ashley River and estuary in a way that is compatible with the regional park.**

Cr Sage/Cr Kane

Cr Neill requested his vote against this be recorded.

An amendment to part (b) was proposed by Cr Harrow, seconded by Cr Evans
That Banks Peninsula ratepayers be included in the targeted rate for the Ashley/Rakahuri Regional Park.

The amendment was put and LOST.

The substantive motion part (b) was then put and CARRIED

Resolved

- (b) That the proposal in the draft 2009-19 LTCCP to fund the Ashley/Rakahuri Regional Park from the existing catchment rating district, with contributions from a regional general rate and a targeted rate levied over Waimakariri District and Christchurch City ratepayers, less Banks Peninsula, be adopted.**

Cr Demeter/Cr Kirk

A division was called, the voting being as follows:

For (8)	Against (5)	Abstained (1)
Cr Little	Cr Oldfield	Cr Kane
Cr Burke	Cr Harrow	
Cr Evans	Cr Neill	
Cr Demeter	Cr Murray	
Cr Tindall	Cr McKay	
Cr Kirk		
Cr Sutherland		
Cr Sage		

An amendment to part (c) was proposed by Cr Oldfield, seconded by Cr Murray.

That the proposal in the draft 2009-19 LTCCP to fund the Lake Tekapo Regional Park from an Uniform Annual General Charge to be applied across the whole region.

The amendment was put and CARRIED

The amendment became part (c) of the substantive motion was then put and LOST.
A division was called, the voting being as follows:

For (7)	Against (7)
Cr Harrow	Cr Neill
Cr McKay	Cr Kirk
Cr Evans	Cr Sutherland
Cr Murray	Cr Tindall
Cr Kane	Cr Sage
Cr Oldfield	Cr Burke
Cr Little	Cr Demeter

Note: later in this meeting, the matter of the funding of the Lake Tekapo Regional Park was considered again, after reference to submission 364 from Timaru District Council.

Resolved

- (c) ***That the Lake Tekapo Regional Park be funded by 60% general rate and a 40% targeted fixed rate across Waimate, Mackenzie, Timaru and Ashburton Districts.***

Cr Sage/Cr Sutherland

A division was called, the voting being as follows:

For (8)	Against (4)	Abstain (2)
Cr Tindall	Cr Little	Cr Kane
Cr Demeter	Cr Evans	Cr Oldfield
Cr Burke	Cr Neill	
Cr Sage	Cr McKay	
Cr Kirk		
Cr Sutherland		
Cr Harrow		
Cr Murray		

FEES AND CHARGES – COMPLIANCE MONITORING RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT CHARGES

Kim Drummond presented this topic.

Resolved

- (a) ***That the proposal in the draft 2009-19 LTCCP to introduce charges for administration, monitoring and supervision of resource consents as set out in Option 3 be adopted.***
- (b) ***That the proposed charging model be reviewed annually and if necessary adjustments made for subsequent years to ensure the system remains effective.***

Cr Neill/Cr Kane

PESTS AND BIODIVERSITY – RATING FOR BOVINE TB CONTROL

Kim Drummond presented this topic.

Resolved

That the level of regional contributions be raised to approximately 10% (\$0.5m) for the 2009/10 and 2010/11 financial years, it be left at approximately 5% (\$0.25m) for the remaining eight years while awaiting the outcome of the NPMS review, and a further contribution of approximately \$100,000 be made from the Bovine Tb Operations reserve account for the 2009/10 financial year.

Cr Sage/Cr Little

Cr Kane requested that her vote against this be recorded.

PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT – RATING FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN LYTTELTON AND DIAMOND HARBOUR, AND RATING FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE SELWYN DISTRICT

Ken Lawn presented this topic.

Resolved

- (a) That the proposal in the draft 2009-19 LTCCP to incorporate Lyttelton and Diamond harbour within the Christchurch rating area for public passenger transport be adopted.***
- (b) That the proposal in the draft 2009-19 LTCCP to expand the rating area for public passenger transport to include Purau and Charteris Bay be adopted.***
- (c) That the proposal in the draft 2009-19 LTCCP to introduce a 90:10 urban:rural rating split for public transport rates in the Selwyn District be adopted.***
- (d) That the proposal in the draft 2009-19 LTCCP to establish urban and rural rating boundaries as shown in the map published on page 95 in the draft 2009-19 LTCCP, be adopted.***

Cr Evans/Cr Sage

WASTE, HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND CONTAMINATED SITES – FUNDING OF WASTE EXCHANGES

Ken Taylor presented this topic.

Information was requested on the re-establishment of a waste exchange for the Waimate District.

Also requested were the response from Waimate, Mackenzie, Waitaki, Hurunui and Kaikoura Districts from requests to contribute funding for “mop up” agrichemical collections in these areas.

This item was adjourned until later in the meeting when the information requested would be available.

The meeting adjourned for lunch between 12.45 and 1.32 pm.

WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY AND ECOSYSTEMS – FUNDING FOR WATER MANAGEMENT COST RECOVERY

Cr Burke welcomed Margo Perpick and Andrew Young of Wynn Williams, who had been invited to the meeting to advise the Council on the legal aspects that had been raised during the submission process regarding the legality of the proposed water management charges.

Wayne Thomas introduced this item and the 4 options described on page 17 of the agenda:

- Option 1 As proposed in the draft LTCCP, for immediate implementation
- Option 2 Remain with the status quo, 100% general rate funding
- Option 3 As per option 1, but entering into discussions on charging options with consent holder representatives and delaying introducing invoicing for 1 year.
- Option 4 As for option 1 but entering into discussions on charging options with consent holder representatives but with a view to invoicing consent holders in the second half of the year.

Ken Taylor provided some clarification regarding the difference between consent compliance monitoring, and state of the environment monitoring and investigations (notes tabled).

Margo Perpick tabled an extract from sections 35 and 36 of the Resource Management Act, and a list of legal issues that had arisen from the submissions.

Ms Perpick explained that section 35(1) provided the general authority for the Council to gather information. Section 35(2)(a) provided for state of the environment monitoring, while section 35(2)(d) dealt with resource consent monitoring.

Section 36 addresses administration charges, with 36(1)(c) referring to charges for work relating to resource consents and for carrying out functions under section 35. Section 36(4) sets the criteria for charges, and the wording of section 36(4)(b)(iii) is relevant.

Ms Perpick then addressed the list of issues raised during the submissions. Some comments made during the submissions indicated a misunderstanding that the information being collected by the Council is based on a perceived benefit to consent holders.

Other matters raised, for example how the public/private split was assessed, are not specifically legal issues. Ms Perpick suggested that it was important to communicate how this was done and important to listen to the views expressed.

Andrew Young commented on the proposal to set charges based on zones. He advised that this approach is authorised under Section 36. Comments in the submissions indicate a lack of awareness as how the charges were determined. Mr Young suggested that, as that information was available, this would provide an opportunity to go back to consent holders to discuss the proposal further. He noted that after having the opportunity to go through the background details, Fonterra's view had altered.

Commenting on the matter of a judicial review, Ms Perpick commented that recent decisions (Chisholm regarding the Christchurch City Council housing rentals, and the

relocation of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council headquarters to Tauranga) raised some interesting points that should be noted regarding the decision making process. However, these cases involve the provisions of the Local Government Act relating to taking into account views at various steps of the decision making process. This differs from the specific provisions of section 36 of the Resource Management Act.

Responding to a question regarding charges being based on consented volume, Ms Perpick advised that the basis for the charges needed to be practical and to be fair. The use of consented volume may be fair, until actual information was available. A factual basis is needed.

The meeting adjourned between 3.00 and 3.20 pm. Ms Perpick and Mr Young left at this stage.

The four options for water management cost recovery as described on pages 17 and 18 of the agenda were then considered.

Resolved

That, pursuant to Standing Order 3.3.7, the meeting continue for more than six hours.

Cr Neill/Cr Demeter

Resolved

That the additional information be received:

- ***Officers' Report***
- ***Officers' Report – Water Management Cost Recovery***
- ***Memo dated 3 June 2009 with notes from the hearings held in Timaru and Christchurch with additional information requested at those hearings.***

Cr Burke/Cr Kane

Option 4 was moved by Cr Tindall, seconded by Cr Sage

- (a) *That the amendments to Funding Categories 2.5 and 4.5 in the draft Funding and Financial Policies 2009 to better align policies with the Resource Management Act (as set out in the water management cost recovery "What Do You Think?" executive summary and appendix C), be adopted.*
- (b) *That the amount indicated in the Draft LTCCP to fund water investigations and monitoring from a mix of general rates and cost recovery charges set under section 36 of the Resource Management Act as set out in Funding Categories 2.5 and 4.5 in the draft Funding and Financial Policies 2009, as amended, be adopted.*
- (c) *That the allocation of cost recovery charges and the composition and terms of reference of the Water Management Accountability Zone Committees be consulted on with key stakeholders and consent holders and be resolved by Council by 31 December 2009.*

The motion was put and LOST. A division was called the voting being as follows:

For (7)	Against (7)
Cr Kirk	Cr Oldfield
Cr Sutherland	Cr Harrow
Cr Tindall	Cr Little
Cr Burke	Cr McKay
Cr Demeter	Cr Murray
Cr Evans	Cr Neill
Cr Sage	Cr Kane

The meeting adjourned between 5.40 pm and 6.13 pm

Option 3 was moved by Cr Burke, seconded by Cr Evans

- (a) *That the amendments to Funding Categories 2.5 and 4.5 in the draft Funding and Financial Policies 2009 to better align policies with the Resource Management Act (as set out in the water management cost recovery “What Do You Think?” executive summary and appendix C), be adopted.*
- (b) *That the draft Funding and Financial Policies 2009 be amended to provide for existing general rates funding policies for water investigations and monitoring to continue to apply until 30 June 2010 with proposed Funding Categories 2.5 and 4.5 to apply from 1 July 2010.*
- (c) *That further discussions be held with key stakeholders and consent holder representatives on charging options and the composition and terms of reference of the Water Management Accountability Zone Committees, with a view to adopting a general rate/cost recovery option by 31 December 2009 for implementation on 1 July 2010.*

An amendment to part (b) Option 3 was proposed by Cr Harrow, seconded by Cr Neill

That Option 3 be adopted for 12 months only.

- (a) *Take \$3m from Reserves.*
- (b) *\$1m from rate subsidised Clean Air Plans.*
- (c) *Cut in service by \$2m (management monitoring)*

The amendment was put and LOST

The substantive motion was then put and LOST. A division was called the voting being as follows:

For (7)	Against (7)
Cr Evans	Cr Kane
Cr Kirk	Cr Oldfield
Cr Sage	Cr Neill
Cr Burke	Cr Harrow
Cr Tindall	Cr Murray
Cr Demeter	Cr McKay
Cr Sutherland	Cr Little

Proposed Cr Kane, seconded Cr Neill

- (a) *That the funding by Section 36 RMA charges for water management cost recovery be deferred for 12 months to allow a working party to be established to enter into discussions on charging options with key stakeholder and consent holders/ representatives on charging options and the composition and terms of reference of water management accountability zone committees with preferred funding policies to apply from 1 July 2010.*
- (b) *The terms of reference are to be developed and referred to Council for approval.*
- (c) *The working party's outcomes and recommendations are to be considered with the Annual Plan 2010/2011 and an appropriate general rate/cost recovery options adopted.*
- (d) *That the LTCCP include an assumption that in Years 2 to 10 that the public/private split is 69/31 and an uncertainty that the split may change as a result of consultation and can vary depending on the planned work programme in each year.*
- (e) *That there is an assumption that s.36 charges will be implemented and that the amendments to Funding Categories 2.5 and 4.5 in the Draft Funding and Financial Policies 2009 as set out in the Water Management Cost Recovery What do you think?, executive summary, appendix C and item 11 of additional information for 4 June 2009 Council meeting be adopted for years 2 to 10.*

An amendment was proposed by Cr McKay, seconded by Cr Evans
That in order to maintain the levels of service, income and expenditure as per the Draft LTCCP in Year One, up to \$2.2million be used from Reserves as required.

The amendment was then put and LOST. A division was called the voting being as follows:

For (7)	Against (7)
Cr Evans	Cr Burke
Cr McKay	Cr Sutherland
Cr Neill	Cr Sage
Cr Little	Cr Tindall
Cr Harrow	Cr Demeter
Cr Oldfield	Cr Kirk
Cr Murray	Cr Kane

An amendment was proposed by Cr Sage, seconded by Cr Sutherland.

That in part 1 of the recommendation the words "preferred funding policies" be replaced with "section 36 charges to apply".

The amendment was then put and LOST. A division was called the voting being as follows:

For (7)	Against (7)
Cr Burke	Cr Little
Cr Sage	Cr Evans
Cr Demeter	Cr Oldfield
Cr Tindall	Cr McKay
Cr Kirk	Cr Murray
Cr Kane	Cr Neill
Cr Sutherland	Cr Harrow

The substantive motion was then put and CARRIED

Resolved

- (a) That the funding by Section 36 RMA charges for water management cost recovery be deferred for 12 months to allow a working party to be established to enter into discussions on charging options with key stakeholder and consent holders/ representatives on charging options and the composition and terms of reference of water management accountability zone committees with preferred funding policies to apply from 1 July 2010.**
- (b) The terms of reference are to be developed and referred to Council for approval.**
- (c) The working party's outcomes and recommendations are to be considered with the Annual Plan 2010/2011 and an appropriate general rate/cost recovery options adopted.**
- (d) That the LTCCP include an assumption that in Years 2 to 10 that the public/private split is 69/31 and an uncertainty that the split may change as a result of consultation and can vary depending on the planned work programme in each year.**
- (e) That there is an assumption that s.36 charges will be implemented and that the amendments to Funding Categories 2.5 and 4.5 in the Draft Funding and Financial Policies 2009 as set out in the Water Management Cost Recovery What do you think?, executive summary, appendix C and item 11 of additional information for 4 June 2009 Council meeting be adopted for years 2 to 10.**

Cr Kane/Cr Neill

A division was called, the voting being as follows:

For (9)	Against (5)
Cr Little	Cr Oldfield
Cr Kane	Cr Murray
Cr Evans	Cr McKay
Cr Burke	Cr Tindall
Cr Sage	Cr Harrow
Cr Demeter	
Cr Neill	
Cr Sutherland	
Cr Kirk	

WASTE, HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND CONTAMINATED SITES – FUNDING WASTE EXCHANGES - CONTINUED

The meeting then returned to the Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites item that had been adjourned prior to the lunch break so that additional information could be obtained.

Ken Taylor advised that Timaru District had indicated that they are able to provide a waste exchange service for the Waimate District.

Regarding the collection of agrichemicals, Waimate and Hurunui had both confirmed that that did not have funding in their budget for 2009/10. Information could not be obtained from the other Councils.

Resolved

That funding for the Waste Exchange for each of years 1 to 3 is increased by \$20,000 to \$87,000 from savings from the communication education and advocacy budget.

Cr Sage/Cr Murray

Cr Kane requested that her vote against this be recorded.

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESS – UNIFORM ANNUAL GENERAL CHARGE

Proposed Cr Burke, seconded Cr Demeter

That consideration of the proposal in the draft 2009-29 LTCCP to fund Councillor representation and provision of public information via a Uniform Annual General Charge, as set out in the draft Funding and Financial Policies 2009, Funding Category 6.1, be deferred to the 2010/11 Annual Plan.

The motion was put and LOST. A division was called, the voting being as follows:

For (6)	Against (8)
Cr Demeter	Cr Oldfield
Cr Sage	Cr Harrow
Cr Sutherland	Cr Murray
Cr Tindall	Cr Little
Cr Kirk	Cr Evans
Cr Burke	Cr Neill
	Cr McKay
	Cr Kane

Resolved

That the proposal in the draft 2009-19 LTCCP to fund councillor representation and provision of public information via a Uniform Annual General Charge, as set out in the draft Funding and Financial Policies 2009, Funding Category 6.1, be adopted.

Cr Neill/Cr Kane

LAND – ASHLEY/RAKAHURI AND TEKAPO REGIONAL PARKS

The meeting then returned to the matter of the funding of the Lake Tekapo Regional Park. Cr Burke referred Councillors to submission 364 from Timaru District Council.

Resolved

- (c) ***That the Lake Tekapo Regional Park be funded by 60% general rate and a 40% targeted fixed rate across Waimate, Mackenzie, Timaru and Ashburton Districts.***

Cr Sage/Cr Sutherland

A division was called, the voting being as follows:

For (8)	Against (4)	Abstain (2)
Cr Tindall	Cr Little	Cr Kane
Cr Demeter	Cr Evans	Cr Oldfield
Cr Burke	Cr Neill	
Cr Sage	Cr McKay	
Cr Kirk		
Cr Sutherland		
Cr Harrow		
Cr Murray		

General Responses

The meeting then considered the recommendations in Attachment 5 (page 42 of the agenda) for changes to the draft LTCCP.

Resolved

That the submissions received and read by all Councillors be accepted.

Cr Neill/Cr Evans

1. INTRODUCTION - COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

No changes recommended.

2. AIR QUALITY

Resolved

Air Quality

Public submissions

- (a) ***That Council amend the “Effect on the four well-beings” on page 19 of the draft LTCCP to read: “Cleaner air initiatives results in benefits to environmental and social well-beings through improved health of individuals. However, ...”.***
- (b) ***That Council accept Ashburton District Council’s submission to alter Ashburton District Plan review.***
- (c) ***That Council review whether funding can be shifted for enhanced marketing programmes in Ashburton, and other towns, once***

Central Government energy efficiency programmes are announced

Chief Executive's submissions

- (d) That Council approve the reduction in the interest rate to 6.5% and the resulting changes to the financial information.**

Cr Kane/Cr Burke

3. COASTAL ENVIRONMENT

The recommendation from the staff regarding funding for a facilitator for Te Korowai O Te Tai O Marokura was considered. The excellent work being carried out by this group was acknowledged. But there was concern that funding paid employees would be setting a precedent.

Proposed Cr Sutherland, seconded Cr Murray
That Council approve funding for a facilitator for Te Korowai O Te Tai O Marokura, up to \$10,000 from existing budgets.

The motion was put and LOST.

4. CORPORATE AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

No changes recommended.

5. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Cr Tindall drew the Council's attention to submission 414 Canterbury District Health Board.

Cr Kane declared an interest and left the meeting at 8.45 pm.

Resolved

Wording changes page 145 Part A Civil Defence Group:

- **first paragraph "we work to foster community resilience to the effects of change"**
- **Next paragraph add "pandemic planning".**

Cr Tindall/Cr McKay

Cr Kane returned at 8.47 pm.

6. ENERGY

Resolved

Chief Executive's submissions

- (a) That Council approve the reduction in the interest rate to 6.5% and the resulting changes to the financial information.**

- (b) That Council approve carrying forward \$20,807 to complete the supplementary biennial regional survey subject to sufficient reserves being available at year end.**

Cr Murray/Cr Kane

7. HAZARDS

Resolved

Public submissions

- (a) ***That Council approves changes to the budget proposed as a result of meetings with Catchment Liaison Committees as set out in the table below.***
- (b) ***That Council approves a rating district to be established in the Lower Conway River.***
- (c) ***That Council approves a rating district to be established in the Kowai north branch.***
- (d) ***That Council approves a rating district for the Sefton township.***
- (e) ***That the Washdyke Creek Flood Projection Investigation project (031203) be advanced within existing budgets by prioritising work and using Washdyke Creek district reserve, up to a total of \$42,000.***

Chief Executive's Submissions

- (f) ***That Council approves inclusion of an accounting adjustment as set out in the table below to record the cost of forestry blocks harvested during the year with the value being taken from the asset revaluation reserve.***

Cr Demeter/Cr Little

8. LAND

Resolved

Chief Executive's Submissions

- (a) ***That Council approve additional operating expenditure for RMA Enforcement of \$43,500 in accordance with previous Council decisions.***
- (b) ***That Council approve carrying forward \$71,000 to complete construction of the cycleway subject to sufficient reserves being available at year end.***

Cr Little/Cr Murray

9. NAVIGATION SAFETY

No changes recommended.

10. PESTS AND BIOSECURITY

Resolved

That Council approve the changes to the budget as set out below:

Public Submissions

- **Reductions arising from Pest Liaison Committee meetings of \$29,662 in year one**
- **Increase in the Bovine TB budget arising from the What do you think?**

Chief Executive's Submissions

- **Increase in the budget for a staff member to be seconded to the AHB of \$95,850 for two years**
- **Correction of the funding category for the rabbit co-ordination programme to 50% general and 50% targeted rate**
- **Reduction in the rabbit control programme of \$15,773 in year one.**
Cr Sage/Cr Little

11. PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT

Resolved

Public Submissions

- (a) That Council amend total activity expenditure table (Re submission 408.4 NZ Transport Agency, page 137).**

Chief Executive's Submissions

- (b) That Council approve adjustment to the budget as a result of further information on the replacement of the bus ticketing system.**

Cr Evans/Cr Harrow

12. REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT

No changes recommended.

13. WASTE, HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND CONTAMINATED SITES

No changes recommended.

14. WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY AND ECOSYSTEMS

Dr Jenkins advised a correction to the recommendation on page 50 of the agenda, the recommendation to increase the RMA Enforcement budget should be \$66,000.

Cr Sage referred the Council to submission 414 Canterbury District Health Board and suggested an additional level of service regarding nitrate levels in groundwater.

Cr Kane declared an interest and left the meeting at 9.05 pm.

Resolved

Chief Executive's Submissions

That Council approves the following changes to the budgets:

- **an increase to the RMA Enforcement budget of \$66,000**
- **a reduction in the water monitoring budget of \$52,088**
- **an increase in the water management charges and annual compliance monitoring charges of \$79,831**
- **funds to be carried forward of \$288,583 for contract not completed at year end.**
- **Add new level of service p.117 LTCCP Water Quality, Quantity and Ecosystems:**
"4. Ensuring intervention assessments take place when community drinking water supply bores exceed half the maximum acceptable value of 11.3 milligrams of nitrate per litre of water."

Performance Measure

The percentage of community drinking water supply bores where intervention assessments take place.

Target

100%

Cr Sage/Cr Demeter

Cr Kane returned to the meeting.

15. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Council discussed the utilisation of reserves to reduce the general rate.

In response to a question regarding maintaining a prudent level of reserves, Dr Jenkins advised that any reduction to the current level would be unwise.

Proposed Cr Neill, seconded Cr Little

That a sum of \$1.1m be transferred from reserves to offset the cost of water management.

The motion was put and LOST. A division was called, the voting being as follows:

For (7)

Cr McKay
Cr Neill
Cr Oldfield
Cr Little
Cr Evans
Cr Harrow
Cr Murray

Against (7)

Cr Burke
Cr Demeter
Cr Tindall
Cr Kane
Cr Kirk
Cr Sutherland
Cr Sage

16. CANTERBURY CDEM GROUP

No changes recommended.

17. FEES AND CHARGES

Resolved

Public submissions

That the charge for monitoring dairy shed or piggery discharge authorised as a permitted activity be changed from \$337.50 to \$290 (GST inclusive).

Cr McKay/Cr Burke

ISSUES FROM OTHER SUBMISSIONS

Submission 78: Barbara Stewart.

Noting that the Officers' Report was prepared before the submissions were heard, it was requested that some wording be added to the LTCCP explaining that the issue of water efficiency has caused problems for the provision of shelter for animals.

Submission 497: Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu

Resolved

Review the effectiveness of iwi liaison and the effectiveness of Environment Canterbury's relationship with Ngai Tahu.

Cr Kane/Cr Murray

The recommendations on page 7 of the agenda were considered, noting that recommendations (a), (b) and (c) had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

Resolved

(d) That the wording changes to the LTCCP document listed in Attachment 7 be adopted.

(e) That the 10 year budget set out on the spreadsheet in attachment 6d, incorporating changes arising from previous recommendations, as amended, be adopted.

(f) That the fees and charges for 2009/10 be adopted, as amended.

(g) That the Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-19 and Funding and Financial Policies 2009, incorporating changes required as a consequence of previous recommendations, and to convert the draft to the final version, be approved for submitting for audit.

Cr Burke/Cr Sage

Resolved

That the LTCCP as amended be approved for referral to audit.

Cr Burke/Cr Kane

4. NEXT MEETING - 25 JUNE 2009

5. CLOSURE

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.25 p.m.

CONFIRMED

DATE _____ CHAIRPERSON