

**MINUTES OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ORDINARY TE KŪKUPA COMMITTEE FOR STRATEGY, POLICY AND REGULATION  
MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL AVE, KAIKOHE  
ON WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL 2026 AT 10:29 AM.**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Kelly Stratford, Deputy Chairperson Ann Court, Cr Rachel Baucke, Cr Felicity Foy, Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Cr Davina Smolders, (Ex-officio Member) Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania, Kohepū - Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr John Vujcich, Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board Chairperson Belinda Ward, Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board Chairperson Jessie McVeagh

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kate Ivicheva (Group Manager - Planning & Policy), Virginia Smith (Policy Advisor), Hillary Sumpter (Group Manager - Delivery and Operations), Tammy Wooster (Manager – Integrated Planning) , Giles Dodson (Senior Strategic Planner) , Shayne Storey (Team Leader – Policy and Bylaws), Ken Macdonald (Chief Financial Officer), Steve Ryland (Senior Policy Advisor), Imrie Dunn (Democracy Advisor)

**1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER**

At 10:29 am, Chairperson Kelly Stratford opened the meeting.

At 10:30 am, meeting was adjourned and resumed at 10:48 am.

**2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA ME NGĀ PĀNGA MEMA / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST T**

It was noted that Cr Foy may enter and leave the meeting during proceedings.

**3 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATION**

There were no deputations.

**4 TE WHAKAAETANGA O NGĀ MENETI O MUA / CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**4.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Agenda item 4.1 document number A5640564, pages 14 - 18 refers.

**RESOLUTION 2026/12**

Moved: Chairperson Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Ann Court

**That Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation confirm the minutes of the meeting held 18 March 2026 are true and correct.**

**CARRIED**

At 10:50 am, Hilda Halkyard-Harawira joined the meeting.

At 10:51 am, (Ex-officio Member) Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania joined the meeting.

At 10:54 am, (Ex-officio Member) Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania left the meeting..

## 5 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS

### 5.1 PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES LOCAL APPROVED PRODUCTS POLICY REVIEW

Agenda item 5.1 document number A5585710, pages 19 - 31 refers.

#### RESOLUTION 2026/13

Moved: Deputy Chairperson Ann Court

Seconded: Chairperson Kelly Stratford

That Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation recommend that Council:

- a) Agree that the Psychoactive Substances Local Approved Policy has been reviewed.
- b) Agree that the Psychoactive Substance Local Approved Policy 2014 should continue without amendment.

Against: Cr Davina Smolders

**CARRIED**

At 10:59 am, (Ex-officio Member) Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania returned to the meeting.

### 5.2 REVENUE AND FINANCING POLICY AMENDMENT ADOPTION

Agenda item 5.2 document number A5571901, pages 32 - 75 refers.

#### MOTION

Moved: Deputy Chairperson Ann Court

Seconded: Chairperson Kelly Stratford

That Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation recommend that Council:

- a) Receive the Revenue and Financing Policy 2024 Amendment – Submissions Analysis Report in Attachment 1.
- b) Adopt the amendment to the Revenue and Financing Policy 2024 as set out in Attachment 2.
- c) Resolve that the amended Revenue and Financing Policy 2024 takes effect from ~~17 April 2026~~.

**Altered at later stage during the meeting under S/O 23.5**

- d) Authorises the Chief Executive to make any necessary minor drafting or presentation amendments to the Revenue and Financing Policy 2024 to correct errors or omissions, or to reflect the decisions made by Council prior to final publication and public release.

Against: Cr Davina Smolders

*Secretarial Note: the date in point c) was altered later in the meeting under Standing Orders 23.5 – refer to item 5.4 in these minutes.*

**5.3 SUBMISSIONS ON GOVERNMENT REFORMS AND BILLS - DECISION MAKING PROCESSES**

Agenda item 5.3 document number A5637597, pages 76 - 84 refers.

**RESOLUTION 2026/14**

Moved: Cr Rachel Baucke

Seconded: (Ex-officio Member) Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

**That Te Kūkupa recommend that Council approve the Submissions on Government Reforms – Decision Making and Approval Process 2026 as set out in the attachment with amendment to the below:**

- a) **The process for Political Submissions (where more than 20 working days are available):**
  - I. **A mandatory early workshop with all available elected members prior to drafting the submission; and**
  - II. **That key submission positions and direction be agreed by elected members before staff prepare the draft submission.**
- b) **That for Political Submissions where 20 working days or less are available:**
  - I. **All elected members are provided the draft submission as early as practicable; and**
  - II. **Elected members are given a short timeframe to provide feedback prior to submission; and**
  - III. **That feedback is considered where practicable before final sign-off.**

**CARRIED**

**5.4 REVOCATION OR ALTERATION BY RESOLUTION AT THE SAME MEETING****RESOLUTION 2026/15**

Moved: Chairperson Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Ann Court

**That Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation, under Standing Orders 23.5, alter the date on point c of substantive motion in item 5.2 from 17 April to 1 May 2026**

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 2026/16**

Moved: Chairperson Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Ann Court

**That Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation recommend that Council:**

- a) **Receive the Revenue and Financing Policy 2024 Amendment – Submissions Analysis Report in Attachment 1.**
- b) **Adopt the amendment to the Revenue and Financing Policy 2024 as set out in Attachment 2.**
- c) **Resolve that the amended Revenue and Financing Policy 2024 takes effect from 1 May 2026.**

**d) Authorises the Chief Executive to make any necessary minor drafting or presentation amendments to the Revenue and Financing Policy 2024 to correct errors or omissions, or to reflect the decisions made by Council prior to final publication and public release.**

Against: Cr Davina Smolders

**CARRIED**

## **5.5 BROADWAY KAIKOHE PLACEMAKING PLAN**

Agenda item 5.4 document number A5655955, pages 85 - 168 refers.

### **RESOLUTION 2026/17**

Moved: (Ex-officio Member) Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Ann Court

**That Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation:**

- a) endorse the Broadway Kaikohe Placemaking Plan, and**
- b) recommend that Council also endorse the Broadway Kaikohe Placemaking Plan.**

**CARRIED**

*Note: The Committee noted comments from the Chair of the Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board that circumstances have changed since the previous Board decision, and that there is support for the Rūnanga's aspirations for the site, including the proposed farmers market and associated development.*

## **5.6 KERIKERI URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK AND DESIGN GUIDE PROJECT**

Supplementary Agenda item 5.5 document number A5630784, pages 4 - 28 refers.

### **RESOLUTION 2026/18**

Moved: (Ex-officio Member) Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr Felicity Foy

**That Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation receives this report, and:**

- a) approve the recommendation to narrow the focus of the Kerikeri-Waipapa Urban Design Framework project to Kerikeri alone.**
- b) request that a status update on the master plan be provided in June 2026.**

**CARRIED**

*Note: It was noted that the staff report referred to options development at Stage 3. Clarification was provided that the correct terminology is idea development, and that any reporting to Te Kūkupa will focus on the ideas generated by the project, rather than options for decision-making.*

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## 6 NGĀ PŪRONGO TAIPITOPITO / INFORMATION REPORTS

### 6.1 PROPOSED FAR NORTH DISTRICT PLAN STATUS UPDATE

Agenda item 6. document number A5654303, pages 169 - 171 refers.

#### **RESOLUTION 2026/19**

Moved: Chairperson Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Cr Davina Smolders

**That Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation receive the report Proposed Far North District Plan Status Update.**

**CARRIED**

*Secretarial Note: Questions were raised regarding the publicly communicated dates for the release and whether these had been updated and notified publicly. It was confirmed that the anticipated timeframe had changed from late May due to challenges, and that the website had been updated the previous week.*

## 7 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 12:40pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy and Regulation Meeting held on 13 May 2026.

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**CHAIRPERSON**