

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and Corporate Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 27 January 2016 commencing at 11.06 am

Present:

- Cr David Shepherd (Chairperson)**
- Cr Gary Kelliher (Deputy Chairperson)**
- Cr Graeme Bell**
- Cr Doug Brown**
- Cr Louise Croot MNZM**
- Cr Michael Deaker**
- Cr Gerrard Eckhoff**
- Cr Trevor Kempton**
- Cr Sam Neill**
- Cr Gretchen Robertson**
- Cr Bryan Scott**
- Cr Stephen Woodhead**

In attendance:

- Peter Bodeker**
- Nick Donnelly**
- Fraser McRae**
- Scott McLean**
- Gavin Palmer**
- Caroline Rowe**
- Janet Favel**

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

Minutes of the public portion of the meeting held on 25 November 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Kelliher and Bell.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A - RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2016/0581 **Executive report.** DCS, 15/1/16

The report described significant activities carried out by the Finance and Corporate sections since the last meeting of the Committee.

Councillors were pleased to see the increased use of direct debit payments for rates, noting that this was one of the reasons for the drop in the number of penalty notices sent out. Mr Donnelly noted that ratepayers had six to eight weeks to pay their rates before the due date of 31 October.

In response to a question he advised that when property details were updated in the rates database, any direct debit arrangements by the previous owner were automatically removed.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

(1) That this report be received.

(2) That the payments and investments summarised in the report and detailed in the tabled schedule, totalling \$10,974,543.49, be endorsed.

Motion carried

PART B - ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 2

2016/0587 **Public Transport Update.** DCS, 19/1/16

The report provided an update on: various matters including Unit 4 contract negotiations, SuperGold card bulk funding proposal, Dunedin city bus hub, and Wakatipu network review.

In response to a question Mr Donnelly explained that the purpose of current contract negotiations was to agree contract terms to bring the Brockville/Halfway Bush – St Kilda and Normanby - St Clair services within PTOM. He confirmed that commercial services would be absorbed into the PTOM model, as required under the Land Transport Management Act.

It was noted that there was no patronage update in this report, and Mr Donnelly confirmed that this would be provided in future reports.

Proposals had been received and considered by the assessment panel (ORC, DCC and NZTA) for the design of the bus hub and super stops. Details were being finalised with the preferred provider, and there would be a subsequent report to Council once this was completed.

The Wakatipu Network Review and business case development was noted. Cr Woodhead noted that the review had been pulled forward because of the changes in the area with extra flights and increased growth. Roads and bridges were also part of the review.

In response to a question about the SuperGold card funding model review, Cr Woodhead noted that there was still discomfort in the local government sector, and the matter would be discussed at the Regional Sector group meeting on 12 February. MoT and NZTA representatives would be in attendance. There had been reasonable assurances that no ratepayer funds would be required, and councils were budgeting on that basis. Cr Woodhead commented that government had yet to decide whether to retain the current SuperGold card subsidy or reduce it, noting that the current subsidy was 65% of the full fare. He also commented that the government's drive was to push for efficiencies in incorporating the Gold card subsidy into the PTOM model. Any changes should not impact on ratepayers as the subsidy was a national government scheme, not a local scheme.

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Robertson seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

PART C - EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the meeting.

The general subject of the matters to be discussed while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

	<i>General subjects to be considered</i>	<i>Reason under LGOIMA for passing this resolution</i>	<i>Grounds under S.48 for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Item 3</i>	<i>Minutes of the In Committee portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 25 November 2015</i>	<i>To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees.</i> <i>S7(2)(f)(i)</i>	<i>S.48(1)(a)(i)</i>

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 with respect to each item.

Following discussion of Item 3,

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the meeting resume in open session.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 11.46 am


Chairperson