

9.6 Local Services Committee Report

Report To:	Council
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, 24 September 2025
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Purpose

End of Term Presentation to the Council by the Chair of the Local Services Committee.

Recommendation

That the Council:

- a. Receives and notes the report from the Chair of the Local Services Committee (Resolve #2025-137).

Executive Summary

The Independent Chair's end of term report covers the following key matter:

- Terms of Reference
- Membership
- Meeting held
- Key Insights;
 - Positive Outcomes
 - Areas for Future Focus

Context

Terms of Reference, Membership, Meetings held

Local Services Committee

Purpose

The purpose of the Local Services Committee is to:

- Inform the strategic direction for the Council in relation to locally delivered services and monitor implementation through approved planning and policy frameworks and reporting mechanisms.
- Identify local service issues resulting from emerging trends and reported data and provide input on developing a strategic response.

Role

- Inform Council's strategic direction, including prioritisation and policy responses as it relates to locally delivered services.

- Enhance awareness and understanding of emerging issues and trends relating to meeting Council's strategic direction of local delivered services.
- To consider the impacts of the Council's network of infrastructure and assets on the environment.
- Review and monitor Council Bylaws Framework as it relates to services used by the local community.
- Oversee and monitor:
 - The preparation and implementation of Council's asset management plans.
 - The operation of Council's local roads, parks and reserves, waste – solid, facilities and events in accordance with adopted annual and long-term plans.
 - The management of Council's properties.
 - Provide advice to the Council on priorities for the Councils capital expenditure on infrastructure.
 - Liaise with the Growth and Infrastructure Committee to make recommendations to Council on strategic infrastructure investments.

Power to Act

The Committee has no power to act on behalf of the Council.

The Committee may be a conduit for hearing of public submissions.

The Committee may also appoint sub-committees to enquire into specific matters.

Power to Recommend

The Local Services Committee is authorised to:

- Review, develop and recommend policy and strategy to Council.
- Recommend to Council submissions on legislation, policy, regulations, standards, plans and other instruments prepared by Central Government, Local Government and other organisations
- Identify, monitor and evaluate necessary actions by the organisation and other relevant organisations under co-governance arrangements as they relate to local services

Review

The committee's operation, terms of reference and membership will be reviewed after 12 months.

Membership:

2023 Members	March, Aug & Sep 2023	3	
Mayor Petley	March, June, Sep & Nov 2024	4	
Cr Daine	Feb, May & August 2025	3	
Cr Garner			
Cr Lee			
Cr Purdy			
Cr Teokotai			
2024 & 2025 Members			
Mayor Petley			

Cr Farrell (member removed Nov 24)				
Cr Lee				
Cr Machen				
Cr Purdy (member removed Nov 24)				
Cr Teokotai				
Cr Daine (member added Nov 24)				10

Discussion

Key Insights

- Positive Outcomes
 - Recommended a new contracted service delivery model with a five-year consolidated contract for Open Spaces Maintenance and Urban Litter Collection, while bringing Native Vegetation Management in-house, which has proven highly successful
 - The Te Waihou Walkway was reopened following closure due to rockfall, with the closure used to complete key maintenance and renewals that will minimise future disruptions
 - A new Solid Waste internship programme was introduced in partnership with Waikato Regional Council, delivering positive outcomes by targeting farm waste and illegal dumping while building local capability in waste minimisation
 - In the year to 30 June 2024, 57 people were placed into employment through the WORKit programme, including 33 NEETs, 7 youth, and 17 disadvantaged people.
- Areas for Future Focus
 - Continue building the momentum in waste minimisation achievements and addressing illegal dumping, delivering on the Council goal of 'no waste or rubbish leaves the district'
 - Continued expansion and refinement of WORKit / MTFJ initiatives, creating more opportunities for youth to be engaged in employment, education and/or training
 - Sustain and enhance the Council's network of open spaces, facilities, and community assets to meet growing and changing community needs.