

Finance and Performance Committee

Meeting of 23 September 2026

Business Unit: Corporate

Date Created: 17 August 2026

Appointment of Acting Chair and Acting Deputy Chair

Purpose Te Aronga o te Pūrongo

To appoint Mr John Fowke as the Acting Chair, and Councillor Rob Duindam as the Acting Deputy Chair of the Finance and Performance Committee.

Recommendations Ngā Tūtohunga

That the Committee:

1. Appoints Mr John Fowke as the Acting Chair of the Finance and Performance Committee.
2. Appoints Councillor Rob Duindam as the Acting Deputy Chair of the Finance and Performance Committee.

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1 Background Ngā Kōrero o Muri

- 1.1 The Chair of the Finance and Performance Committee is currently unavailable. During this period, the substantive Deputy Chair (Mr John Fowke) will undertake the role of Chair in an Acting capacity.
- 1.2 It is therefore appropriate to appoint Mr John Fowke as Acting Chair to provide continuity to the Committee's governance arrangements during this period.
- 1.3 This leaves the Deputy Chair position open. It is appropriate to appoint Councillor Rob Duindam as Acting Deputy Chair.
- 1.4 The substantive Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee are both externally appointed members and do not ordinarily attend Council meetings. Appointing an elected member as Acting Deputy Chair also provides a clear link between the Committee and Council, enabling the Acting Deputy Chair to report back to Council following each Committee meeting.

2 Strategic Fit Te Tautika ki te Rautaki

- 2.1 Not applicable as this is an administrative matter.

3 Discussion and Options Considered Ngā Matapakinga me ngā Kōwhiringa i Wānangahia

- 3.1 The recommendation is that Mr John Fowke is appointed as the Acting Chair, and Councillor Rob Duindam is appointed as the Acting Deputy Chair.
- 3.2 Alternatively, the Committee may consider other Committee members for these roles.

4 Risk Assessment Te Arotake Tūraru

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5 Engagement Te Whakapānga

Significance of Decision

- 5.1 The Council's Significance and Engagement Policy is not triggered by matters discussed in this report. No stakeholder engagement is required.

Māori and Cultural Engagement

- 5.2 There are no known cultural considerations associated with the matters addressed in this report. No specific engagement with Māori or other ethnicity groups is necessary.

Community Engagement

- 5.3 No community engagement is warranted.

6 Operational Implications Ngā Pānga Whakahaere

6.1 There are no operational implications with this report.

7 Financial Implications Ngā Pānga Ahumoni

7.1 There are no financial implications with this report.

8 Statutory Requirements Ngā Here ā-Ture

8.1 The Local Government Act 2002 (schedule 7, clause 26(4)) provides the Committee with the power to appoint its own substantive Deputy Chair. On this basis, it is considered that the proposed temporary appointments are consistent with the intent of the Act.

9 Next Steps Te Kokenga

9.1 Nil.

10 Attachments Ngā Āpitihanga

- Nil.