

Key Council meeting outcomes

Full Council meeting of 27th November 2024:

The full agenda for the meeting can be found on the Council website.

Draft Reserve Management Plans for Holiday Park Reserve and South Bay Domain Reserve:

The Planning Department has been working since July 2024 to prepare Reserve Management Plans for 5 different reserves, the Esplanade Recreation Reserve, South Bay Forest Reserve, South Bay Domain/Racecourse, Takahanga Domain and the Top Ten Holiday Park Reserve that supported mixed or enhanced uses.

Whilst drafting a Reserve Management Plan for the South Bay Domain and Holiday Park Reserves, Council held 4 public workshops to gather a better understanding of the input provided by the public which was over and above the 100+ submissions received during the initial feedback process.

Using the initial feedback submissions, public workshop input and direction from Council, the planning department has been able to complete a draft reserve management plan for the South Bay Domain & Holiday Park Reserves to be put out to the public for consultation in order to provide a final document to be made operative.

Today, Council endorsed the draft management plans to be advertised for consultation/feedback from the public.

Last month Council also endorsed that the draft South Bay Forest reserve management plan be advertised for consultation/feedback from the public.

The consultation for these three draft reserve management plans will start in the new year and run for 2 months with hearings and deliberations expected in April/May 2025. Exact dates will be confirmed in due course.

Constitution of Innovative Waste Kaikōura (IWK):

Following a request from the board, Council considered an option for amending the constitution of Innovative Waste Kaikoura (IWK) by removing the word 'waste'. This was discussed in a public workshop on the 13th November.

At the workshop Councillors discussed the importance of including a focus on both the environment and best value for the community with any proposed changes.

Today, Council formally supported a recommendation to amend the IWK constitution wording to:

"The company is a charitable organisation for the purposes of the Charities Act 2005. Accordingly, the aims of the company are exclusively charitable, being the promotion, development and best value implementation of sound environmental services and management practices in New Zealand".

It was noted that this agreed change will need to be approved by the IWK board and then submitted to Charities Services. It was also noted that a Letter of Expectation from Council and supporting Statement of Intent from IWK would be developed in the new year to reflect any new strategic direction.

Carried Forward Capex Report – October 2024:

The purpose of this report was to provide an update on the CAPEX report as at 31st October 2024 and to request approval for i) 'Carry Forward' items from 30th June 2024 and ii) 'Bring Back Work' From 2026+.

Council supported the recommendations for the Capex report. Future Council CAPEX reports will now reflect updated budgets for 2024/25 with these approved changes.