



Finance Committee Agenda

17th March 2026

Hamilton Council Chambers

Notice of Finance Committee Meeting– Tuesday 17th March 2026

To Councillors,

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, Notice is hereby given, that a Finance Committee Meeting of Central Highlands Council is scheduled to be held in the Council Chamber, **Hamilton** on **Tuesday 17th March 2026**, commencing at **3.30pm** with the business of the meeting to be in accordance with the following agenda paper.

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 Part 2, Division 1, a notice of the meeting was published in the Mercury on Thursday 12 March 2026.

General Manager's Certification

PURSUANT to Section 65 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hereby certify, with respect to the advice, information and/or recommendation provided for the guidance of Council in this Agenda, that:

- A. such advice, information and/or recommendation has been given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice; and
- B. where any advice is given by a person who does not have the required qualifications or experience, that person has obtained and taken into account the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.

Section 65(2) forbids Council from deciding any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering that advice.

Dated at Bothwell this **13th** day of **March 2026**.



Stephen Mackey
General Manager

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1. OPENING

The meeting commenced at 3.30 p.m.

AUDIO RECORDING DISCLAIMER

As per *Regulation 43 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, audio recordings of meetings will be made available to Councillors, staff and members of the wider community including Government Agencies at no charge and will be made available on Council's website as soon as practicable after each Council Meeting. Unlike Parliament, Council meetings are not subject to parliamentary privilege, and both Council and the individual may be liable for comments that may be regarded as offensive, derogatory and/or defamatory.

The Mayor advises the meeting and members of the public that Council Meetings, not including Closed Sessions, are audio recorded and published on Council's Website in accordance with Council's Policy 2017-50.

The Mayor also advises, that members of the public are not permitted to make audio recordings of Council Meetings without prior approval being granted.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I acknowledge and pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather today and acknowledge and pay respect to Elders, past, present and emerging.

CONDUCT OF COUNCIL MEETING

Central Highlands Council takes safety seriously. We have a duty to ensure that we provide a safe workplace for our Employees, Councillors, Contractors and members of the public while present at Council's workplaces.

These premises form part of the Council's workplace, and it is expected that everyone who attends Council committee meetings will behave in a polite and respectful manner. People should refrain from using offensive or derogatory language or comments and not be aggressive, threatening or speak in a hostile manner.

2. PRESENT

Cr D Meacheam, Deputy Mayor J Allwright, Cr A Archer and Cr J Hall

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Stephen Mackey (General Manager), Adam Wilson (Deputy General Manager), Zeeshan Tauqeer (Accountant) and Mrs Katrina Brazendale (Minute Secretary).

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. MINUTES

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF DRAFT FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES – 17 FEBRUARY 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr

Seconded: Cr

THAT the Draft Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17 February 2026 be confirmed.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to confirm the Finance Committee Minutes of the previous month. Copies of the minutes have been previously circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

PURPOSE

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 10 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, the chairperson of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

Nil

6. BUSINESS ARISING – 17 FEBRUARY 2026 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**RECOMMENDATION****Moved:** Cr**Seconded:** Cr**THAT** the information be received.

7.0	Fees and Charges – Gravel private work pricing and income analysis	Progressing during budget
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7. STANDING ITEMS

- Financial Reports – End of February 2026
- Significant Financial Impacts on the Council – Financial impact on Council cash position
- Insurance Coverage –
- Fees and Charges –
- Annual Financial Statement – Financial Audit Strategy year ending 30 June 2026
- Auditor Reports – Auditor – General’s report on the financial statements of State entities Volume 4 – Local Government

8. NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Council properties that maybe non-productive assets.
- 8.2 Budget 2026-27 Draft Rates Estimates

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEXT MEETING

Nil

11. CLOSURE

Cr D Meacheam thanked everyone for their contribution and declared the meeting closed atp.m.