



WORKSHOP MINUTES

Wednesday, 22 April 2026

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Waikato Regional Council

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Date: Wednesday 22 April 2026, 1.10pm

Location: Council Chambers
 Waikato Regional Council
 Level 1, 160 Ward Street, Hamilton

Members Present: Graham Naylor – Independent Member, Risk and Assurance Committee – Workshop Chair until 2.36pm
 Cr Warren Maher – Workshop Chair from 2.49pm
 Cr Keith Holmes
 Cr Tipa Mahuta (virtually via Teams, from 3.00pm)
 Cr Gary McGuire
 Cr Jennifer Nickel
 Cr Garry Reymer
 Cr Liz Stolwyk
 Cr Angela Strange (until 2.36pm)
 Cr Noel Smith

Staff Present: Chris McLay, Chief Executive
 Janine Becker, Director, Customer and Corporate Services
 Greg Ryan, Director, Integrated Catchment Management
 Phil King, Director, Regional Transport Connections
 Karen Bennett, Executive Manager, Chief Executive’s Office
 Jordan Metz, Democracy Advisor

The contents of these workshop minutes meet all legal requirements. Workshops are not official meetings and do not contain any decisions. They are for discussion purposes only.

An audio-visual recording of the open session of the workshop is available on Waikato Regional Council’s public website.

Recording	Document ID #	YouTube Link
Workshop Recording #1	35675467	https://youtu.be/kXOwQW8jJg4
Workshop Recording #2	35680879	https://youtu.be/vl5yGHTYedc

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Item commenced in recording 1, at start.

The Democracy Advisor (Jordan Metz) opened the workshop with a Karakia.

2 WORKSHOP PAPER(S)**2.1 STRATEGIC RISK REFRESH 2026**

Item commenced in recording 1, at 46 seconds.

Presented by the Director, PwC New Zealand (Aaron Steele) and Risk Services Manager, PwC New Zealand (Lisa Vilijoen). Refer Document # 35675341 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

2.40pm – Cr Angela Strange left the workshop.

2.36pm – Graham Naylor vacated the Chair. The workshop adjourned. During the adjournment, Cr Angela Strange left the workshop.

2.49pm – The workshop reconvened. Cr Warren Maher assumed the Chair

2.2 REVIEW OF FUNDING FOR FLOOD MANAGEMENT AND DRAINAGE SERVICES

Item commenced in recording 2, at start.

Presented by the Project Director, Tonkin + Taylor (Peter Cochrane), Managing Director and Principal Consultant, Habilis New Zealand (Kent Duston) and Executive Director, Toha Network (David Hall). Refer Document # 35662253 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

3.00pm – Cr Tipa Mahuta entered the meeting.

2.3 DRAFT WHANGAMARINO ACTION PLAN

Item commenced in recording 2, at 1 hour 1 minute 44 seconds.

Presented by the Manager, Environmental Science (Mike Scarsbrook). Refer Document # 35662991 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

2.4 WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL FRAMEWORK AND PLAN FOR RESILIENCE TO NATURAL HAZARD RISK

Item commenced in recording 2, at 1 hour 44 minutes 31 seconds.

Presented by the Manager, Planning and Support (Dave Wade) and Contractor, Regional Resilience (Lisa Armstrong). Refer Document # 35684232 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

3 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Item commenced in recording 2, at 2 hours 22 minutes 44 seconds.

The Director, Integrated Catchment Management (Greg Ryan) closed the meeting with a Karakia.

5.12pm – The workshop concluded.