

Council Briefing Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 2 September, 2025
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: Civic Centre, Te Iwitahi, 9 Rust Avenue

In Attendance	Cr Phil Halse (Chairperson) Marjorie Abraham-Quinn (Community Representative) Mike Chubb (Airport Authority Representative) Cr Nicholas Connop (Teams) Cr Marie Olsen (Teams) Bernard Russell (Airport/Tenant Representative) Gary Stables (Community Representative) Warwick Taylor (Community Representative) Ken Walker (Airline Representative)
Scribe	D.Garner (Democracy Adviser)

1. Apologies / Kore Tae Mai

There were no apologies.

2. Reports / Ngā Ripoata

2.1 ANMC September Update

The purpose of this report is to update the Airport Noise Management Committee (ANMC) on airport noise management matters since the last time the committee met.

Tony Collins (Manager - District Development) spoke to the agenda and took Elected Members through a presentation which included:

- NRHL
- Election transition
- Static noise monitoring
- Noise complaints

- Potential operational improvements
- WDC restructure

Alan Adcock (General Manager – Corporate, CFO) said prior to the staff restructure in late 2024, property was dispersed through the organisation, which was inefficient. Property has since been brought under a new property group, with properties transferring to it over time. The Onerahi Airport is currently underway.

2.2 Onerahi Community Survey

The purpose of this report is to update the Airport Noise Management Committee (ANMC) on the Onerahi Residents Survey.

Tony Collins (Manager - District Development) spoke to the agenda and took Elected Members through a presentation which provided an overview of methodology, responses to various questions, concerns, benefits and perceptions.

Committee feedback and discussion:

- Some members felt the survey results showed most people do not see the benefit of the relocation and are unhappy with the current situation.
- There was discussion around survey results being open to interpretation and how results may have differed if all survey letters were responded to. There are missing voices, as over 81% of respondents are over the age of 50.
- Committee members requested the number of responses from the 156 houses within the worst effected areas.
- *Now that the survey has been conducted, what will Council do with the information?* Cr Halse (Chairperson) advised surveys are to gather community feeling on a particular issue, similar to the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan process where submissions are called for to provide guidance. However, it is up to Council to determine whether it will align with feedback. Council does its best to strike a balance between achieving the best possible outcome for communities and the best outcome for the district overall. Tony Collins said the survey provides a good base for what the community is feeling and it will be interesting to see how results adjust in 6 months' time; will people be more or less frustrated? It should be kept in mind that people are more likely to respond to the survey if they have a concern.
- Concerns were raised with how Council will respond to survey feedback. There is major division within the Onerahi community

that could have lasting impacts on social cohesion. Issues range from sleep loss to direct health impacts.

- Council must undertake health impact assessments and create a mitigation plan.
- Communication must be improved. Uncertain hours, operation parameters, flightpaths and whether restrictions are major concerns. Helicopter noise is fundamentally different to fixed-wing aircraft.
- All noise complaints received should be shared with the Committee.
- Tony Collins noted that the Terms of Reference for all Committees of Council are renewed at the beginning of each new triennium. A report with concerns of the Committee will inform the new Terms of Reference.

3. Closure of Meeting / Te katinga o te Hui

The meeting concluded at 4:05pm.