

Local Climate Adaptation Pilot (LCAP) Meeting Minutes

Meeting #: 9

Date: 30 June 2026

Time: 6.00-8.00pm

Location: Island Bay Presbyterian Church

Facilitator: Max Scott-Murray, Alex Keeble

Note Taker: Sadaf Lourie

1. Attendees

Present: Adair Valentine-Robertson, Alanna Puketapu-White, Cliff Law, Grant Corbishley, Hannah Clark, Jack Hitchcox

Apologies: Gabriela Roque-Worcel, Hanita Dinsdale, Parehinetai Sannyasi

Wellington City Council (WCC) attendees: Kate Turner, Angelique Praat, Amy Prebble, Jamuna Rotstein, Sadaf Lourie

2. Agenda

1. Opening, introductions and check-in
2. Celebratory shared kai
3. Draft LCAP options report – feedback
4. Evaluation – reflecting on the past year
5. Closing round (whakakapi –reflections)

3. Meeting Notes / Discussion

Agenda Item	Discussion Summary
Introductions	Karakia timatanga and mihi were led by Max. Opening group circle for introductions, including new members and guests. The session paused for shared kai before moving into the main agenda.
Draft LCAP options report feedback	A draft overview of the Local Climate Adaptation Options Report was shared with the panel. Hard copies were provided for review and members were invited to provide feedback. The panel responded very positively to the draft and felt it was well presented, accessible and easy to follow. What worked well: • Clear and easy to follow, with an intuitive dot-rating system, strong introduction, and well-explained assessment criteria. • Visually engaging, making good use of photographs, graphics, and diagrams to communicate complex information.

	- Well grounded in the local context, with a clear focus on the catchment, its hazards, and supporting information provided through the appendices. Suggestions for improvement - Important to ground the report in recent severe weather events, consider including consideration of climate trend data to reinforce the need for adaptation. - Improving the quality and readability of visuals with locally relevant photography, increasing the resolution of maps and images, and simplifying more complex maps. - Might be useful to produce a shorter summary version of the report for the wider community, including an example of the dot-rating system to help readers understand how options were assessed. - Improvements could be made to the report's structure by introducing the priority areas earlier and creating a more logical flow between the discussion of risks and adaptation options. Overall, the panel felt the report was of a high standard and only required relatively minor refinements.
Evaluation – reflecting on the past year	Panel members reflected positively on their experience of participating in the Local Climate Adaptation Pilot and shared ideas for future improvement. Key reflections - Members suggested providing a clearer overview of the project and participants' roles at the beginning of the process, simplifying some activities (such as the values exercise), creating more regular community updates, and introducing subject matter experts earlier. - The panel strongly supported continuing the mana whenua hīkoi, whakawhanaungatanga at the beginning of each session, and the integration of mana whenua knowledge and perspectives throughout the process. - Participants valued the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the catchment, learn from experts and each other, and contribute to meaningful work. The April storm reinforced the importance of the pilot, while the inclusion of mana whenua perspectives strengthened participants' appreciation of caring for people and place together.
Closing round reflections	The meeting concluded with a final round of reflections. Panel members unanimously described their experience as positive and rewarding. They valued the opportunity to build relationships with people they may not otherwise have met, hear different perspectives, and grow in confidence throughout the process. Many reflected on how much they had learned from one another, particularly from mana whenua, and expressed appreciation for the respectful and inclusive environment that had been created.

	The Wellington City Council project team thanked the panel for their generosity, openness, and commitment over the past year, acknowledging that their contributions have been fundamental to the success of the pilot.
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4. Next Steps / Action Items Summary

Action Item	Responsible	Due Date
Incorporate feedback on DRAFT LCAP option report	Amy Prebble	August 2026
Develop LCAP evaluation	Angelique Praat	August 2026