
Strategy and Policy Committee MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee held in Waikato Regional Council Chambers on Tuesday 7 August 2018 at 10.00am.

Chair	Present: Cr T Mahuta
Waikato Regional Council	Members Cr J Hayman Cr S Husband Cr S Kneebone Cr F Lichtwark Cr A Livingston Cr D Minogue Cr R Rimmington (Until 11.35am) Cr K White Cr B Quayle
Staff	T May – Director, Science and Strategy M Garrett – Chief Financial Officer G Dawson – Democracy Advisor

Apologies

(Agenda Item 1)

Apologies from Councillor Bob Simcock (on Council business), Councillor Jane Hennebry (on leave), Councillor Kataraina Hodge (on Council business) were received.

Cr Rimmington moved/Cr Lichtwark seconded.

SPC18/32

RESOLVED

THAT the apologies from Councillor Bob Simcock (on Council business), Councillor Jane Hennebry (on leave), Councillor Kataraina Hodge (on Council business) be accepted.

The motion was put and carried (SPC18/32)

Confirmation of Agenda

(Agenda Item 2)

Cr Rimmington moved/Cr White seconded.

SPC18/33

RESOLVED

THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee of 7 August 2018, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried (SPC18/33)

Disclosures of Interest

(Agenda Item 3)

There were no disclosures of interest.

Minutes from the Submissions Subcommittee

(Agenda Item 4) Doc #12751145

The minutes from the Minutes from the 18 July 2018 meeting of the Submissions Subcommittee were received. No matters arose from the minutes.

Cr White moved/Cr Rimmington seconded.

SPC18/34

RESOLVED

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee receive the minutes from the 18 July 2018 of the Submission Subcommittee meeting (Doc #12751145).

The motion was put and carried (SPC18/34)

Digital Communications Report for July 2018

(Agenda Item 5) Doc #12764707

This report was presented by the Communications and Engagement Manager (N Crisp). The report provided information on digital communications activity for the period 1 June to 13 July 2018. It also included Website activity for the period of 1 June to 30 June 2018.

The following discussion points were raised:

- It was noted that there had been solid growth in the online media space over the past year and there was a need to move from a reactive approach to a strategic approach.
- It was noted that the communications strategy was going through a review and would likely include four focused campaigns on a number of different issues or matters, which would be confirmed in the future.
- The effectiveness of the report timing, method, and style was discussed. It was noted that a move to a longer time between written reports was a more fit for purpose approach, that would allow for a more comprehensive and inclusive report, which reflected the activities that were taking place in the communications space.
- The approach to the use of online media in the lead up to the 2019 Triennial Election was discussed. It was noted that there would need to be a proactive approach to get as much information to public as possible.
- The matter of low voter turn-out and public participation rates was discussed. It was noted that some staff were active in the national campaign to lift both matters.
- The improved Council website was discussed. It was noted that there were measures that looked to improve the way in which the public locate reports and other common task that users go to the website for.
- The matter of the establishment of performance measures that should be included in future reports was discussed. It was noted that this was an ongoing matter and would evolve over time.

Cr Lichtwark moved/Cr Quayle seconded.

SPC18/35

RESOLVED

- 1. THAT the report 'Digital Communications Report for July 2018' (Doc #12764707 dated 13 July 2018) be received.**
- 2. THAT the Communications department continue to provide a verbal update every six weeks.**
- 3. THAT the frequency of the written communications report from the Communications Department change from every six weeks to every three months.**

The motion was put and carried (SPC18/35)

Endorsement of Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee

Minutes

(Agenda Item 6) Docs #12806328, #11677462, #12803070 & #12759917 and Docs #12412264 & #12787097

The minutes and reports in this section were presented by the Chief Financial Officer (M Garrett), Senior Analyst Transport and Infrastructure (V Kuo) and the Manager, Public Transport (A Wilson). First, the report to seek the endorsement of the Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-2028, and to recommend it to the Waikato Regional Council for adoption and release for public consultation was presented. Second, the minutes from the previous two meetings of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee were received.

The following discussion points were raised:

- It was noted that there was need to shift the way in which public transport was considered. The need to consider the matter as a long-term strategic mass transit system that involved all modes of transport for all sections of the community was raised.
- It was noted that the future approach needed to be strategic that included a focus on a mass transit system that was accessible and inclusive and developed in partnership with a range of stakeholders from the public, private, and non-profit sectors.
- The Committee thanked the team that worked on the plan. It was noted that the team have overcome a range of challenges and delivered a plan that is fit for purpose and futureproofed.
- The types of infrastructure that will be included in future planning was discussed. It was noted that there was a need to include and allow for future innovations and technology in planning, infrastructure, and environmental management.
- The need to develop and maintain meaningful partnerships to deliver a more effective mass transport system was discussed. It was noted that these partnership arrangements needed to be strong and be mutually beneficial in order that consistent and sustainable mass transport solutions can be developed and maintained.
- It was noted that a key focus in the Plan should be around improving end-to-end journey experiences to encourage travel behaviour change, and that it should be more explicitly recognised in the vision or strategic responses.
- It was noted that the Plan should have a stronger focus around improving environmental sustainability, and it was suggested that a new policy should be included in the Plan to promote the use of electric bus vehicles.

Cr Rimmington moved/Cr Kneebone seconded.

SPC18/36

RESOLVED

1. **THAT the Strategy and Policy Subcommittee receive the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee minutes from 18 May 2018.**
2. **THAT the Strategy and Policy Subcommittee receive the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee minutes from 30 July 2018.**
3. **THAT the recommendations contained within Section B of the report be noted:**

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- a. **THAT the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee**

endorse the Draft Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-28, and recommend it to the Waikato Regional Council (via the Strategy and Policy Committee) for adoption and public consultation under sections 82 and 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

- b. Delegate to the Chair of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Subcommittee authority to approve any typographical, grammatical and formatting changes to the Draft Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018- 28, along with any amendments approved at the Regional Public Transport Development meeting 30 July 2018, prior to its adoption by Waikato Regional Council.
- c. Provide feedback on the draft Summary Document (Summary of Proposal) and recommend its adoption by the Waikato Regional Council for public consultation.

The motion was put and carried (SPC18/36)

Cr Rimmington moved/Cr Kneebone seconded.

SPC18/37

RESOLVED

4. **THAT the report “Endorsement of the Draft Regional Public Transport Plan” (Doc # 12806328 dated 23 July be received.**

RECOMMENDED

5. **THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee endorse the Draft Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-28 (Doc # 12803070) along with any amendments approved at the RPTP Development Subcommittee meeting on 30 July, and recommend it to Waikato Regional Council for adoption and public consultation under sections 82 and 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.**
6. **THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee endorse the RPTP Summary Document (Statement of Proposal) and recommend its adoption by Waikato Regional Council for public consultation.**

The motion was put and carried (SPC18/37)

Waikato Progress Indicators - 2018 Update

(Agenda Item 7) Doc #12798813

This report was presented by the Principal Strategic Advisor (B Huser). The report informed the Committee about the recently completed annual update of the “Waikato Progress Indicators – *Tupuranga Waikato*”, which included the scorecard and indicator report cards.

The following discussion points were raised:

Councillors Husband, Lichtwark, Vercoe, and Rimmington left the meeting at 11.40am.

Councillors Husband, Lichtwark, and Vercoe re-entered the meeting at 11.55am.

- It was noted that the work around the improvement of the quality of and level of participation in consultation processes and engagement was ongoing. The legislative constraints that influenced and shaped the scope and direction of consultation were explained.

- It was noted that the duplication of data and other information was raised as a concern. The roles and types of data that was collected and used was discussed. The new approach that Central Government was taking to data collection and use was discussed.
- It was noted that the approach and method used in consultation process faced a range of challenges due to the change in the population and demographics that has occurred in the Waikato region. The need to be on the front foot of the challenges and the need to develop approaches and methods of consultation that met the new challenges was emphasised.
- The important role of data collected and held by Iwi was highlighted.

Cr Livingston moved/Cr Quayle seconded.

SPC18/38

RESOLVED

THAT the report “*Waikato Progress Indicators (WPI)*” (Doc # 12798813 dated 23 July 2018) be received.

The motion was put and carried (SPC18/38)

The Treasury’s Living Standards Framework

(Agenda Item 8) Doc #12814732

This report was presented by the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury (T Ng). The Committee was informed about the Living Standards Framework, and the vision of the New Zealand Treasury to promote higher living standards for all New Zealanders.

The Committee welcomed the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury and the benefits that the holistic Whole of Government approach would offer.

The following discussion points were raised:

- The matter of the different types of data and which organisations hold that data was discussed. It was noted that Central Government was proactive in ensuring that there were few duplications of data as possible and that the data was accessible and could be used in the most effective manner possible.
- It was noted that the Treasury take a long term view of measurements and data, and advised the current government and future governments.
- It was noted that a dashboard which contained performance measurements was advertised for consultation and feedback was being reviewed and considered now. It was added that although formal consultation had closed, feedback was still welcome from the Council.
- The matter of the way in which cultural data was considered and gathered was discussed. It was noted that qualitative questioning and data collection methods were one of the ways that it was achieved.

Cr Lichtwark moved/Cr Kneebone seconded.

SPC18/39

RESOLVED

THAT the report “*The Treasury’s Living Standards Framework (LSF)*” (Doc #

12814732 dated 25 July 2018) be received.

The motion was put and carried (SPC18/39)

2017/18 End of Year Outcome Measures and Strategic Direction Priority Measure Results

(Agenda Item 9) Doc #12816314

This report was presented by the Manager, Corporate Planning (N Hubbard). In the report, the Committee was informed of the 2017/18 end of year outcome measures and strategic direction priority measure results.

The following discussion point were raised:

- The way in which co-governance arrangements were measured was discussed. It was noted that the measure needed to demonstrate an understandable and useful assessment of what had occurred to date and in the future in that area.

Cr Kneebone moved/Cr Vercoe seconded.

SPC18/40

RESOLVED

- 1. THAT the report “2017/18 end of year outcome measure and strategic direction priority measure results” (Doc # 12816314 dated 26 July 2018) be received.**
- 2. THAT the Council approves the results for inclusion in the draft Annual Report subject to audit review.**

The motion was put and carried (SPC18/40)

2018 – 2028 Long Term Plan Submission Response from Local Authorities

(Agenda Item 10) Doc #12781274

This report was presented by the Manager, Corporate Planning (N Hubbard). The report informed Council of the responses it has received from local authorities that the Council submitted to as part of the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan process.

The following discussion points were raised:

- It was noted that the responses to the Council’s positions from other territorial authorities were clear and generally well received, and they allowed the Council to gain a clear position from the relevant authorities on a range of matters that were submitted on.

Cr Vercoe moved/Cr Hayman seconded.

SPC18/41

RESOLVED

THAT the report “Responses to 2018-2028 Long Term Plan submissions from local authorities” (Doc # 12781274 dated 18 July 2018) be received.

The motion was put and carried (SPC18/41)

National Planning Standards Submission

(Agenda Item 11) Doc #12788620, #12627210 & #12788061

This report was presented by the Policy Advisor, Policy Implementation (H Walsh). It sought the approval from the Committee on the content, and subsequent lodgement, of the Waikato Regional Council's submission to the Draft National Planning Standards consultation document.

The following discussion points were raised:

- The aim and purpose for the development of standardised national planning standards was explained and discussed. The legislative and political factors that shaped the direction of the standards were noted, and a picture of how they fit with wider machinery of government was described and explained.
- Legal definitions around tangata whenua and other Te Ao Maori matters were discussed and explained in the context of legislation.
- It was noted that Central Government had expressed a desire to see a more consistent approach to resource management, and the standards were one mechanism to achieve this.

Cr Quayle moved/Cr Hayman seconded.

SPC18/42

RESOLVED

1. **THAT the report 'Waikato Regional Council submission to the Draft National Planning Standards' (Doc # 12627210 dated 07 August 2018) be received.**
2. **THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee approves the 'Waikato Regional Council submission to the Draft National Planning Standards' (Doc # 12627210) for lodgement with the Ministry for the Environment no later than 17 August 2018.**

The motion was put and carried (SPC18/42)

Proposed Waikato District Plan Submission

(Agenda Item 12) Doc #12730091

This report was presented by Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Implementation (A Tester). The Committee were informed of the Plan, key topic areas relevant to Waikato Regional Council, and the proposed timeline for preparing a submission to the Waikato District Council Proposed Waikato District Plan.

The following discussion points were raised:

- The Committee was asked to provide some front of mind issues that the speaker could take away with him and begin the process of incorporating them into the draft proposed submission. The following topics were offered by the Committee:
 - flood control and storm water management
 - integration of land use planning and infrastructure investment
 - the need to have clarity around targeted rates for properties that are in close proximity to stopbanks

- the need to manage residual risk when considering development and planning matters.
- It was noted that natural hazards and climate change matters are to be notified in a separate plan change.

Cr Kneebone moved/Cr Lichtwark seconded.

SPC18/43

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Proposed Waikato District Plan - Waikato Regional Council submission process' (Doc # 12730091 dated 31 July 2018) be received.

The motion was put and carried (SPC18/43)

Upcoming Submissions

(Agenda Item 13) Doc #12801150

The Committee was provided with an update of submissions that the Council is likely to develop during the third quarter of 2018. The report was received and there was no discussion.

Cr Minogue moved/Cr Kneebone seconded.

SPC18/44

RESOLVED

THAT the report "Upcoming Submissions" (Doc # 12801150 dated 23 July 2018) be received for information.

The motion was put and carried (SPC18/44)

Meeting closed at 12.50pm

Doc #12829491