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**Strategy and Policy Committee  
MINUTES**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee held in Council Chambers, 401 Grey Street, Hamilton East on 26 June 2018 at 10.00am

	<b>Present:</b>
<b>Chair</b>	Cr B Simcock
<b>Deputy Chair</b>	Cr T Mahuta (from 11.15am)
<b>Members</b>	Cr B Quayle
	Cr J Hennebry
	Cr S Husband
	Cr S Kneebone
	Cr D Minogue
	Cr R Rimmington (from 11.05am)
	Cr K Hodge
	Cr J Hayman
	Cr K White
	Cr A Livingston
<b>Staff</b>	T May - Director, Science and Strategy
	G Dawson – Democracy Advisor

**Apologies**

(Agenda Item 1)

The apologies from Councillor Vercoe and Councillor Lichtwark for absence, and Councillor Mahuta and Councillor Rimmington for lateness were accepted.

Cr Quayle moved/Cr Simcock seconded.

SPC18/21

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the apologies provided by Councillors Vercoe, Lichtwark, Mahuta, and Rimmington are accepted.**

**The motion was put and carried (SPC18/21)**

**Confirmation of Agenda**

(Agenda Item 2)

Cr Livingston moved/Cr Hodge seconded.

SPC18/22

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee of 26 June 2018, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.**

**The motion was put and carried (SPC18/22)**

**Disclosures of Interest**

(Agenda Item 3)

There were no disclosures made.

**SECTION A: UNDER DELEGATION AND FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL****Update on Communications and Engagement**

(Agenda Item 4) Doc #12553704

This report was presented by the Manager of Communications and Engagement (N Crisp) and the Team Leader, Communications (K Jonson). The Committee was updated on the levels and types of online and other engagement with stakeholders that had taken place since the last meeting of the Committee.

The following discussion points were raised:

- It was noted that a collaborative approach to the dissemination of key messages has been developed and used between Central Government agencies, Local Government authorities and agencies, and other stakeholder groups.
- It was noted that the methods of communications and messages that have been released, vary according to the purpose and context of the communication engagement at the point in time.
- It was noted that there has been a positive response from the public when releases have been made, and this trend is likely to improve.
- Various existing and planned public relations and communications campaigns were discussed, along with some ideas for the future. The Committee will be

provided with report on in the regular reports that are provided to the Committee.

- The data presented in the report was explained in the context of the data provided by Facebook and other online social media providers.

Cr Quayle moved/Cr J seconded.

SPC18/23

**RESOLVED**

**That the report 'Digital Communications Report for June 2018' (Doc #12553704 dated 7 June 2018) be received.**

**The motion was put and carried (SPC18/23)**

**Waikato Regional Policy Statement Implementation 2017-18**

(Agenda Item 5) Doc #11567376

This report was presented by the Policy Advisor, Policy Implementation (A Cifuentes), with input from the Director, Science and Strategy (T May). The Committee was updated on the progress to date that has been made on the implementation of the Waikato Regional Policy Statement.

The following discussion points were raised:

- It was noted that the Waikato Regional Policy Statement is a high level document that does not contain regional rule, rather the Waikato Regional Plan serves that purpose.
- It was noted that in respect to the list of Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes the reference is to those already identified in the regional policy statement
- With regard to the implementation matter of the regional policy statement related to a transmission corridor plan, Members asked that if any further proposals were being developed by service providers that the Committee be informed of these.

Cr Quayle moved/Cr Hayman seconded.

SPC18/24

**RESOLVED**

**That the report "Regional Policy Statement Implementation – 2017-2018" (Doc # 11567376 dated 26 June 2018) be received.**

**The motion was put and carried (SPC18/24)**

**Waikato Regional Development Agency Update**

(Agenda Item 6) Doc #12599957

This report was presented by the Waikato Means Business Project Manager (H Brookes). The report updated the Committee on the progress to date that has been made in relation to the establishment of the Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency (WREDA).

The following discussion points were raised:

- It was noted that the WREDA would focus on capitalising on economic opportunities. The WREDA would have a proactive and collaborative approach to working with other agencies to achieve broader economic and social outcomes for the Waikato region.
- It was noted that the focus areas for the WREDA would be developed over time and after consultation with a variety of sectors and stakeholder groups, which will take place at the Economic Summit to be held on the 30/31 August 2018. The WREDA will consider all suggestions that are put forward at the summit and by other individuals or groups that will not be present at the Summit.
- The range of projects that have been progressed by Waikato Means Business to date were overviewed and it was noted that the flow on effects of the projects could have a major economic benefit for the region.

Cr Livingston moved/Cr Quayle seconded.

SPC18/25

**RESOLVED**

**That the report 'Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency update' (Doc # 12599957 dated 11 June 2018) be received.**

**The motion was put and carried (SPC18/25)**

**Waikato Regional Growth Management Update**

(Agenda Item 7) Docs #12603505 & 12596668

This report was presented by the Director, Strategy and Science (T May). The report provided the Committee with an update on the patterns and elements of growth in the Waikato region.

The following discussion points were raised:

- It was noted that a whole of Government approach was needed to advance development in the North Waikato in a sustainable and meaningful way.
- It was noted that the focus of the Auckland Hamilton Corridor Plan was to develop the areas for living, working, and playing in and around the corridor, not just provide easy access between Auckland and Hamilton.
- The importance of collaborative and cohesive planning approaches for the entire Waikato region was discussed. It was noted that this approach is needed to demonstrate that the region can develop and co-ordinate growth in a sustainable and feasible way, and in return be in a better position to secure funding and support from Central Government.

Cr Rimmington joined the meeting at 11.05am

- It was noted that there was a high amount of private sector interests that would like to invest in the Waikato region.
- It was noted that quality spatial planning practices, along with appropriate funding levels from both Central and Local Government was needed.
- Planning timeframes and the related challenges and opportunities were discussed.

Cr Mahuta joined the meeting at 11.15am

Cr Kneebone moved/Cr Quayle seconded.

SPC18/26

**RESOLVED**

**That the report 'Regional Growth Management Update' (Doc # 12603505 dated 11 June 2018) be received.**

**The motion was put and carried (SPC18/26)**

**Te Awa Lakes Plan Change and the Special Housing Area Proposal**

(Agenda Item 8) Doc #12602766

This report was presented by the Policy Analyst, Policy Implementation (A Tester). The report provided the Committee on the processes related to the Te Awa Lakes Plan Change and the Special Housing Area Proposal.

The following discussion points were raised:

- The difference between plan changes and special housing area processes, and the impact this has on council's ability to influence outcomes
- The need for strategic and sustainable land use and planning throughout the Waikato region was discussed.
- The implementation challenges between the Regional Policy Statement and the Special Housing Framework, and the need for flexibility and agility on the matters raised was discussed.
- It was noted that the development includes 40% affordable housing options.

Cr Hayman moved/Cr Mahuta seconded.

SPC18/27

**RESOLVED**

**That the report "Update on applications to Hamilton City Council for Te Awa Lakes development" (Doc # 12602766 dated 26 June 2018) be received.**

**The motion was put and carried (SPC18/27)**

**Mangrove Local Bill Update**

(Agenda Item 9) Doc #12582904

This report was presented by the Principal Advisor, Science and Strategy (B Bunting). The report provided the Committee with an update on the progress of the Bill to date and the matters that have been raised through the Select Committee stages.

The following discussion points were raised:

- The various responses to issues from the Select Committee, in relation to concerns raised by the Council, were compared, explained, and discussed.
- It was noted that the Council would assist Hauraki District Council and Thames Coromandel District Council, as indicated in the report, however it was noted that the Council would not lead the process.

- Potential relationships and roles under the structure and purposes being proposed by the Bill were discussed.

Cr Minogue moved/Cr White seconded.

SPC18/28

**RESOLVED**

1. That the report 'Update on Thames-Coromandel District Council and Hauraki District Council Mangrove Management Bill' (Doc # 12582904 dated 5 June 2018) be received.
2. That the Strategy and Policy Committee approve the following Waikato Regional Council positions in to the key matters identified in the following table by the officials advising the Governance and Administration Select Committee considering the Local Bill

Matter No.	Matter detail (as worded by officials)	WRC position:
i	WRC be invited to join the district councils as jointly responsible for preparing a mangrove management plan.	<b>Supported in part.</b> WRC participates in the preparation of the management plan but does not take a lead role.
ii	That the mangrove management plan is prepared under the Local Government Act 2002.	<b>Support.</b> Consistent with WRC position endorsed in WRC submission to Local Bill.
iii	The mangrove management plan is designed to address mangrove management in specific areas (i.e. Whangamata) but would also need to be applicable to other coastal areas as required.	<b>Support.</b>
iv	Introduce some for on ministerial oversight; i.e. Minister for Conservation approval so to ensure the mangroves plan is compliant with the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.	<b>Support.</b>
v	Introduce a sunset clause to provide for the review of the mangroves legislation (in 5 years) and/or lapsing. So to constrain any damaging long term effect.	<b>Neutral.</b>
vi	Clarifying the relationship between the mangroves management plan prepared under the Bill and the RMA – so that a mangrove	<b>Support.</b> Consistent with WRC position endorsed in WRC submission to Local Bill.

management plan could become part of the Regional Coastal Plan without unintended effects that might impact on, or conflict with, statutory functions.

- vii As part of the relationship with the RMA, avoiding ability for Environment Court to review or override the mangrove management plan. **Support.**

**The motion was put and carried (SPC18/28)**

### **Dairy Industry Restructuring Act 2001 Review – Terms of reference Submission**

(Agenda Item 10) Doc #12594172, 12450825 & 12594756

This report was presented by the Policy Advisor, Policy Implementation (H Walsh). The report provided the Committee with an update on the purpose and scope of the submission.

The following discussion points were raised:

- The ongoing challenges of the Dairy Sector and the perceived and/or actual issues that face production entities and their shareholders were explained and discussed.
- Staff noted that this submission was in response to the Terms of Reference for the Review, not the review itself. There will be further opportunity to input into the review details at a later date.

Cr Kneebone moved/Cr Minogue seconded.

SPC18/29

### **RESOLVED**

1. That the report 'Waikato Regional Council submission to the Dairy Industry Restructuring Act 2001 review' (Doc # 12594172 dated 8 June 2018) be received.
2. That the Strategy and Policy Committee approves the 'Submission from Waikato Regional Council to the Dairy Industry Restructuring Act 2001 review' (Doc # 12450825) for lodgement to the Ministry for Primary Industries.

**The motion was put and carried (SPC18/29)**

**Councillors Husband, Hennebry, and Rimmington voted against the motion**

### **National Environment Standard for Plantation Forestry**

(Agenda Item 11) Doc #11943002

This report was presented by the Policy Advisor, Water Policy (A Mako), the Manager Policy (T Quickfall), and the Senior Resource Officer (V Udy). The report provided the

Committee with an update on the implementation of the National Environment Standard for Plantation Forestry.

Councillors Hayman, Husband, and Rimmington left the meeting at 11.55am

Councillor Hayman entered the meeting at 12.00pm

Councillor Rimmington entered the meeting at 12.05pm

The following discussion points were raised:

- It was noted that the Standard allowed territorial authorities to develop tailored plans to deal with or mitigate any region or area specific issues or matters of concern.
- It was noted that a common standard would be effective, but did not remove the importance of effective planning and management practices locally.
- Issues related to forestry debris were discussed.

Cr Quayle moved/Cr Mahuta seconded

SPC18/30

**RESOLVED**

1. **That the report 'Giving effect to the National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry' (Doc # 11943002 dated 17 March 2018) be received.**

**The motion was put and carried (SPC18/30)**

**Proposed National Pest Management Plan for Kauri Dieback and Other Activities**

(Agenda Item 12) Doc #12596413

This report was presented by the Biosecurity Officer (K Parker). This report updated the Committee on the activities being undertaken, and the decisions or factors that are influencing the biosecurity response.

Councillor Hennebry left the meeting at 12.10pm

Councillor Hodge left the meeting at 12.14pm

The following discussion points were raised:

- It was noted that a proactive and vigilant approach was needed to get the best result in the attempted eradication of the disease.
- The spread and lifecycle of the disease was explained and discussed.
- It was noted that Central Government is leading the biosecurity response and is working collaboratively with Local Government and other stakeholders on the development and implementation of the biosecurity response.
- The range of response activities that have taken place around New Zealand was discussed.

Councillor Hodge entered the meeting at 12.20pm

- It was noted that the Council would be provided with a draft submission on the matter for consideration and distribution in due course.

Cr Rimmington moved/Cr Hayman seconded.

SPC18/31

**RESOLVED**

**That the report 'Proposed National Pest Management Plan for kauri dieback and update on regional activities' (Doc# 12596413, dated 14 June 2018) be received.**

**The motion was put and carried (SPC18/31)**

Meeting closed at 12.30pm.