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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 Chamber, 401 Grey St, Hamilton East on Tuesday 15 May 2018 at 11.02am.

	<b>Present:</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	Cr B Simcock
<b>Deputy Chairman</b>	Cr T Mahuta
	<b>Members</b>
<b>Waikato Regional Council</b>	Cr J Hayman
	Cr J Hennebry
	Cr K Hodge
	Cr S Husband
	Cr S Kneebone
	Cr F Lichtwark
	Cr A Livingston
	Cr D Minogue
	Cr R Rimmington
	Cr H Vercoe
	Cr K White
	Cr B Quayle
<b>Staff</b>	V Payne (Chief Executive)
	T May (Director Science and Strategy)
	M Garret (Chief Financial Officer)
	S McLeay – Democracy Advisor

**Apologies**

Cr Mahuta for lateness

Accepted

**SECTION A: UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL**

**Confirmation of Agenda**

Item 2

Cr Simcock moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

SPC18/21

**RESOLVED**

- 1. THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee of 15 May 2018, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.**
- 2. THAT the order of items be amended to the order recorded below.**

**The motion was put and carried (SCP18/21)**

**Disclosures of Interest**

Item 3

There were no disclosures of interest.

**Digital communications report for May 2018**

Item 4 Doc 12337273

Presented by the Team Leader Communications (K Jonson) to provide information on Council's digital communications activity for the period 16 March to 16 April 2018.

During discussion, the following was noted:

- Staff were commended for the growth in use made of the Council's social media platform.
- Data was being collected on engagement with the Long Term Plan process. This would inform a review, with the objective of increasing engagement including the use of the social media platform.

Cr Vercoe moved/Cr Rimmington seconded

SPC18/22

**RESOLVED THAT the report 'Digital communications report for April 2018' (Doc 12337273 dated 17 April 2018) be received.**

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

Cr Mahuta joined the meeting at 11.45am

**Waikato Regional Council submission to Variation 1 to Proposed Plan Change 1, Waikato and Waipā River Catchments**

Item 5 Docs 12325524 and 12325018

The report was presented by the Senior Policy Advisor, Science and Strategy (A Tester) to seek approval of the submission prepared on behalf of Council to Variation 1 to Proposed Plan Change 1, Waikato and Waipā River Catchments.

Cr Hennebry remained in the meeting but did not participate in discussion or voting on this item.

During discussion, the following was noted:

- Concern was voiced about the adequacy of cross boundary rules. These needed to ensure that unintended consequences such as inappropriate land use conversion would not occur.
- Some terminology such as 'large farm' required better definition.
- The importance of the nitrogen reference point.
- Enabling multi-farm mitigations would provide important compliance options.
- That the submission be amended so that the hearings panel are encouraged to consider the need or otherwise to make consequential amendments to Plan Change 1 as a result of the submission to Variation 1.

Cr Husband moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

SPC18/23

**RESOLVED**

1. **THAT the report 'Waikato Regional Council submission to Variation 1 to Proposed Plan Change 1, Waikato and Waipā River Catchments' (Docs 12325524 and 12325018 dated 2 May 2018) be received.**
2. **THAT the submission prepared to Variation 1 to Plan Change 1 be approved, and that subject to minor changes and amendments, is lodged by 23 May 2018.**
3. **That the Independent Hearings Panel consider the need or otherwise to make consequential amendments to the Plan Change 1 as a result of council's submission to amend the dates required for nitrogen reference points.**
4. **THAT in regard to submission point 8 relating to section 3.11 of the Plan, that the decision sought is amended to retain only the first sentence.**

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

**Submission to Taranaki Regional Council's Proposed Regional Coastal Plan**

Item 6 Docs 12292301 and 12021299

The report was presented by the Senior Policy Advisor, Science and Strategy (A Tester) to seek retrospective approval for the council submission on Taranaki Regional Council's Proposed Regional Coastal Plan.

During discussion, the following was noted:

- There was an overlap in the implications of the Regional Coastal and Pest Management Plans in respect to infrastructure required for pest management situated within coastal areas.
- There was a desire for collaboration on matters relevant to the shared region. These included the control of canadian geese and sand mining.

- If Council is to be heard in support of the submission the intent to work with Taranaki Regional Council to form a coherent approach on shared region issues should be communicated.
- It was acknowledged that Council's submissions should be limited to issues of direct relevance to Council rather than those that were solely the concern of Taranaki Regional Council.
- Requests for retrospective approval of submissions should only occur in exceptional circumstances. Every effort must be made to organise work on submissions so that approval is obtained by either the Submissions Sub-Committee, the Committee, or Council prior to issue. Requests for retrospective approval outside true exceptions are considered unacceptable.

Cr Simcock moved/Cr Mahuta seconded

SPC18/24

**RESOLVED**

1. **THAT the report 'Submission to Taranaki Regional Council's Proposed Regional Coastal Plan' (Doc 12292301 dated 20 April 2018) be received.**
2. **THAT the submission on Taranaki Regional Council's Proposed Regional Coastal Plan (Doc 12021299 dated 27 April 2018) be approved.**

The motion was put and carried (SPC18/24)

**Waikato Regional Council submission to the Hawkes Bay Regional Council Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan**

Item 7 Docs 11962330 and 12391554

The report was presented by the Policy Advisor, Science and Strategy (H Walsh) to seek approval of a submission to the Hawkes Bay Regional Council Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan.

During discussion, the following was noted:

- Reports seeking retrospective approval must include a clear statement that this was the case. The submission was provided to Hawkes Bay Regional Council in March and retrospective approval was required due to very late notification to Council of the opportunity to make a submission.
- Greater clarity on the intended meaning of terminology such as 'pest' would be beneficial. This would support greater inter-region consistency and improved clarity for the public. This would be addressed through Council's Regional Pest Management Plan review.
- Verbal submissions would be made including concerns raised.
- Care was to be taken in drafting submissions to avoid the impression of giving directions on matters not directly concerning Council. These matters could be productively raised as areas for consideration or caution.

Cr Simcock moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

SPC18/25

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the report 'Waikato Regional Council submission to the Hawkes Bay Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan' (Doc 11962330 and 12391554 dated 30 April 2018) be received.**

The motion was put and carried (SPC18/25)

Cr Simcock moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

SPC18/26

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the 'Waikato Regional Council submission to the Hawkes Bay Regional Council Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan' (Doc 12391554) be approved for lodgement with Hawkes Bay Regional Council.**

On putting the motion a division was called and voting was recorded as:

Councillors	For	Against	Abstained	Absent
Cr Hayman	✓			
Cr Hennebry		✓		
Cr Hodge	✓			
Cr Husband		✓		
Cr Kneebone	✓			
Cr Lichtwark		✓		
Cr Livingston	✓			
Cr Mahuta	✓			
Cr Minogue	✓			
Cr Quayle	✓			
Cr Rimmington		✓		
Cr Simcock	✓			
Cr Vercoe	✓			
Cr White		✓		
<b>Result</b>	9	5	0	0

The motion was declared carried (SPC18/26)

Meeting adjourned for lunch 12.32pm

Reconvened 1.05pm

**Waikato Regional Council submission to the Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Bill**

Item 8 Docs 12390500 and 12331148

The report was presented by the Policy Advisor, Science and Strategy (H Walsh) to seek approval of the content, and subsequent lodgement, of the Council's submission to the Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Bill.

During discussion, the following was noted:

- Removal of the specific core services harmonises with the four well beings.
- Concern was raised about the application of flood control and development contributions.

Cr Rimmington moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

SPC18/27

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the report 'Waikato Regional Council submission to the Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Bill' (Doc 12331148 and 12331148 dated 30 April 2018) be received.**

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

Cr Simcock moved/Cr Quayle seconded

SPC18/28

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the 'Waikato Regional Council submission on the Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Bill' (Doc 12331148) be approved for lodgement to the Select Committee.**

On putting the motion a division was called and voting was recorded as:

<b>Councillors</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstained</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Cr Hayman	✓			
Cr Hennebry		✓		
Cr Hodge	✓			
Cr Husband		✓		
Cr Kneebone	✓			
Cr Lichtwark	✓			
Cr Livingston	✓			
Cr Mahuta	✓			
Cr Minogue	✓			
Cr Quayle	✓			
Cr Rimmington	✓			
Cr Simcock	✓			
Cr Vercoe		✓		
Cr White	✓			
<b>Result</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

**Our Land 2018 Domain report: Data to 2017**

Item 9 Doc 12370558

Presented by the Acting Manager Science, Science and Strategy (Liz Tupuhi) to provide an overview of the Land Domain report.

Cr Minogue moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

SPC18/29

**RESOLVED THAT the report 'Our Land 2018 Domain Report: Data to 2017' (Doc 12370558 dated 23 April 2018) be received.**

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

Cr Husband voted against the resolution

*The meeting was adjourned at 1.39pm, during the adjournment Cr Rimmington left the meeting.  
Reconvened 2.30pm*

**Waikato Regional Pest Management Plan Review**

Item 11 Doc 12394973

*Cr Husband left the meeting at 2.34pm*

The report was presented by A McKenzie to overview the approach and phasing for the review of the Regional Pest Management Plan.

*Cr Vercoe left the meeting at 2.40*

*Cr Livingston left the meeting at 2.41pm*

*Cr Kneebone left the meeting at 2.42*

Cr Hodge moved/Cr Mahuta seconded

SPC18/32

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the report 'Waikato Regional Pest Management Plan Review – Preparation Phase' (Doc 12394973 dated 30 April 2018) be received.**

**The motion was put and carried (SPC18/32)**

**Update on CEO 5.0 Measure: An increasingly productive relationship between Auckland and WRC**

Item 10 Doc 12334527

The report was presented by the Senior Policy Advisor (L Balsom) to provide an update on progress relating to the following Chief Executive KPI measures:

- 5.1 Attendance and feedback from UNISA meetings to Council, and a minimum of two meetings of the Auckland-Waikato stakeholder group are held in 2017/18, and that reporting of the delivery of actions and initiatives is provided by June 2018.
- 5.2 CE monitoring and reporting post attendance at UNISA, and post the scheduled meetings of the Auckland-Waikato stakeholder group is provided to Council, along with advice from the CE as to whether actions referred to represent adequate progress and recommend action accordingly.

During discussion, the following was noted:

- That an integrated approach to planning for the Auckland Hamilton corridor is being furthered in response to direction from Minister Twyford, and an update for Councillors in regard to timeline and scope would be provided in June 2018.

Cr Mahuta moved/Cr Lichtwark seconded

SPC18/30

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the report 'Update on CEO Measure 5.0: An increasingly productive relationship between Auckland and Waikato' (Doc 12334527 dated 20 April 2018) be received.**

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

Cr Quayle moved/Cr Lichtwark seconded

SPC18/31

**RESOLVED**

**THAT positive progress on actions and initiatives be noted.**

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

**2018-2028 LTP May update**

Item 12 Doc 12389174, 12405404 and 12407031

The report was presented by the Manager, Corporate Planning (N Hubbard) to:

- provide an update of the Long Term Plan development programme and set out the work plan for the next few months
- provide a copy of Audit New Zealand's management report on the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan
- outline the proposed approach to responding to those who submitted on the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan
- provide a copy of the draft submission to South Waikato and Otorohanga District Council's 2018-2028 Long Term Plan for approval.

During discussion, the following was noted:

- councillors gave a strong indicator that their preference was that Individual responses to submitters was the most appropriate approach in regard to submitter responses.
- Staff were commended for ensuring that the submissions to other councils were provided to Council prior to actual submission to the final council recipient.

Cr Simcock moved/Cr Hodge seconded

SPC18/33

**RESOLVED**

1. **THAT the report '2018-2028 Long Term Plan (LTP) Development – May Update' (Doc 12389174 dated 30 April 2018) be received.**
2. **THAT Council requested staff to respond to submitters in a manner that recognises the individual submitter's concerns.**
3. **THAT Council approves the attached submissions to the South Waikato District Council and Otorohanga District Council Long Term Plans.**

**The motion was put and carried (SPC18/33)**

**Upcoming submissions**

Item 13 Doc 12394956

The report was presented the Director, Science and Strategy (T May) to provide an update on submissions. It was noted that the applicants in the Te Awa Lakes Plan Change had formally requested that Hamilton City Council suspend the processing of the plan change, to enable the proponent to gather further information.



Cr Quayle moved/Cr White seconded

**SPC18/34**

**RESOLVED**

**THAT the report “Upcoming Submissions” (Doc 12394956 dated 01 May 2018) be received.**

**The motion was put and carried (SPC18/34)**

Meeting closed at 3.10pm

Doc # 12419441