Waikato Regional Council

Council

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Thursday, 28 February, 2019, 10:30 am
Location: Council Chamber
Waikato Regional Council
401 Grey Street
Hamilton East

Members Present: Cr A Livingston - Chairman
Cr T Mahuta - Deputy Chair
Cr J Hayman
Cr J Hennebry
Cr K Hodge
Cr S Husband (until 3.52pm)
Cr S Kneebone
Cr F Lichtwark
Cr D Minogue
Cr B Quayle
Cr R Rimmington
Cr B Simcock
Cr H Vercoe (until 3.52pm)
Cr K White

Staff Present: V Payne - Chief Executive Officer
C McLay - Director Resource Use
C Crickett - Director Integrated Catchment Management
J Becker - Chief Financial Officer
T May - Director Science and Strategy
N Williams - Director Community and Services
J Cox – Team Leader Democracy Services
1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cr Hodge - on other business

WRC19/01

Moved by: Cr J Hennebry  
Seconded by: Cr B Simcock

THAT the apologies of Cr Hodge be accepted.

The motion was put and carried

2. **Confirmation of Agenda**

Members noted the agenda and content.

The Chair noted that the CE Employment and Remuneration Committee report would be taken at 2.30pm

WRC19/02

Moved by: Cr R Rimmington  
Seconded by: Cr J Hennebry

THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Waikato Regional Council of 28 February 2018, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried

3. **Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

4. **Public Forum**

Present for the Public Forum were:

Anna Casey-Cox from Go Eco, Maxine Vanoosten from Council of Trade Unions, Kelli Pike of Poverty Action Waikato, Peter Sampson of Anglican Action and the Anglican Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki.

They presented to the Council on the Waikato Living wage movement and presented a petition to Council requesting that Council pay the living wage to contractors. (Doc #13878378).

The Chair thanked the presenters and asked the CE to respond to the presentation with the current policy.

The Chair invited questions from members.
5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Council Minutes - 11 December 2018

Minutes of the Council meeting of 11 December 2018.

The minutes were accepted without correction

WRC19/03
Moved by: Cr D Minogue
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 11 December 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

The motion was put and carried

5.2 Council Minutes - 12 December 2018

Minutes of the Council meeting of 12 December 2018.

Matters noted for correctness were: Spelling of Mycoplasma Bovis within the minutes of the Environmental Services and Performance Committee minutes as captured within the 12 December 2018 meeting.

WRC19/04
Moved by: Cr D Minogue
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

THAT the minutes of Council meeting of 12 December 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

The motion was put and carried

6. Committees Reporting to Council

6.1 Hauraki Gulf Forum - 19 November 2018

Minutes of the Hauraki Gulf Forum meeting of 19 November 2018 for noting.

Cr Minogue spoke to the minutes and advised that there had been discussion on recording the meetings as per Auckland Council process.

Members noted that there had been an interim executive officer for several months and that a new executive officer had been appointed and in place for a month. This may take things in a different direction.

The comments noted around fisheries and habitat would form ongoing discussion but would be on hold until the government established a formal position on seachange.

Cr R Rimmington left the meeting at 11:12 am.
WRC19/05
Moved by: Cr D Minogue
Seconded by: Cr J Hayman

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of Hauraki Gulf Forum of 19 November 2018 be received.

The motion was put and carried

6.2 Hauraki Gulf Forum - 8 February 2019

Minutes of the Hauraki Gulf Forum meeting of 8 February 2019 for noting.

Cr Minogue presented the minutes.

WRC19/06
Moved by: Cr D Minogue
Seconded by: Cr J Hayman

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of Hauraki Gulf Forum of 8 February 2019 be received.

The motion was put and carried

6.3 Futureproof Implementation Committee - 5 December 2018

Minutes of the Futureproof Implementation Committee meeting of 5 December 2018 for noting.

Cr Simcock spoke to the minutes of the meeting, noting a number of issues were in contention.

Noting the 14 December 2018 meeting with ministers in relation to the corridor plan, a member asked whether anything had come from that meeting. In response it was noted that a number of positive things were discussed at the meeting but as yet there have been no resourcing undertakings provided by central government. Members of Auckland Council and Auckland Iwi were in attendance at the meeting. The interest of Auckland Council in the corridor plan was still to be determined and considered moving forward.

Noting the expectation from Minister Twyford, there had been interaction with Auckland Council, wanting to understand their areas for involvement, members of their governance and executive had been co-opted to work with the project.

WRC19/07
Moved by: Cr B Simcock
Seconded by: Cr T Mahuta

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Futureproof Implementation Committee of 26 November 2018 be received.

The motion was put and carried
6.4 Waikato Plan Leadership Committee - 3 December 2018

Minutes of the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee meeting of 3 December 2018.

Minutes (Doc#13454661) to be attached as appendix 1.

Cr Livingston spoke to the minutes and highlighted the Chairing arrangement for the committee and a number of the projects being undertaken by the Committee.

Te Waka was interlinked with the other work streams so all were working closely on these projects as highlighted within the minutes.

In response to a question from a member an undertaking was given to bring a report back to the Strategy and Policy Committee on achievements to date.

In response to a question around the cohesion of bids to the regional provincial funding, members were advised that while Te Waka was the lead agency there was no insistence that bids to the fund were to go through only them, rather it was highlighted that it might be in the applicants interests to do so. Te Waka have a strong relationship with the PGF fund manager and co-ordinating agencies.

WRC19/08

Moved by: Cr A Livingston
Seconded by: Cr B Simcock

THAT the minutes of the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee meeting of 3 December 2018 be received (Doc#13454661).

THAT the Section A decisions be noted.

The motion was put and carried

6.5 Waikato Raupatu River Trust & Waikato Regional Council Co Governance Committee - 7 December 2018

Minutes of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co Governance Committee meeting of 7 December 2018.

There were no further comments or discussion on the minutes.

Minutes (Doc#13507956) to be attached as appendix 2.
WRC19/09
Moved by: Cr F Lichtwark
Seconded by: Cr J Hayman

THAT the minutes of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato Regional Council meeting of 7 December 2018 be approved (Doc 13507956).

THAT the Section A decisions be noted.

The motion was put and carried

6.6 Finance Committee - 11 February 2019

Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 11 February 2019.

Minutes (Doc#13798551) to be attached as appendix 3.

Cr Hennebry spoke to the minutes. There was no further discussion on the meeting.

WRC19/10
Moved by: Cr J Hennebry
Seconded by: Cr B Quayle

THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 11 February 2019 be approved (Doc# 13798551).

THAT the Section A decisions be noted.

The motion was put and carried

6.7 Hearings Appointment Subcommittee - 12 February 2019

Minutes of the Hearings Appointment Subcommittee meeting of 12 February 2019.

Minutes (Doc#13792523) to be attached as appendix 4.

Members noted the minutes were separately circulated on 24 February 2019. There was no further discussion on the meeting.

WRC19/11
Moved by: Cr B Simcock
Seconded by: Cr J Hayman

THAT the minutes of the Hearings Appointment Subcommittee meeting of 12 February 2019 be approved (Doc#13792523).

THAT the Section A decisions be noted.

The motion was put and carried
6.8  Strategy and Policy Committee - 12 February 2019

Minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting of 12 February 2019.

Cr Simcock spoke to the minutes.

Matters noted for correctness were:

Cr White voted against the motion (page 112 of the printed pack) relating to Predator Free 2050 guide.

With that correction the minutes (Doc #13808007) to be attached as appendix 5.

WRC19/12
Moved by: Cr B Simcock
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

THAT the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting of 12 February 2019 be approved (Doc #13808007).

THAT the Section A decisions be noted.

The motion was put and carried

6.9  CE Employment and Remuneration Committee - 12 February 2019

Minutes of the CE Employment and Remuneration Committee of 12 February 2019.

Minutes (Doc# 13808286) to be attached as appendix 6.

There was no discussion on the minutes.

WRC19/13
Moved by: Cr A Livingston
Seconded by: Cr B Simcock

THAT the minute of the CE Employment and Remuneration Committee meeting of 12 February 2019 be approved (Doc #13808286).

THAT the Section A decisions be noted.

The motion was put and carried

6.10  Integrated Catchment Management Committee - 13 February 2019


Minutes (Doc# 13821261) to be attached as appendix 7.

Cr Kneebone spoke to the minutes.

A member noted the discussion on flood protection and the need for climate change adaption. They asked whether the conversations being had were recognising the significance of the concern for the region. In response it was noted that Council had been clear on the
position within the submission to the productivity commission, and central government were still trying to get a better understanding of the reports and local authority infrastructure. The concern was being raised through the regional sector group however it was noted that for the government waste water and drinking water was a higher priority than the other waters. Flood waters was a more complex topic than the other waters and the regional sector were doing a lot of work to raise the profile and ensure the sector was ready for the conversation when central government was ready.

A member noted that with the One Billion Trees fund it was important for people to know that they could apply directly to the website if they had an interest and that access to the programme did not need to be through council.

WRC19/14
Moved by: Cr S Kneebone
Seconded by: Cr S Husband

THAT the minutes of the Integrated Catchment Management Committee meeting of 13 February 2019 be approved (Doc# 13821261).

THAT the Section A decisions be noted.

THAT the Section B recommendations be approved:

Waikato Piako Catchment Committee

Item 10 - Harris Left Stopbank Design Standard

a) THAT the Design Standard for the Harris Left Stopbank, part of the Kauaeranga River hydraulic service level review be changed to 20 percent annual exceedance probability (AEP), as originally intended.

Item 12 - Muggeridge’s Pumpstation update

a) THAT the Waikato-Piako Catchment Committee recommend that the proposed Muggeridge’s Pumpstation project go ahead on the basis of a $6 million budget, and that the present approved Funding Policy model stay intact.

b) THAT staff prepare and bring back to the Waikou-Piako Catchment Committee a paper to establish a series of protocols for the management and operation of the proposed Muggeridge’s Pumpstation in relation to peat soils in accordance with the strategic direction and intent of the Waikato Regional Council Regional Policy Statement, Policy No. 14.

The motion was put and carried
6.11 Environmental and Services Performance Committee - 14 February 2019

Minutes of the Environmental and Services Performance Committee meeting of 14 February 2019.

Cr White spoke to the minutes.

With respect to the investigation that had occurred in to the deaths of the koura that had occurred over two seasons near Putaruru, the committee had received a report that confirmed the toxin responsible was cypermethrin. The company had agreed to halt spraying prior to summer, however following the meeting had advised that they would again undertake spraying. The company had undertaken to use wider buffer strips and council would look to be present while the spraying is being done.

Cr Quayle noted a proposed correction for the minutes:

That “A member suggested that staff look at working with HCC to encourage pool owners to check their discharge set up and consider alternative ways of disposing unwanted water.” Be corrected to:

“A member suggested that staff look at working with HCC to advised them and the public of the maximum level of chlorine (parts per million) in pool water that can be discharged as stormwater without negative effects to fish and koura in streams.”

For clarity Cr Quayle advised he had been talking about providing information about the mixing levels of water and what the chlorine levels could get down to. The intention of sharing this information would benefit Hamilton City Council and the wider public, following the December article on pool water being released directly in to the stormwater.

A member asked whether there was a set time frame for council or the DHB to notify members of the public with respect to water issues. In response it was noted that protocols had been developed for council to work in with all DHB following the algal bloom in 2017. These protocols would need to be reviewed to determine whether set times were set down as to when public alerts should be issued.

Noting the correction minutes (Doc #13818188) to be attached as appendix 8.

WRC19/15
Moved by: Cr K White
Seconded by: Cr B Quayle

THAT the minutes of the Environmental and Services Performance Committee meeting of 14 February 2019 be approved (Doc #13818188) with the noted correction made:

. THAT “A member suggested that staff look at working with HCC to encourage pool owners to check their discharge set up and consider alternative ways of disposing unwanted water.” Be corrected to:

“A member suggested that staff look at working with HCC to advised them and the public of the maximum level of chlorine (parts per million) in pool water that can be discharged as stormwater without negative effects to fish and koura in streams.”
THAT the Section A decisions be noted.

The motion was put and carried

7. Ordinary Business

7.1 Health and Safety Report - January 2019

Report on the monthly health and safety council dashboard and any other topics regarding health and safety of relevance to council.

The report was presented by the Manager People and Capabilities (N Ollington).

Cr R Rimmington joined the meeting at 11:48 am.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

• with respect to the best practice to rules and regulations for staff and contractors working on state highways members were advised that there were protocols in place for the protection of staff and an awareness of these protocols.
• in relation to contractors and who held the responsibility for their health and safety, members were advised that council had requirements under the act but the responsibility lay with the PCBU.
• members were advised that a reported incident of staff being on a cell phone while driving a council vehicle was under investigation.
• protocols for site visits had been established and work was ongoing with managers and the Health and Safety team to identify areas of interest for site visits with councillors.

The CE acknowledged the Manager People and Capabilities and his team in relation to the ongoing work in optimising council staff and resources and the return on investment that could be seen through the drop in absenteeism and sick leave.

WRC19/16
Moved by: Cr T Mahuta
Seconded by: Cr F Lichtwark


The motion was put and carried

7.2 Audit and Risk Chair’s Report following November meeting

Report from the Audit and Risk Committee Chair regarding the November meeting of the Committee.
Members were advised that the report was missed from the December 2018 council meeting and was provided by the Chair to advise on matters relating to the November 2018 meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting.

**WRC19/17**  
*Moved by: Cr A Livingston*  
*Seconded by: Cr J Hennebry*

**THAT the report from the Audit and Risk Committee Chair be received.**

The motion was put and carried

### 7.3 Terms of Reference for Te Kōpua Kānapanapa and Appointment of Members

To present the proposed Terms of Reference for Te Kōpua Kānapanapa and seek appointment of Waikato Regional Council members and alternate(s) to the committee.

The report was presented by the Director - Community and Services (N Williams).

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- the $400,000 was to be provided by the Crown and related to the overall delivery of the plan. The process at this early stage was to establish the committee in line with council's legal obligations.
- the role of the committee was to develop the plan and the allocation of the $400,000 related to all of the entities that formed the committee.
- this would be the fourth committee that Council would be involved in including the Lake Taupo Catchment Committee, Lake Taupo Protection Project Joint Committee, Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee and now Te Kopua Kanapanapa.

Discussion turned to nominations for the committee.

Noting that the formation of the committee included the Upper Waihou part of the region Cr Vercoe nominated Cr Husband to be one of the members. Cr Rimmington seconded the motion.

Noting that Cr White and Cr Hodge had been advocates for council in this area and with respect to Lake Taupo, Cr Mahuta nominated them for the membership to the committee. Cr Simcock seconded the motion.

Members noted that Item 8.5 Treaty Settlements should be discussed first by council prior to any further discussion and decisions on Te Kopua Kanapanapa. It was noted that the establishment of the committee was a procedural matter and did not relate to the discussion under Item 8.5. Establishing the committee was not going to come at cost to council. The risk was not meeting the legal obligation to do so. Council had not had the opportunity to discuss how to breach the shortfall in funding.

A procedural motion was put to return to the matter following the discussion of Item 8.5.
Upon returning to open section at 4.53pm Council returned to the discussion of this item.

Prior to leaving the meeting Cr Husband had noted his support for Crs White and Hodge being the members for the committee and for his role to be as the alternate for the committee. Noting the statement, members agreed that would be an appropriate way forward and the recommendations were put.

WRC19/18
Moved by: Cr D Minogue
Seconded by: Cr B Quayle

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That the matter lie on the table until consideration of the report on Treaty Settlement Costs.

The motion was put and carried

7.4 Healthy Environments Plan Review Committee

Report to confirm membership of the Healthy Environments Plan Review Committee and Terms of Reference.

The report was presented by the Director Science and Strategy (T May), Manager Policy (T Quickfall) and Senior Policy Advisor (M Graham).

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- members highlighted concern at being asked to endorse Terms of Reference without knowing what the proposed changes may be. It was acknowledged that the Terms of Reference would be provided to the Committee at the first meeting for discussion and these decisions would then be recommended back to council for approval.
- the report as provided was in response to Council's request for further information from the December 2018 meeting. Following workshops and discussion with Council the proposed staff recommendations set out the proposed committee structure.
- it was proposed that the committee had the power to establish working groups similar to the collaborative processes used for other plans such as Seachange and Healthy Rivers Wai Ora. These groups would do the work that would inform the decision makers, they would not have any decision making responsibilities.
- it was beyond the scope of this committee to look at s33 RMA transfer of powers. The role of the committee would be to consider what were the right rules, in respect to regional plan requirements, for the region.
- the proposed establishment of the committee and the terms of reference would be reviewed, along with all others, in the new triennium.
- the Terms of Reference should include the proposed time scale to ensure that it enhances the outcomes of the committee.
- it was appropriate that the Terms of Reference should include the dispute resolution option that had been evident in other committees, such as Healthy Rivers.
• members discussed the proposed geographical approach to the membership and noted with concern that the recommendation included Hamilton and Waikato Districts together. This would then ensure that the iwi councillors were also eligible to be considered for any of the constituency members as their constituency covered the balance of the region. Members acknowledged the value of the iwi councillors within a co-governance framework as they offered value both at the table and externally.
• it was important that all sectors were engaged with within the project, and not just iwi.
• a member proposed a thematic approach to the representation as opposed to geographical. This would support the platform for council that we are all in this together and would consider that there were the right people at the table, not just members determined by geographical representation.
• it was appropriate for council to have further discussion on the matters within a council workshop such as the one scheduled for early March 2019.

The Chair noting the discussion and the feeling of the members proposed that the matter be left to lie on the table until following the lunch adjournment to allow staff to make changes to the Terms of Reference and the recommendations for council consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 12.53pm and reconvened at 1.37pm.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:
• given the size of the task it was appropriate that the appointed members still have alternates to provide for continuity and allow meetings to be established with sufficient quorum. Members discussed the appropriateness of an alternate for each member and proposed that for council it would be more effective if there were two alternate in total.
• members noted the proposed amendments to the terms of reference that highlighted the changes made by way of discussion throughout the item.
• members noted that consensus decision making was anticipated, however it would be appropriate for Council to be advised where there were differences in opinion or decisions that were being made with majority decision making rather than consensus.
• members should take note of the commitment to the role and the proposed impact to their time should they be appointed to the committee.
• the costs of the committee would lie where they were appropriate, meaning the iwi members would be remunerated through their organisation for their involvement on the committee and councillors remuneration would be within the salary already received.
WRC19/19
Moved by: Cr R Rimmington
Seconded by: Cr B Quayle

1. THAT the report “Healthy Environments Plan Review Committee” (Doc # 12839158 dated 08 February 2019) be received

2. THAT the Council endorses the amended Terms of Reference for the Regional Plan Review Committee (see attachment 2, Doc #12839158)

3. THAT the Council appoints 6 elected members, plus 2 dedicated alternates, to the Regional Plan Review Committee, with appointments covering the geographical constituent boundaries as follows:
   • Thames-Coromandel
   • Waikato
   • Hamilton
   • Waihou
   • Waipa
   • Taupō
   • In appointing members to the Committee Council will make appointments from all members of Council

4. THAT the Council resolves to appoint 6 iwi members to the Regional Plan Review Committee, as nominated by each of the following iwi authorities, with 1 member each from the following iwi authorities:
   • Te Arawa River Iwi Trust
   • Tūwharetoa Maori Trust Board
   • Raukawa Charitable Trust
   • Maniapoto Māori Trust Board
   • Waikato Raupatu River Trust
   • Pare Hauraki (Hauraki iwi collective).

   The motion was put and carried

7.5 Appointment of Alternate Regional On-Scene Commander

Report to seek approval of James Peter Buell (currently a Regional On-Scene Commander (ROSC) for Bay of Plenty Regional Council) as an Alternate ROSC for Waikato Regional Council’ marine oil spill response function.

The report was taken as read and there were no questions or discussion on the matter.

WRC19/20
Moved by: Cr H Vercoe
Seconded by: Cr S Husband

1. THAT the report “Appointment of Alternate Regional On-Scene Commander” (Doc # 13635779 dated 28 February 2019) be received, and
2. THAT James Peter Buell (ROSC – Bay of Plenty Regional Council), be appointed as Alternate Regional On-Scene Commander for the Waikato Region under section 318 (1) (b) of the Maritime Transport Act 1994.

The motion was put and carried

7.6 Request from Hauraki District Council for Councillor participation in Kaiaua Pūkorokoro/Miranda community plan

Report to present a request from Hauraki District Council (HDC) to appoint three Waikato Regional Councillors (Councillors Hugh Vercoe, Stu Husband and Kataraina Hodge) onto a Joint Working Party that will participate in, and guide, the development of the Kaiaua:ūkorokoro/Miranda community plan.

The report was presented by Director Science and Strategy (T May) Team Leader Policy Implementation (L Balsom) and Policy Advisor (A Fuentes).

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

• In response to a question from a member it was noted that provision for iwi representation was considered as part of the community plan working party, and that this is being led by Hauraki District Council.
• the group was a working party that would feed in to the community plan.
• the advisory group would look at the coast as a whole, including the portion under Waikato District Council boundary.

WRC19/21
Moved by: Cr A Livingston
Seconded by: Cr B Simcock

1. THAT the report ‘Request from Hauraki District Council for Councillor participation in Kaiaua Pūkorokoro/Miranda community plan’ (Doc # 13673674 dated 24 February 2019) be received.

2. THAT Council appoints Councillors Hugh Vercoe, Stu Husband and Kataraina Hodge to the Kaiaua Pūkorokoro/Miranda Community Plan Joint Working Party.

The motion was put and carried

The meeting moved to Public Excluded section for the agreed presentation relating to the CE Employment and Remuneration Committee.

Resolutions to exclude the public

WRC19/22
Moved by: Cr A Livingston
Seconded by: Cr B Simcock

THAT the public be excluded from the following part/s of the meeting:

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section
48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

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- To enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities (section 7(2)(h)).
- To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or is the subject of the information (section 7(b)(ii)).

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- Maintenance of the law and right to a fair trial (Section 6(a)).
- Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (Section 7(2)(a))
- Protect information where the making available of the information
  (i) would disclose a trade secret; or
  (ii) would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information (Section 7(2)(b))
- In the case only of an application for a resource consent, or a water conservation order, or a requirement for a designation or heritage order, under the Resource Management Act 1991, to avoid serious offence to Tikanga Māori, or to avoid the disclosure of the location of waahi tapu (Section 7(2)(ba))
- Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information
  (i) would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; or
  (ii) would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest (Section 7(2)(c))
- Avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public (Section 7(2)(e))
- Maintain legal professional privilege (Section 7(2)(g))
- Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities (Section 7(2)(h))
- Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (Section 7(2)(i))
- Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage (Section 7(2)(j))

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- Protect information where the making available of the information
  (ii) would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information (Section 7(2)(b))
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- Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (Section 7(2)(a))

The motion was put and carried

The meeting returned to open section at 3.12pm.

7.7 New Martha Trust Trustee

Report to seek approval that a Deed of Appointment of a new Trustee to the Martha Trust be executed by Waikato Regional Council.

The report was presented by Director Resource Use (C Mclay) and Resource Officer (S Roa).

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- the appointment had not been appropriately completed at the time of the 2016 election and the process was in place to ensure that due process was followed after the 2019 election.
- upon closure of the site Council do not take it over until all issues were resolved.

Noting his concern over the contamination of the site Cr Rimmington noted his vote against the decision.

WRC19/28
Moved by: Cr S Kneebone
Seconded by: Cr B Simcock

1. THAT this report ‘New Martha Trust Trustee’ dated 13 February 2019 (Doc #9872754) be received;

2. THAT council approve the appointment of Alan David Livingston as Trustee to the Martha Trust; and

3. THAT council approve the Deputy Chair to execute a Deed of Appointment of Trustee in the Martha Trust as attached at Appendix One.

The motion was put and carried

Cr Rimmington voted against the motion.

7.9 Hamilton to Auckland Start-Up Passenger Rail Project – Progress Update

Report to provide the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) with a progress update on the Hamilton to Auckland Start-Up Passenger Rail Project and to summarise the key issues that staff are currently addressing with the funding partners for this project.
The report was presented by Consulting Manager (M Garret) and Policy Advisor (J Gonzales).

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- the risk to council was in the vicinity of $150,000 for this year should the Fare Assistance Rate (FAR) not be agreed to and should Council decide to withdraw from the project. The funding spent related to the work that was undertaken to create the business case.
- there was no financial exposure for council in terms of the rolling stock and the funding for these was 100% NZTA funding. If the service was to be cancelled the ownership of the rolling stock would revert to NZTA.
- the NZTA board approved the business plan in December and members noted the decision had not been unanimous. There were a number of conditions and it was further noted the rail system in the country had been run down. There would be a substantial amount of government funding to get the rail system up to scratch. A number of conditions had been put in to the plan and there were a number of benchmarks to be met along the way. The vision was for the start up service to move forward over the five years and to evolve.
- there is no unbudgeted impact on council for the work staff were putting in to the implementation of the programme. The budget had been developed on the lower assumption of a 51% FAR. The funding that was sought from NZTA was for now through to the go live date for the project.
- the Council position on who would pay for any funding shortfall had been shared with Minister Twyford, and the position was clear that it would not be Council.
- Hamilton City Council, Waikato District Council and Kiwi Rail were all involved in the project to date and Council was not alone in this project.

Crs Rimmington and Hennebry noted their vote against the motions.

WRC19/29
Moved by: Cr A Livingston
Seconded by: Cr B Simcock

1. THAT the report “Hamilton to Auckland Start Up Passenger Rail Project – Progress Update” (Doc # 13805047 dated 18 February 2018) be received.
2. THAT Council notes the conditions resolved at the 21 November 2018 council meeting relating to the funding for the Hamilton to Auckland Start Up Passenger Rail Project have been partially resolved.
3. THAT Council approves the proposed project governance structure (Appendix 3 – Doc #13772868) for this project and the Terms of Reference (Appendix 2 – Doc #13670118) of the Project Governance Working Group.
4. THAT Council confirms the appointment of Councillor Vercoe and Councillor Rimmington as council representatives on the Project Governance Working Group.
5. THAT Council notes that staff will work in partnership with NZTA staff to resolve the funding conditions for the project and will report back to subsequent council meetings on progress.
The motion was put and carried
Crs Hennebry and Rimmington voted against the motion.

Cr H Vercoe left the meeting at 3:52 pm.
Cr S Husband left the meeting at 3:52 pm.

7.8 **Sea Change Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan – Ministerial Advisory Committee to progress implementation**

Report to seek approval from Council on the content and subsequent lodgement of feedback to the Minister of Conservation on the Draft Terms of Reference for the Ministerial Advisory Committee to help develop the Government Response Strategy for the Sea Change Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan.

The report was presented by Principle Advisor (B Bunting).

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- a member agreed with statement 3.1 and noted caution that an alternative should be provided as well. In response members were advised that using the proposed 16 themes from the author of seachange the statement could be strengthened.
- the submission should be consistent in the terminology used around national significance.
- Iwi were represented through two hui held early in 2019 in January and February and their views were included with the committee.

WRC19/30
Moved by: Cr D Minogue
Seconded by: Cr T Mahuta

1. **THAT** the report “Sea Change Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan – Ministerial Advisory Committee to progress implementation” (Doc # 13804969 dated 14 February 2019) be received.

2. **THAT** Council approve the ‘Waikato Regional Council feedback on the Draft Terms of Reference for the Ministerial Advisory Committee to help develop the Government Response Strategy for the Sea Change Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan ’ (Doc # 13809782) for lodgement with the Minister of Conservation.

The motion was put and carried

7.10 **Waikato Regional Council submission on the draft National (Kauri dieback) Pest Management Plan and draft Implementation Strategy**

To seek approval from council on the content, and subsequent lodgement, of the Waikato Regional Council’s (the council’s) submission to the draft National (Kauri dieback) Pest Management Plan and draft Implementation Strategy.
The report was presented by Manager Integrated Catchment Services (P Whaley) and Biosecurity Officer (K Parker).

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- there was concern that the plan didn't have access controls. For clarity it was noted that this was reflected within the submission and that the National Pest Management Plan did refer and provide for access to the Biosecurity Act and the Wild Animal Control Act.
- there were no maps available that would make it clear for the members or the public the areas for control. It was still not clear what the approach was and whether there would be resources available for either zones or risk.
- an operational plan could not be established until the plan was set up.
- concern that council was taking on the role of MPI. For clarity members were advised that the task that council would seek to undertake would be related to the work that Council was already doing in fencing and working with landowners.
- doing nothing was not an option. It was difficult to control the seemingly uncontrollable, however there were tools that could be used to prevent the organism spreading. The main vectors for the transfer of the disease has been people, pigs and stock. The longer you can delay the onset, the longer you have to find a cure.

Crs Lichtwark and White noted their votes against the motion.

WRC19/30
Moved by: Cr S Kneebone
Seconded by: Cr B Quayle

1. THAT the report ‘Waikato Regional Council submission on the draft National (Kauri dieback) Pest Management Plan and draft Implementation Strategy’ (Doc #13797622 dated 19 February 2019) be received.
2. THAT the council approve ‘Waikato Regional Council submission on the draft National (Kauri dieback) Pest Management Plan and draft Implementation Strategy’ (Doc #13804033) as the submission for lodgement to the Kauri Dieback National Programme.

The motion was put and carried
Crs Lichtwark and White voted against the motion

Resolutions to exclude the public

WRC19/31
Moved by: Cr S Kneebone
Seconded by: Cr B Simcock

THAT the public be excluded from the following part/s of the meeting:

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

8.5. Confirmation of Council’s approach on Treaty settlement implementation
• Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (Section 7(2)(i))

8.6. Environmental and Services Performance Committee 14 February 2019

• Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (Section 7(2)(a))
• Maintain legal professional privilege (Section 7(2)(g))
• Maintenance of the law and the right to a fair trial (Section 6(a))

The motion was put and carried

The meeting moved to public excluded section at 4.12pm.

Meeting returned to open session at 4.53pm.

7.3 Terms of Reference for Te Kōpua Kānapanapa and Appointment of Members

Noting the procedural motion to leave the matter lying on the table until after the discussion on the Treaty Settlement papers, the meeting returned to the decision left on the table.

Cr Husband had noted for the members prior to leaving the meeting, he was happy to support the nomination for Crs Hodge and White to be the members for the committee and that he would serve as an alternate member for the committee.

WRC19/35
Moved by: Cr S Kneebone
Seconded by: Cr B Simcock

1. That the report “Terms of Reference for Te Kōpua Kānapanapa and Appointment of Members” (Doc #13758384 dated 11 February 2018) be received, and
2. That the Terms of Reference for Te Kōpua Kānapanapa be recommended to Te Kōpua Kānapanapa for approval (Doc#13058659), and
3. That Council appoints Councillors [Hodge] and [White] as members of Te Kōpua Kānapanapa, and
4. That Council appoints Councillor Husband as the alternate member.
5. Noting that participation in the work activities is subject to Waikato Regional Council receiving a satisfactory response from the Crown in relation to our request for ongoing treaty implementation financial contributions.

The motion was put and carried

Meeting closed at 4.54pm.

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Chair
Waikato Plan Leadership Committee
OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee held on 3 December 2018 at 1.00pm in the Waikato Regional Council Chambers, 401 Grey Street, Hamilton East.

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SECTION A: COMMITTEE HAS DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISION

Welcome and Opening Karakia
(Agenda Item 1)

The Co-Chair (B Gatenby) welcomed everyone present and the Chief Executive of the Waikato Regional Council (V Payne) opened the meeting with a karakia.

Apologies
(Agenda Item 2)

E Berryman-Kamp moved/W Maag seconded.

WPLC18/11
RESOLVED
THAT the apologies from Councillor Alan Livingston, Mayor Andrew King, Vanessa Eparaima, Kathy Mansell for absence, and Ruku Schaafhausen for lateness, be accepted.

The motion was put and carried (WPLC18/11)

Confirmation of Agenda
(Agenda Item 3)

B Gatenby moved/E Berryman-Kamp seconded.

WPLC18/12
RESOLVED
THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee of 3 December 2018, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried (WPLC18/12)

Disclosures of Interest
(Agenda Item 4)

There were no disclosures of interest.

Confirmation of Minutes from the Previous Meeting of the Committee
(Agenda Item 5) Doc #13228146

There were no amendments recommended and the minutes were taken as a true and accurate record.

It was suggested and agreed that it would be helpful for all stakeholders to be able to see the other officials and attendees that attended the meeting. It was agreed that attendees would be included on the front page of the next set of minutes.
Mayor B Hanna moved/ E Berryman-Kamp seconded.

**WPLC18/13**

**RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes from the 15 October 2018 meeting of the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee be received, and accepted as a true and accurate record.

The motion was put and carried (WPLC18/13)

It was noted that at the last meeting of the Committee, quorum was lost in last part and the Committee was unable to receive a report that had been presented. It was agreed that the report be received now that the Committee had reconvened and had quorum. The motion was put and carried.

L Ieremia moved/E Berryman-Kamp seconded.

**WPLC18/14**

**RESOLVED**

THAT the update on the ‘Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Plan update’ (Doc # 13153880 dated 03 October 2018) be received.

The motion was put and carried (WPLC18/14)

With consent of the meeting, the agenda was amended to allow for the late arrival of R Schaafhausen.

**Appointment of Ministry for Business, Innovation, and Employment Non-Voting Member**

(Agenda Item 7) Doc #13421484

This report was presented by the Waikato Plan Transition Manager (J Bromley). The report advised the Committee of the appointment process for members, and the various roles of voting and non-voting members, in relation to the Terms of Reference for the Committee. The appointment process was undertaken by the Committee.

The following matters were raised:
- The role of the Ministry for Business, Innovation, and Employment at all levels of government was described and discussed.
- The opportunities for collaboration between all central and local government agencies was discussed.
W Maag moved/ D Fisher seconded.

WPLC18/15

RESOLVED
1. THAT the report ‘New non-voting member of the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee (Doc # 13421484 dated 22 November 2018) be received.
2. THAT the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment be a non-voting member of the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee.
3. THAT Kathy Mansell from the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment be confirmed as the member representative on the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee.

The motion was put and carried (WPLC18/15)

Overview and Progress of the Waikato Plan 2017-2018
(Agenda Item 8) Doc #13420568

This report was presented by the Waikato Plan Transition Manager (J Bromley). The report updated the Committee on the milestones that had been achieved to date.

The following matters were raised:
• It was noted that the Plan had worked towards the progression of positive outcomes for the Waikato region, and that the future work programme will build on previous achievements. Projects noted included the anti-meth programme and the Waipa Heritage Trail project.

R Schaafhausen joined the meeting at 1.15pm.

• It was noted that the Virtual Health project is ongoing and would be developed further by the Waikato District Health Board.

Mayor B Hanna moved/ E Berryman-Kamp seconded.

WPLC18/16

RESOLVED
THAT the report “An Overview and Update of the Progress of the Waikato Plan for 2017-2018 (Doc #13420568 dated 22 November 2018) be received.

The motion was put and carried (WPLC18/16)

Appointment of Co-Chair and Deputy Co-Chair from Iwi
(Agenda Item 6) Doc #13421585

This report was presented by the Waikato Plan Transition Manager (J Bromley). The report advised the Committee of the appointment process for Iwi members, and the various roles of voting and non-voting members, in relation to the Terms of Reference for the Committee. The appointment process was undertaken by the Committee.
The following matters were raised:

- It was noted that Iwi play an important part in the effective implementation of the plan.
- The appointed members were introduced and a vote for each vacant position taken.

The Committee moved to receive the report.

R Schaafhausen moved/Mayor B Hanna seconded.

WPLC18/17

**RESOLVED**

THAT the report ‘Appointment of Co-Chair and Deputy Co-Chair from Iwi’ (Doc #13421585 dated 22 November 2018) be received.

The motion was put and carried (WPLC18/17)

Eugene Berryman-Kamp nominated Rukumoana Schaafhausen as Iwi Co-Chair for the Committee. Weo Maag seconded the nomination.

E Berryman-Kamp moved/W Maag seconded.

WPLC18/18

**RESOLVED**

THAT Rukumoana Schaafhausen be confirmed as the Co-Chair of the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee.

The motion was put and carried (WPLC18/18)

R Schaafhausen nominated Weo Maag as Iwi Deputy Co-Chair. Eugene Berryman-Kamp seconded the nomination.

R Schaafhausen moved/E Berryman-Kamp seconded.

WPLC18/19

**RESOLVED**

THAT Weo Maag be confirmed as the Deputy Co-Chair of the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee.

The motion was put and carried (WPLC18/19)

The new appointees were congratulated by the Committee.

**Waikato Plan Project Refresh Update**

(Agenda Item 9) Doc #13419430

This report was presented by the Waikato Plan Transition Manager (J Bromley). The report updated the Committee on the progress to date on refresh of the Waikato Plan since the previous meeting of the Committee.

The following matters were raised:
• The reforms to the governance structure of the Plan to date was described and discussed.
• It was noted that the terms of reference and assessment framework for the Committee and other decision making entities such as the Chief Executives Advisory Group, were in the process of being developed and the matter was ongoing.
• The political, financial and social opportunities and challenges of the implementation of the Plan was described and discussed. It was noted that there is wide support across the Waikato region and the need to collaborate in a meaningful way was emphasised.
• It was noted that a communications plan which will highlight the progress to date, key milestones, and successful outcomes was being developed. The need to tell a positive story of the Plan was emphasised along with the need to demonstrate value for money and genuine public good.
• The work between Central Government and Local Government was discussed. It was noted that Central Government is aware of the Plan and is it has indicated that it is willing to journey and collaborate, where appropriate, with the Waikato region in its implementation.

W Maag moved/Mayor B Hanna seconded.

WPLC18/20

RESOLVED
That the report ‘Waikato Plan Project Refresh Update’ (Doc # 13419430 dated 22 November 2018) be received.

The motion was put and carried (WPLC18/20)

Progress of the 2018 Priority Projects
(Agenda Item 10) Doc #13421456

This report was presented by the Waikato Plan Transition Manager (J Bromley). The report updated the Committee on the progress to date of the priority projects for 2018.

The following matters were raised:
• The Housing Stocktake Project was discussed. It was noted that the project had progressed well, with a range of positive outcomes achieved to date. The ongoing collaboration and sharing data was highlighted, along with the genuine cross sector and party support that the project has received to date through consultation rounds and other activities.
• The Youth Development Project was discussed. It was noted that the aim of the Project is connect agencies, groups, and communities working in the sector, which would enable the Sector to achieve greater outcomes for young people in the Waikato region as it progressed.
• The Mental Health Project was discussed. It was noted that the Project is still in an early predatory stages pending the recommendations and finding from the Ministers review of the mental health sector.
• It was noted that the Waikato District Health Board have submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Health on the subject, and that it presented the Committee with opportunities for involvement.
• It was noted that a visual diagram that demonstrated how the three mentioned projects, and the other aspect of the Plan, were connected and fit together.
• The issue of the high rates of drug use and the negative impact that it has on the Waikato region was discussed. It was noted that the Committee may make a statement on the matter in the future, pending further information and advice from District Health Board officials in February 2019.

B Gatenby moved/E Berryman-Kamp seconded.

WPLC18/21 RESOLVED
THAT the report ‘Progress of the 2018 Priority Projects’ (Doc # 13421456 dated 22 November 2018) be received.

The motion was put and carried (WPLC18/21)

Te Waka Update
(Agenda Item 11) Doc #13421456

The presentation updated the Committee on the activities and progress to date of Te Waka.

The following matters were raised:
• It was noted that the role of Te Waka was to provide advice to all sectors and stakeholders and to connect them, to enable a connected, collaborative, and strategic approach to the development and implementation of development plans.
• It was noted that Te Waka played an important facilitator role in the regional development and need to work in partnership and collaboration.
• It was noted that agency had progressed well to date and achieved a number of successes with stakeholders, with plans such as the South Waikato Sub-region development plan and the Maori Business Action Plan being discussed as examples of the positive outcomes to date.
• The Provincial Growth Fund was discussed. It was noted that there is a need to focus on large projects or pull together a number of small project to create large collaborative projects. Along with the need to carefully examine the criteria for successful projects.

Cr T Adams moved/ R Schaafhausen seconded.

WPLC18/22 RESOLVED
THAT the ‘Te Waka: Anga Whakamua Waikato (Waikato Moving Forward) - Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency update’(Doc # 13436830 dated 22 November 2018) be received.

The motion was put and carried (WPLC18/22)
Cycleways
(Agenda Item 12) Doc #13437296

This report was introduced by the Waikato Plan Transition Manager (J Bromley), and presented by the staff from Te Waka as noted above in Agenda Item 11. The report updated and informed the Committee on the cycleway network project and sought the support for the project from Committee.

The following matters were raised:

- It was noted that expanding and further developing the existing network would have positive outcomes for the Waikato region, and that the existing network has high usage rates to date, that provide a strong indicator that the expansion of the network would be a good investment for the region.

R Schaafhausen left the meeting at 2.50pm.

- It was noted that it important to tell the story of the experiences that the cycleway and to communicate and/or promote the stories in a strategic and meaningful manner.
- The need to secure sustainable and durable funding and resourcing was discussed. It was noted that there was need to ensure that visitors to the region had attractions or reasons to stay for longer periods of time.
- It was noted that the Cycleways Project integrated into the current transport plans and policies of Central and Local Government.
- It was noted that the there is a high level of collaboration between interested parties and stakeholders on the current cycleway network.

D Fisher moved/Mayor B Hanna seconded.

WPLC18/20

RESOLVED

1. THAT the report “Waikato Region Cycle Trails Network Programme Business Case Endorsement” (Doc # 13437296 dated 22 November 2018) be received.
2. THAT Waikato Plan Leadership Committee support the concept of the Waikato Region Cycle Trails Network.
3. THAT the Committee note that the local government partners will be asked to individually endorse this project.

The motion was put and carried (WPLC18/20)

Meeting closed at 3.05pm.

Doc #13454661
Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee
OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee held in the Council Chamber, 401 Grey St, Hamilton on Friday 7 December 2018 at 10.10am.

Present:

**Waikato Raupatu River Trust**
- Trustee Rukumoana Schaafhausen
- Trustee Jackie Colliar
- Trustee Donald Turner

**Waikato Regional Council**
- Cr Alan Livingston
- Cr Tipa Mahuta
- Cr Jennie Hayman
- Cr Fred Lichtwark

**In Attendance**

**Waikato Regional Council Staff**
- Neville Williams – Director Community and Services
- Marae Tukere - General Manager, Development and Wellbeing, Waikato-Tainui
- Gavin Dawson – Democracy Advisor

**Waikato Regional Councillors**
- Cr Barry Quayle
Welcome and Opening Karakia
(Agenda Item 1)

The Co-Chairs of the Committee welcomed all those present and the meeting was opened with a karakia.

Apologies
(Agenda Item 2)

Cr Mahuta moved/Cr Lichtwark seconded.

WTCG18/08 RESOLVED
THAT the apologies from Hemi Rau for absence be accepted.

The motion was put and carried (WTCG17/08)

Confirmation of Agenda
(Agenda Item 3)

Cr Livingston moved/Cr Mahuta seconded.

WTCG18/09 RESOLVED
THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Waikato-Tainui and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee of 7 December 2018, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried (WTCG17/09)

Disclosures of Interest
(Agenda Item 4)

There were no disclosures of interest.

Minutes of Previous Meeting
(Agenda Item 5) Doc #12272417

No amendments to the minutes were requested and the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

J Collier moved/Cr Hayman seconded.

WTCG18/10 RESOLVED
THAT the Minutes of the Waikato-Tainui and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee of 19 April 2018 be received and approved as a true and correct record.

The motion was put and carried (WTCG18/10)
Appendix 2

Minutes of Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee Meeting 7 Dec 2018

Waikato-Tainui/Waikato Regional Council Joint Work Programme
(Agenda Item 6) Doc #13152169 & #13150093

This report was presented by the Director, Community and Services, Waikato Regional Council (N Williams) and the General Manager, Development and Wellbeing, Waikato-Tainui (M Tukere). The report updated the committee on the progress of the Waikato-Tainui / Waikato Regional Council strategic work programme. It also sought the endorsement of the approach and prioritised initiatives.

The following matters were raised:

- Background to the development of the proposed joint work programme was discussed. It was noted that there was a range of activities and objectives that aligned with the work and missions of both organisations.
- It was noted that there is a need to have clear communication between the two organisations and the relevant stakeholders to ensure that the work that occurs was well received and demonstrated value for money and a high level of public good.
- It was noted that a strategic and staged approach was needed to ensure that the joint work plan was being executed in an effective and efficient manner, which used existing and future plans and projects.
- The need to ensure meaningful collaboration and strategy between both organisations was discussed and emphasised.
- The Matauranga model of viewing issues and activities was described and discussed.
- The need to have an effective system to raise and resolve issues and matters that each organisation may have was discussed. It was noted that this would be developed as the relationship between the two organisations was developed.

Cr Livingston moved/D Turner seconded.

RESOLVED

1. THAT the report “Waikato-Tainui / Waikato Regional Council strategic work programme planning” (Doc # 13152169 dated 24 October 2019) be received.
2. THAT a final draft joint work programme be presented at the next meeting of the Waikato-Tainui/Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee.

The motion was put and carried (WTCG18/11)

Waikato Regional Plan
(Agenda Item 7) Doc #13437551 & #13275064

This report was presented by the General Manager, Development and Wellbeing, Waikato-Tainui (M Tukere). The report provided the committee with a formal response to the letter dated 26 September 2018, from the Chair of the Waikato Regional Council to the Chair of Te Arataura regarding the review of the Waikato Regional Coastal Plan and Regional Plan.

The following matters were raised:
• It was noted that Waikato-Tainui support the review.
• The structure of the committee that would provide input to the review process was discussed. It was noted that the committee would have a full mandate to make decisions and recommendations to council that influence the final outcome of the review. The proposed committee structure will be considered at the December 12, 2018 meeting of the Waikato Regional Council.
• It was noted that the review would be considered on a topic basis to ensure that discussion on topics is as inclusive as possible.
• It was noted that Waikato-Tainui would like to speak to members of the tribe at all levels to assess what topics they are most concerned about and where tribal representatives should focus time and effort.

Cr Mahuta moved/Cr Lichtwark seconded.

WTCG18/12

RESOLVED
1. THAT the report regarding the Review of the Waikato Regional Coastal Plan and Regional Plan – Healthy Environments – He Taiao Mauriora (Doc#13437551 dated 23rd October 2018) be received; and
2. THAT the Co-governance Committee note the issues raised by Waikato-Tainui in relation to the review.

The motion was put and carried (WTCG18/12)

Waikato-Tainui Submission on Healthy Rivers Wai Ora
(Agenda Item 8) Docs #13459975 & #13459670

This report was introduced by the Waikato-Tainui Co-Chair (R Shaafhausen), and presented by the General Manager, Development and Wellbeing, Waikato-Tainui (MTukere) and the River Iwi Technical Advisor (B Brough). The verbal report informed the committee on the contents of the submission made by Waikato-Tainui on Healthy Rivers Wai Ora.

The following matters were raised:
• The committee was advised of the content and it was emphasised that it was for information only purposes.
• It was noted that the different types and range of land use and development had an impact on the contents of the reports, and that there was a need to have a clear and measured approach to related matters.

Cr Mahuta moved/Cr Livingston seconded.

WTCG18/13

THAT the reports ‘Submission by the Waikato-Tainui on Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora: Variation 1 to Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1’ (Doc #13459975), and ‘Submission by Waikato-Tainui on Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora: Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 (Doc #13459670) be received.

The motion was put and carried (WTCG18/13)

Kawhia Coastal Restoration and Management Plan
(Agenda Item 9)
This verbal report was presented by the Chair of the Kawhia Coastal Restoration and Management Plan Committee (J Forbes). The report informed the committee on the vision, goals, and other matters of the plan.

The following matters were raised:

- It was noted that the project includes both open ocean and estuary coastline on a block that is held under Maori land law.
- The impact that traffic of all types had on the beach and coastline was discussed. It was noted that there has been a lot of damage to the environment and there is a need to stop all traffic to let the environment recover.
- There is a need for an improved alternative route to the Te Puia Springs, adding that the need will increase as the site becomes more popular with tourists.
- Native planting was a big focus for the project team, and the demand for these plants has created a number of opportunities for local nurseries in the area.
- Funding sources and options for the project were discussed.
- The need to develop high impact environmental protection and management measures was emphasised. It was noted that it is an area with many significant cultural, historic, and environmental sites and values.
- It was noted that there may be opportunities to help the project through the joint management plan, and that both organisations would look into the matter.

Cr Lichtwark moved/J Colliar seconded.

WTG18/14

THAT the verbal report ‘Kawhia Coastal Restoration and Management Plan Update’ be received.

The motion was put and carried (WTG18/14)

Urban Development Capacity
(Agenda Item 10) Doc #13412570

This report was presented by the Manager, Policy Implementation (T Tamura). The report updated the committee on the changes to the Waikato Regional Plan, which had resulted due to the 2016 National Policy Statement on Urban Capacity Development.

The following matters were raised:

- It was noted that changes to the Waikato Regional Plan are not optional as they are part of the 2016 National Policy Statement on Urban Capacity.
- The statutory planning cycle and processes were described and discussed.
- It was noted the Council would prefer to use a streamlined process under Schedule One of the Resource Management Act.
- The role that the Futureproof Plan has on the Waikato Regional Plan was discussed. It was noted that representation from Waikato-Tainui would provide valuable insight to the ongoing development of the Waikato region.

Cr Livingston moved/R Shaafhausen seconded.
Minutes of Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee Meeting 7 Dec 2018

Doc # 13507956

**WTCG18/15**

THAT the report Update to Waikato Regional Policy Statement as required by NPS on Urban Development Capacity (Doc # 13412570 dated 23rd November 2018) be received.

The motion was put and carried (WTCG18/15)

**Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Update**

(Agenda Item 11) Doc #13423110

This report was presented by the Team Leader, Water (Policy), Science and Strategy (B McAuliffe). The report updated the committee on the work and progress to date of Healthy Rivers Wai Ora.

The following matters were raised:

- It was noted that an 18 month extension has been granted to allow for all the submissions (about 1000) to be read and heard where appropriate.
- The consultation and submission process was described and discussed.
- It was noted that the process will go beyond the triennium term of the current council.
- The need to ensure that important matters such as the potential settlement with Pare Hauraki is reflected in communications and allow for an appropriate response when the time came to deal with any matter of importance.

Cr Hayman moved/R Shaafhausen seconded.

**WTCG18/16**

THAT That the report “Update on Healthy Rivers Plan Change 1 Schedule 1 process” (Doc # 13423110 dated 22 November 2018) be received.

The motion was put and carried (WTCG18/16)

**Closing Comments and Karakia Whakamutanga**

(Agenda Item 12)

The closing statements were made by the Co-Chairs, before the meeting closed with a karakia.

Co-Chair Alan Livingston for the Waikato Regional Council:

- Congratulated Parekawhia McLean for her new appointment at the Counties Manukau District Health Board.
- The staff and governors were thanked for their work to date and emphasised that there is a need for continued meaningful engagement.
- He wished everyone a safe and restful summer holiday.

Co-Chair Rukumoana Shaafhausen for Waikato-Tainui:

- It was noted that both organisations had worked well together to date and emphasised the need for a strategic and meaningful approach.
- The councillors were thanked for their input to the meeting.
• She wished everyone a safe and happy summer break.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm.
Waikato Regional Council

Finance Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Monday, 11 February, 2019, 10:00 am
Location: Council Chamber
Waikato Regional Council
401 Grey Street
Hamilton East

Members Present: Cr J Hennebry (Chair)
Cr D Minogue
Cr S Kneebone
Cr B Quayle
Cr A Livingston (ex-officio Chairperson)

Staff Present: C Crickett - Director – Integrated Catchment Management
J van Rossem - Biodiversity Project Manager
A Thomas - Biodiversity Officer
L Van Veen - Democracy Advisor

In Attendance: Cr F Lichtwark
Cr K White
Phil Lyons – Chief Executive Officer, Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust
1. **Apologies**

The apology from Councillor H Vercoe (Deputy Chair) was received – noting he was on other council business.

*FC19/01*

**Moved by:** Cr A Livingston  
**Seconded by:** Cr B Quayle

**RESOLVED**  
THAT the apology of Cr H Vercoe (on other council business) be accepted.

The motion was put and carried

2. **Confirmation of Agenda**

It was decided that due to Item 5 on the agenda involving an outside speaker, that this item would be considered ahead of Item 4.

*FC19/02*

**Moved by:** Cr D Minogue  
**Seconded by:** Cr J Hennebry

**RESOLVED**  
THAT the agenda of the Finance Committee of 11 February 2019 be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried

3. **Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

4. **Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust - Six Monthly Financial Report July to December 2018**

Presented by the Chief Executive Officer, Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust (MEIT) (Phil Lyons), the report provided a summary of the MEIT operational and financial activity for the period July to December 2018.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- January 2019 saw record visitor numbers to Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari – being 11% ahead year to date. Furthermore, a recent species survey shows an increase in kokako and Hochstetter’s frog populations, highlighting that increased visitor numbers were not affecting flourishing flora and fauna.
- Other highlights over the past few months include sixteen kiwi being released, through partnership with “Kiwis for Kiwi” and a takahe giving birth to twins which is a rare occurrence.
- Work to finalise an asset management plan for the main fence is being undertaken.
The December monsoon weather resulted in two breaches of the fence. Monitoring showed that the first breach did not result in pest incursion. However, the second breach did result in mice gaining access to the enclosure. These mice were quickly cleared by trapping operations. The fence was sufficiently repaired after both breaches.

The Trust undertook to provide the committee with an updated profit and loss statement.

Discussion centred on the current level of funding by key stakeholders and also opportunity for funding from other sources. Multi-year funding contributions are in place, a significant contributor being Trust Waikato providing $100,000 per year with other funders providing similar contributions. Working on building relationships with corporate entities in the hope this will bring further funding opportunities this financial year. Noted the Department of Conservation funding contribution is currently being reviewed.

November/December figures show low visitor numbers resulting in reduced revenue. Largely due to adverse weather, this was offset by the higher than average visitor numbers in January. Forecasted revenue was still lower than projected, however this was being carefully managed through operational efficiency savings. Confident that the project will achieve budget by end of this financial year.

Recent employment of a marketing expert can be correlated to the increase in visitor numbers in January. Also looking to bring in high end package tours in order to gain a better yield on foot traffic. Locals still account for 50% of visitors.

A question was raised re the status of construction of the new entrance. The entrance has been completed and has been in use since 21 January. The new entrance requires a swipe card to access, ensuring improved security and better capturing of revenue from visitors.

A member queried the process of exporting kiwi from the mountain back to their local areas. A process has been developed in collaboration with iwi and involves release at a certain age or when the mountain capacity reaches 50%. Release was also to be in accordance with set protocol outlined within the associated permits. The mountain has capacity for up to 600 kiwi.

The Trust is submitting an application for funding of a new education centre to the Lotteries Commission in March.

Funding applications to MBIE have also been submitted to cover the costs of a new carpark.

A member queried the failure of the newly installed electric fence insulators and the manufacturer’s liability. It was noted that the manufacturer was taking responsibility for this failure.

It was queried whether breaches are being mapped so as to determine trends over time. The Trust confirmed this is standard practice and committed to providing up to date maps in their next report to the committee.

A question was raised as to whether hawks eat the chicks within the enclosure. The Trust committed to investigate this further and to report back on findings as part of their next report to the committee. Anecdotally, there is not significant evidence of this.

A member queried processes in place to ensure spread of kauri dieback disease does not occur. The Trust advised that they are currently developing biosecurity processes in collaboration with the landowners and will provide a progress update in their next report to the committee.
• A member queried whether the annual grant includes GST and whether this was claimed back. Staff confirmed this was the case.
• An update on the governance board was provided, highlighting that Graeme Parker has been recently appointed as a new landowner trustee. This leaves one landowner and one community board vacancy yet to be filled.

FC19/03

Moved by: Cr B Quayle
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust - Six Monthly Financial Report July to December 2018” (Doc# 13714194 dated 29 January 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

4. Preserve New Chum for Everyone Inc. - Request for Assistance from Natural Heritage Fund - An Update

Presented by the Director Integrated Catchment Management (C Crickett), the report provided the committee with an update on the New Chum/Wainuiototo Beach request, received from the group Preserve New Chum for Everyone Inc. (PNCFE), for financial assistance from the Natural Heritage Fund to undertake an ecological survey of the area and for the development of a collaborative ownership and protection model.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

• The committee was reminded that the request had been discussed prior at the November Finance Committee with subsequent referral to the December Council meeting for further discussion. The resulting discussion/procedural motion was that the matter be left to lie on the table until sufficient supporting information could be provided back to council.
• Council staff had since contacted one of the relevant landowners who resides in the area and freely obtained technical information being provided to the Environment Court to progress the development. Staff advised there were two affected landowners, one of whom resides overseas and so was not readily contactable. The landowner’s evidence to the Environment Court provides substantial technical information including ecological evidence. The evidence provided was tabled at the committee meeting and is publicly available.
• It was highlighted that PNCFE are a well-recognised group within the Coromandel community, however had not provided evidence of working with the landowner to explore concerns.
• Members raised questions about the ability of district plans to restrict development within areas deemed to have significant natural area or outstanding natural landscape status under the Resource Management Act (RMA).
• The committee determined that due to the fact that the subdivision proposal is already being explored within an RMA process, with ecological evidence being provided into that process, the request for funding should be refused.
The committee remained open to discussion with the landowner and PNCFE when the outcome of the TCDC district plan process has been confirmed.

Staff committed to communicating to PNCFE and the relevant landowner the resulting decision of the committee following this meeting.

**FC19/04**

**Moved by: Cr D Minogue**
**Seconded by: Cr A Livingston**

**RESOLVED**

That the report ‘Preserve New Chum for Everyone Inc. - Request for Assistance from Natural Heritage Fund - An Update’ (Doc # 13676454 dated 22 January 2019) be received; and

That the request for funding from the Preserve New Chum for Everyone Inc. group to prepare an ecological survey and to develop a collaborative ownership and protection model be declined but the committee remain open to a conversation as to the future of New Chums Beach at the conclusion of the current Resource Management Act process.

The motion was put and carried

The meeting was closed at 11.01am

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Chair
Waikato Regional Council

Hearings Appointment Subcommittee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, 12 February, 2019, 9:00 am
Location: Council Chamber
Waikato Regional Council
401 Grey Street
Hamilton East

Members Present: Cr A Livingston (Chairman)
Cr B Simcock
Cr J Hayman

Staff: B Sinclair (Manager – Industry and Infrastructure)
J Cox (Team Leader – Democracy Services)
T Bio (Democracy Advisor)
1. **Apologies**

No apologies were received.

2. **Confirmation of Agenda**

HAS19/01

Moved by: Cr Livingston  
Seconded by: Cr Simcock

THAT the agenda of the Hearings Appointment Subcommittee of 12 February 2019 be confirmed as business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried

3. **Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

4. **Resource Consent Hearing for Fonterra Te Awamutu**

Report to seek the appointment of a hearing Committee to hear and decide an application lodged by Fonterra to renew resource consents to discharge treated wastewater, discharge stormwater and operate and maintain structures on the bed of the Mangapiko Stream.

Points to note were:

- Waipa District Council had no involvement in this process.
- This was a replacement consent for existing water discharges in Te Awamutu. The application was publicly notified and limited number of submissions had been received.
- A Councillor questioned how experienced the proposed Commissioners were. Staff provided the curriculum vitae for the Commissioners and provided assurance that the Commissioners were very experienced and had worked in Hearings for over 20 years. Both Commissioners had been appointed by Waikato Regional Council for other hearings.
- Councillors asked that the curriculum vitae of potential commissioners be attached to the hearings paper for future meetings.

HAS19/02

Moved by: Cr Simcock  
Seconded by: Cr Hayman

1. **THAT** the report Resource Consent Hearing for Fonterra Te Awamutu (Doc #13718418 dated 29 January 2019) be received, and
2. That a Hearing Committee be established in terms of the Resource Management Act 1991 to hear and decide an application for resource consent together with all the relevant ancillary powers under the Act from Fonterra (Application No. APP 137799) to discharge treated wastewater, discharge stormwater and to maintain structures on the bed of the Mangapiko Stream.

3. THAT Independent Commissioners Rob van Voorthuysen (jointly appointed Chair), Ian Boothroyd (Waikato Regional Council’s appointee) and Poto Davies (Waikato River Authority’s appointee) be appointed to the Hearing Committee.

The motion was put and carried

5. Resource Consent Hearing for Van den Brink Limited

Report to seek the appointment of a hearing Committee to hear and decide an application from Van den Brink (2844) Limited for air discharge (dust and odour), earthworks, diversion of water and installation of culverts.

Points to note were:

- The proposed commissioners were experienced and Waikato Regional Council has appointed them on a number of occasions.
- Staff highlighted that these proposed commissioners had been agreed to by Waikato District Council staff.
- A member remained concerned that it was the same people appointed to the same areas. The member highlighted the need for others to gain experience from these hearings. In response, staff outlined that there are a limited number of air quality scientists. Others with appropriate skills sets had been contacted but were unavailable for the potential hearing dates.
- Staff from Resource Use reminded the Committee that they were there as a regulatory body. It was highlighted that there is a view that as a s42A reporter, they advise Statutory Processes of the areas that need specialists and Statutory Processes find Commissioners with the relevant skill sets to propose to the Hearings Appointment Subcommittee for approval.
- Staff noted that they could engage with fellow regional councils and share the pool of commissioners so that there is a wider range of possible Commissioners for future hearings. Members agreed with this as it would then give an opportunity for new Commissioners to sit with experienced Commissioners in a hearing.
- Members directed staff to the third recommendation. Because this was a joint hearing, members requested that resolution three be reworded as the following: the Independent Commissioners David Hill and Bruce Graham be appointed to the Hearing Committee subject to the agreement of Waikato District Council.
HAS19/03

Moved by: Cr Livingston
Seconded by: Cr Simcock

1. THAT the report Resource Consent Hearing for Van den Brink Limited (Doc #13720525 dated 29 January 2019) be received, and

2. THAT a Hearing Committee be established in terms of the Resource Management Act 1991 to hear and decide an application for resource consent with all the relevant ancillary powers under the Act from Van den Brink (2844) Limited (App139105) to discharge contaminants to air, earthworks, diversion of water and installation of culverts at a new commercial meat chicken farm in Maramaru.

3. THAT Independent Commissioners David Hill and Bruce Graham be appointed to the Hearing Committee, subject to the agreement of Waikato District Council.

The motion was put and carried
Meeting closed at 9.25am.

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Chair
Strategy and Policy Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, 12 February, 2019, 10:00 am
Location: Council Chamber
Waikato Regional Council
401 Grey Street
Hamilton East

Members Present: Cr B Simcock (Chair)
Cr T Mahuta (Deputy Chair)
Cr J Hayman
Cr J Hennebry
Cr S Husband
Cr F Lichtwark
Cr A Livingston
Cr D Minogue
Cr S Kneebone
Cr B Quayle
Cr R Rimmington
Cr H Vercoe
Cr K White

In Attendance: V Payne (Chief Executive)
T May (Director Science and Strategy)
N Williams (Director Community and Services)
C Crickett (Director Integrated Catchment Management)
M Tamura (Manager – Infrastructure and Integration)
J Cox (Team Leader – Democracy Services)
1. **Apologies**

   Apologies were received from Cr Hodge.

   **SPC19/01**
   **Moved by:** Cr B Quayle
   **Seconded by:** Cr J Hayman
   **RESOLVED**
   THAT the apologies of Cr Hodge be accepted.

   The motion was put and carried

2. **Confirmation of Agenda**

   The agenda was confirmed as circulated with no changes or additions proposed.

   **SPC19/02**
   **Moved by:** Cr B Quayle
   **Seconded by:** Cr J Hennebry
   **RESOLVED**
   THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee of, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

   The motion was put and carried

3. **Disclosures of Interest**

   There were no disclosures of interest.

4. **Update from Communications and Engagement**

   Report to provide information to the Committee on the Council digital communications activity for the period 27 November 2018 to 4 February 2019. Website activity is measured from 1 November 2018 to 31 January 2019.

   The report was presented by the Manager Communications and Engagement (N Chrisp).

   During questions, answers and related discussion the following points were noted:

   - Feedback was provided with the double page spread relating to gold card holders that was run in the paper every quarter. The member advised they had received requests through Grey Power for the bus related information to be updated to provide maps and routes so gold card holders know where they can get to.
   - A member noted a report that had been received by the Environmental Services and Performance Committee on the 2016 and 2017 incidents relating to Koura at Putaruru and that it may be a story to share through the social media networks. At the time of
the incidents the topic was one that was highly searched in Google. Sharing of the report may assist to close off that loop for the public.

- Members were advised that council used an engagement framework to determine the best communication methods to be used. The campaigns are largely digital and include print as well as direct mail. In addition upcoming campaigns include open days and print adverts.
- A member offered to provide a paper from a recent conference in Canberra to staff that highlighted forward thinking and the use of artificial intelligence for councils.
- Information that was fed back to staff through a consultation process was provided to the council’s feedback and complaints process, which meant that statistics could be provided and ensured that issues could be appropriately addressed by the right people.

Cr S Husband left the meeting at 10:04 am.

SPC19/03
Moved by: Cr F Lichtwark
Seconded by: Cr A Livingston
RESOLVED
THAT the report ‘Digital Communications Report for November 2018 to February 2019’ (Doc# 13767164) be received.

The motion was put and carried

5. Inter-Regional Marine Pest Pathway Plan Engagement Approach and Report

Report to note the discussion document ‘Better Rules for Marine Pest? Etahi tikanga pai ato mo te arai orota o te moana?’ for information and dialogue and approval.

The report was presented by the Integrated Catchment Services Manager (P Whaley).

Cr S Husband joined the meeting at 10:13 am.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following points were noted:

- A member noted concern that the potential budget of $700,000 to implement the programme was not highlighted in the consultation document. Further concern was expressed in regard to the tone of the report noting that compliance and investigation and enforcement as opposed to education would be the approach taken by council. In response it was noted that while the figure had been used indicatively within the report, there was no identified cost or budget associated, nor was there a predetermined outcome. The document was a collaborative document for the four regions to discuss with their communities to establish the feeling of the community.
- Some members noted an opinion that it was more appropriate for the initiative to be driven by Central Government and Ministry for Primary Industries, rather than the four Regional Councils. In response other members noted that it was a broader issue across the whole pest funding space. Members were advised that conversation was continuing with the Ministry, and also with the marine association, who were in support of the discussion document.
• A member noted their support for the collaborative document and going out to the community to encourage discussion and noted interest in the four collaborators to the document. Members were advised that there had been a drive through UNISA and that other regional councils were keeping a watching brief over the results of the discussion document.

• Members noted that the document did not highlight that there may be costs associated with any pest management action plan. In response it was noted that the document was designed to start discussion with the communities to see whether the plan was wanted, then with the feedback there would be further input from Council to determine what was to be done, at what level and what support would be coming from the Ministry.

• Members noted interest in expanding the document to highlight that there may be costs involved in implementation and seeking proposed options through the feedback for proposed funding options. Members were advised that while Council was part of the group developing the document, Council was not an author of the document and as such proposed inclusions to the text would need to go back through the other councils which would take time. By way of meeting the interests of the members it was proposed that a document be drafted, specifically for the Waikato Region that highlighted the members concerns around costs. This document could then be shared with the other councils for their information and consideration.

Staff Recommendations 1 and 2 were moved and seconded.

The motions were carried.

Discussion ensued on the third recommendation.

Speaking for the motion members noted that the document was only proposed to go out for discussion and early consultation and there were no commitments to an action plan or commitment to funding options or guarantee of costs. Members noted awareness that this was a preliminary discussion and noted wariness at including too much detail around costs at this early stage.

Speaking against the motion a member raised concern that the plan would not be re-submitted back to the committee or council for confirmation.

It was confirmed for members that Staff would generate an additional document/page that would be presented alongside the discussion document, that highlighted for the Waikato Region the potential for costs with identified options, and that the options would include status quo.

Cr Husband noted his vote against the third motion.

SPC19/04
Moved by: Cr J Hayman
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone
RESOLVED
THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:


The motion was put and carried

SPC19/05
Moved by: Cr J Hayman
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

RESOLVED
THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

2. Notes the draft discussion document presentation to the Strategy and Policy Committee for their information and discussion and approved by the Director Integrated Catchment Management, prior to its release for consultation.

The motion was put and carried

SPC19/06
Moved by: Cr B Simcock
Seconded by: Cr J Hayman

RESOLVED
THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

3. delegates authority to staff to make minor changes to the discussion document and / or engagement plan prior to the start of the consultation, including addition to the text to highlight potential costs regarding the identified options, and including an option for the status quo to remain.

The motion was put and carried

Cr Husband voted against the motion.

6. **Predator Free 2050 Discussion Guide**

Report to seek approval from the committee on the content, and subsequent lodgement, of the Waikato Regional Council’s submission to the Department of Conservation on its Predator Free 2050 discussion guide.

The report was presented by Integrated Catchment Services Manager (P Whaley).

During questions, answers and related discussion the following points were noted:

- In response to a question of funding members were advised that Predator Free 2050 Limited were seeking further funding.
A member asked whether reference could be made to research in to Flurocitrate within the submission. In response members noted that the submission and the document was a broad high level document and focus on a specific chemical may distract from the tenure of the submission. By way of agreement members were advised that a sentence could be included under point D Q7 that would highlight the potential gap in analysis science.

Cr F Lichtwark left the meeting at 11:31 am.

SPC19/07
Moved by: Cr A Livingston
Seconded by: Cr B Quayle
RESOLVED

1. THAT the report ‘Waikato Regional Council submission to the Department of Conservation Predator Free 2050 discussion guide’ (DOC# 13734978) be received; and

2. THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee approve the ‘Submission from Waikato Regional Council on Department of Conservation’s PF2050 discussion guide’ (13735512) for lodgement to the Department of Conservation.

The motion was put and carried

Crs Husband & White voted against the motion.

Cr F Lichtwark joined the meeting at 11:32 am.

7. Submission on the Productivity Commission’s Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Financing

Report to seek approval from the Committee of the Waikato Regional Council’s submission to the Productivity Commission’s inquiry into Local Government Funding and Financing.

The report was presented by Team Leader Implementation (L Balsom) and Senior Policy Advisor (H Beavan).

During questions, answers and related discussion the following points were noted:

- Members noted the Chair, Committee Chair and the Chief Executive had attended a briefing with the Productivity Commission and from that briefing came away with the feeling that the Commission had an increasing understanding of the challenges faced by Local Government.

- Members noted references to the cost of treaty settlements and the protection from the risk of flood and indicated that the submission could be more direct in regard to these submission points. There was growing concern around the impact of these costs on ratepayers.
Members noted a large number of points which were recorded by staff and assurances given that changes in accordance with these matters would be made to the submission.

Key matters raised by members related to:

- An increase in business as usual costs – highlighting the impact of health and safety issues and environmental compliance issues. For clarity it was proposed that the point be expanded to address the cost of asset renewals and the cost of the rules around compliance, rather than addressing the cost of environmental issues.
- Changes to current funding framework – a note to reference the fact that Council can’t charge for non-consented activities but would like to.
- Development contributions, where a territorial authority can claim them but a regional council couldn’t. These contributions would go some way to being able to support remediation of issues from developments.
- Increase reference to the targeted ratings, and pointing out future flood infrastructure that will be required to be maintained and the benefits and costs of ongoing maintenance of these assets for beneficiaries.
- Inclusion of depreciation issue. They proposed the use of the Long Term Plan graphs that included the gap showing what council could fund over the years.
- Insert reference to the three waters challenges in the submission and that there were a number of areas in the business where it was highlighted growth in the district was having an impact on the city’s three waters.
- Include reference to the growing need for science inputs, to support Council’s decision making and governance. This was due to the impression that Council was doing more than others in the science area and that this had evolved from the changing role of Central Government.
- A member noted that GST collected within the region was not returned to support the region, and their concern that Council collected GST on rates, effectively taxing them twice.

Cr S Husband left the meeting at 11:41 am.

- Provision of the earlier staff reports around flood control and around treaty settlements would add to the submission for council as further supporting evidence.
- The impact of the cost of depreciation on assets came from the fact that the need to account for depreciation was not present for many years so there had been a period of catch-up to apply the cost in the later years.
- Targeted rates were an important aspect for council and there was a need to be careful not to indicate they should go.
- Reference to external borrowing was not clear, and while it was noted that the borrowing was for assets, there was benefits to the council for being able to borrow larger amounts of funding externally and through local government fund.
- Clarify how a four year election cycle would address this point, there was no correlation found in the statement.
- Further information could be added to points 16 and 17 on the effectiveness of Long Term Plans as they felt more could be done with consultation processes.

In summary the CE highlighted the issues that had been raised with the commission:
• The changing goalposts by central government. The fact that Council has embarked on projects like Healthy Rivers to address a need for the region to be met with and National Policy Statement on Freshwater in 2011, updated in 2014, 2017 and the knowledge of further amendments to come.

• The first schedule process for the Resource Management Act. The Act was an almost 30 year old document and at the time it was written there weren’t the same constraints on resources or the complexity that there was now. Some of the complexity was a social issue rather than a technical issue. A review would represent an opportunity to address this.

Cr S Husband joined the meeting at 11:47 am.

SPC19/08
Moved by: Cr B Simcock
Seconded by: Cr J Hayman

RESOLVED

1. THAT the report 'Submission on the Productivity Commissions Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Financing' (Doc #13647045 dated 25 January 2019) be received.

2. THAT the committee approves the ‘Waikato Regional Council submission to the Productivity Commission inquiry into Local Government Funding and Financing’ (Doc #13341745) for lodgement with the Productivity Commission, where those matters raised by members are reflected in the final submission lodged with the Commission.

The motion was put and carried

8. Submission to Upper North Island Supply Chain Study

Report to seek approval from the Committee on the content, and subsequent lodgement, of the Waikato Regional Council’s submission on questions relating to the development of the Upper North Island Supply Chain Strategy.

The report was presented by Special Projects Advisor (B McMaster) and the Manager Integration and Infrastructure (M Tamura).

During questions, answers and related discussion the following points were noted:

• Members noted the impression that the questions from the panel were potentially predetermined.
• Members noted concern at the extra cost to freight for the region if the main import/export port was in Northland.
• A member noted that from a recent field trip with the Bay of Plenty Regional Transport Committee to the Port of Tauranga, there were concerns from the port that highlighted that market forces were a more appropriate indicator of port use than regional or economic development opportunities.
• There had been considerable investment into regional and inter-regional infrastructure and any changes to this would put a strain on the assets both public and private.
• Members noted that the concern for the region would be rail rather than congestion in Auckland and suggested that investment in rail, either dual track at Whangamarino or a new route would be of benefit for the region, and that this point should be highlighted more in the submission.

SPC19/09
Moved by: Cr H Vercoe
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

RESOLVED
1. THAT the report ‘Waikato Regional Council submission on the development of the Upper north Island Supply Chain Strategy’ (Doc # 13726262 dated 25 January 2019) be received

2. THAT the committee approve the ‘Waikato Regional Council submission to the Upper North Island Supply Chain Strategy’ (Doc # 13702743) for lodgement to Ministry of Transport, where those matters raised by members are reflected in the final submission lodged with the Commission.

The motion was put and carried

9. Sea Change Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan – Update on Central Government Activity

Report to update the Committee on recent Central Government activity in relation to the Sea Change Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan.

The report was presented by Senior Policy Advisor (B Bunting).

Members took the report as read and noted the reference to a further update being reported to Council at the end of the month.

Cr S Husband left the meeting at 12:35 pm.

Cr H Vercoe left the meeting at 12:36 pm.

SPC19/10
Moved by: Cr R Rimmington
Seconded by: Cr B Quayle

RESOLVED
1. THAT the report “Sea Change Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan – update on Central Government activity” (Doc # 13686749 dated 23 January 2019) be received.

2. THAT the Committee note that preliminary feedback from WRC staff has been provided to government officials on the Sea Change Ministerial Advisory Committee.

The motion was put and carried
Resolution to Exclude the Public

SPC19/11
Moved by: Cr F Lichtwark
Seconded by: Cr T Mahuta

Resolution to Exclude the Public

RESOLVED
THAT the public be excluded from the following part/s of the meeting:

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item Name: Resource Consent Application regarding Ngatea Southern Estate

Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.

That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists. Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on sections 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

- Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information (Section 7(2)(b)(ii))

The motion was put and carried

The meeting returned to open meeting at 1.10pm.
The meeting closed at 1.10pm.
CE Employment and Remuneration Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, 12 February, 2019, 2:00 pm
Location: Council Chamber  
Waikato Regional Council  
401 Grey Street  
Hamilton East

Members Present: Cr A Livingston - Chairman  
Cr T Mahuta - Deputy Chairperson  
Cr R Simcock  
Cr J Hennebry  
Cr H Vercoe  
P Loof - HR Consultant - P Loof Consulting

In Attendance: Cr J Hayman  
Cr S Husband  
Cr F Lichtwark  
Cr K White

Staff Present: V Payne - Chief Executive Officer  
J Cox - Team Leader Democracy Services
1. **Apologies**

There were no apologies for the meeting.

2. **Confirmation of Agenda**

   CEERC19/01
   Moved by: Cr A Livingston  
   Seconded by: Cr J Hennebry

   THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Waikato Regional Council of, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

   The motion was put and carried

3. **Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

4. **Resolution to Exclude the public**

   CEERC19/02
   Moved by: Cr A Livingston  
   Seconded by: Cr J Hennebry

   RECOMMENDED THAT the public be excluded from the following part/s of the meeting:

   The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

   Items:
   5.1 2018/19 second quarter CE KPI Results
   5.2 Pulse Employee Wellbeing Survey
   5.3 Insights to Employee Turnover
   5.4 Implementation and management of the Personnel Policy
   5.5 CE Mid year Review 2018/19

   Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.

   That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.

   Section 48(1)(a)
This resolution is made in reliance on sections 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

- Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (Section 7(2)(a))

THAT Paul Loof of Paul Loof Consulting be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of the CE employment. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because he is the consultant to Council.

The motion was put and carried

Meeting returned to Open at 4.10pm.

Meeting closed at 4.10pm
Waikato Regional Council

Integrated Catchment Management Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, 13 February, 2019, 10:00 am
Location: Council Chamber
Waikato Regional Council
401 Grey Street
Hamilton East

Members Present:
Cr S Husband (Joint-Chair ICMC North)
Cr S Kneebone (Joint-Chair ICMC South)
Cr F Lichtwark
Cr D Minogue
Cr J Hayman
Cr K Hodge
Cr K White
Cr A Livingston (ex-officio Chairman) (from 10.10am)
Cr T Mahuta (ex-officio Deputy Chairperson)
N Haines (Deputy Chair - Lake Taupo Catchment Committee)
S Strang (Chair - Upper Waikato Catchment Committee)
M Moana-Tuwhangai (Chair - Central Waikato Catchment Committee)
W Maag (Chair - West Coast Catchments Committee and Deputy Chair – Waipa Catchment Committee)
R Barton (Chair - Waipa Catchment Committee)

In Attendance
K Holmes (Lower Waikato Catchment Committee)

Staff Present:
C Crickett (Director - Integrated Catchment Management)
G Ryan (Manager Business and Technical Services)
A Munro (Manager Hauraki, Coromandel Catchments)
A McLeod (Manager Lake Taupo, Upper Waikato Catchments)
B Toohey (Manager Lower Waikato, Waipa, West Coast Catchments)
L VanVeen (Democracy Advisor)
M Poole (Democracy Advisor)
SECTION A: UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Lower Waikato Catchment Committee Chair M Lumsden, Lower Waikato Catchment Committee Deputy Chair K Deihl, Coromandel Catchment Committee Chair J Sanford, Coromandel Catchment Committee Deputy Chair J Morrison, Waihou Piako Catchment Committee Chair R Hicks and Lake Taupo Catchment Committee Chair S Yerex.

ICM19/01

Moved by: Cr S Kneebone  
Seconded by: Cr D Minogue

RESOLVED

THAT the apologies of the Lower Waikato Catchment Committee Chair M Lumsden, Lower Waikato Catchment Committee Deputy Chair K Deihl, Coromandel Catchment Committee Chair J Sanford, Coromandel Catchment Committee Deputy Chair J Morrison, Waihou Piako Catchment Committee Chair R Hicks and Lake Taupo Catchment Committee Chair S Yerex be accepted.

The motion was put and carried

2. Confirmation of Agenda

ICM19/02

Moved by: Cr S Kneebone  
Seconded by: Cr D Minogue

RESOLVED

THAT the agenda for the 13 February 2019 meeting of the Integrated Catchment Management Committee, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried

3. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

- Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 December 2018
- Extract from Council meeting held on 12 December 2018

ICM19/03

Moved by: W Maag  
Seconded by: Cr K Lichtwark

RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Integrated Catchment Management Committee meeting of 5 December 2018 (Doc# 13504602) be approved as a true and correct record.
5. **Issues/Actions from Integrated Catchment Management Meetings**

The Director of Integrated Catchment Management (C Crickett) presented the report back on the actions and issues discussed from the previous committee meeting held on 5 December 2018.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- As part of the Biosecurity reporting (October 2018 meeting) some questions were raised about an incident during pest control operations in the Pio Pio area. Understood that this was to be reported through to the Environmental Services & Performance Committee however this matter has been deemed out of scope for that committee.

Arrive Cr A Livingston 10.10am

- Agreed a report be prepared for the next ICMC meeting. Cr White to relay the information/details she has to staff after the conclusion of this meeting. Useful to clarify the terms of reference scope of Committees to ensure topics/issues are appropriately reported.
- With respect to the s128 review process (reported via the Lower Waikato Catchment Committee) it was requested that the matter be reported directly to this Committee. Useful for the Catchment Committee Chairs from other areas to be informed about the specific case and the process.
- The s128 regulatory process is ongoing with the ‘affected parties’ identification currently being completed. An update report will be included on the agenda for the next (20 February) Lower Waikato Catchment Committee meeting.
- With respect to the Waihou-Piako Catchment Committee recommendation to support the removal of the old Kopu Bridge, noted that further technical information has been sought. Advised that the Historical Society is seeking to preserve the bridge and the Committee’s recommendation may conflict with this ‘preserve’ objective.

ICM19/04

**Moved by:** Cr F Lichtwark  
**Seconded by:** S Strang

**RESOLVED**

THAT the report ‘Issues/Actions from Integrated Catchment Management Meetings’ (Document# 13573283 dated 31 January 2019) be received for information.

The motion was put and carried

6. **Integrated Catchment Management Groups of Activities Financial Status Report to the end of December 2018**

The Manager Business and Technical Services (G Ryan) presented the report to provide the committee with the financial status of programmes and activities that fall within the scope of the committee.
During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- In general variances relate to the phasing of expenditure over the financial year, with zone specific differences.
- The next financial report will include updated forecasting for the end of financial year and identify any proposed carry forward items.
- Dam management funding lies within each flood protection activity/zone - Lower Waikato, Waihou Piako and Central Waikato.

**ICM19/05**

**Moved by:** Cr S Kneebone  
**Seconded by:** Cr S Husband  
**RESOLVED**  
**THAT** the report "Integrated Catchment Management Groups of Activities Financial Status Report to the end of December 2018" (Document # 13675362 dated 23 January 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

7. **Update on Hill Country Erosion Fund and One Billion Tree Funding**

The Integrated Catchment Management Principal Advisor (K Neilson) presented the report to provide an overview on recent discussions, decisions and announcements concerning the 'Hill Country Erosion Fund' (HCEF) and 'One Billion Tree' (1BT) funding opportunities.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- The update on the Hill Country Erosion Fund (HCEF) funding applications was taken as read.
- With respect to the One Billion Trees Programme being led by Te Uru Rakau (Forestry NZ), clarified that half the total (500M) is expected to be delivered through existing programmes and funding is only available for additional planting under this initiative.
- While this is a ten year programme, it is focussed on planting additional trees and not on ongoing and longer term maintenance requirements and costs. The quantum and scope of “maintenance” will vary depending on the species being planted - poles and natives (low) through to pinus radiata (high).
- Waikato Regional Council has raised the question/issue of maintenance, the associated costs/funding and where the responsibility will lie via its submission. Needs a national discussion and agreed response/outcome. Advised that maintenance inevitably falls back on owners.
- The workload from upscaling the planting programme by double will not be able to be managed by existing resources, but not yet known/quantified what and how much additional resource would be required. Factors like the level of programme uptake and the tree species chosen will affect the outcome.
- A question was posed as to whether there was sufficient nursery capacity within the region to supply the increased numbers of different tree species required. Availability of supply could potentially be a constraining factor.
- For locations looking to plant trees for erosion management purposes, people with appropriate soil conservation/land management knowledge are needed to provide good
advice. The Taupo office has been involved in the discussions and noted recent (summer 2018) erosion issues in the Upper Waikato area during heavy rain events in December/January.

- A range of questions, observations and responses were raised with respect to the following considerations and issues:
  - The reason/s for planting including erosion control, land ‘retirement’, future economic gain, environmental benefits such as biodiversity, water quality and climate change.
  - The type of tree species chosen (the ‘right tree for the right place’) from short life-span Manuka for honey production, exotic species for rotation harvesting right through to native forests in perpetuity and the parameters, opportunities and costs that would apply in each scenario.
  - Balancing the short term (10 year programme) financial/employment/land management gains with the longer term and wider economic, environmental, social and cultural objectives and goals. Need to take an intergenerational view of what we (nationally) want to put in place/achieve and ‘gain’.
  - Not all information about all options/opportunities within the overall programme is publicly available yet. MPI/Te Uru Rakau have further announcements/media releases and provision of programme details to come.
  - A question was raised as to whether there was a case to look at developing a long-term sustainable and economic commercial forestry business for specific native hardwoods - for example totara.

ICM19/06

Moved by: Cr S Kneebone
Seconded by: Cr D Minogue

RESOLVED

THAT the report “Update on Hill Country Erosion Fund and One Billion Tree Funding” (Document #13666528 dated 21 January 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

8. Regional Asset Management Plan (RAMP) adoption

On behalf of the Team Leader Asset Management (L Drysdale), the Manager Business and Technical Services (G Ryan) presented the report to provide an overview of the feedback received from the catchment committees on the Regional Asset Management Plan presented to the committee at its meeting on 6 June 2018. The report also sought adoption of the Regional Asset Management Plan by the committee.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- The Regional Asset Management Plan (RAMP) has been considered by the Integrated Catchment Management Committee and reported to each Catchment Committee for their feedback, with changes made to the RAMP as outlined and now reported back to the Integrated Catchment Management Committee for adoption.
The issue of Dam Safety Management for the twelve detention dams within Flood Protection or Drainage Schemes is separately reported to the Committee (next agenda item).

The purpose of the RAMP is to provide an up-to-date region-wide asset management plan with consistent processes, standards and measures.

Concerns were raised that some weir structures only provide minimal benefit beyond the watercourse/property they are located on, however they are part of the Regional Council’s assets and the cost of maintaining them is borne by wider groups of ratepayers. A view was expressed that weir structures in this ‘category’ should be ‘handed back’ to the respective landowner/s and no longer be a Regional Council asset/responsibility.

Advised that a decision today to adopt the RAMP does not preclude discussion about and any decision/s to undertake a process to identify structures that do not provide wider benefits and then to determine whether the Council should retain or divest itself of that asset.

Part of any such process would need to evaluate the costs and benefits for each identified structure and downstream parties may have a view on the value of any flood or drainage benefits they consider they receive.

Integrated Catchment Management Committee actively looks to work ‘smarter’ in the asset management space to achieve the required works and levels of service - both for flood protection and drainage in the most cost effective way. One example has been the use of comprehensive consents for routine maintenance works, rather than having individual consents for each asset.

**RESOLVED**

1. THAT the report titled “Regional Asset Management Plan adoption” (Doc#13613256 dated 23 January 2019) be received.
2. THAT the Regional Asset Management Plan 2018/19 (Doc#1270560) be adopted.

The motion was put and carried

**9. Dam Safety Management System - Update on Progress**

On behalf of the Team Leader Asset Management (L Drysdale), the Manager Business and Technical Services (G Ryan) presented the report to provide an update on progress of the Dam Safety Management System Programme of works and the next steps occurring in 2019.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- The Dam Safety guidelines are ‘risk-based’ and the majority of the twelve (12) detention dams are in the low impact category. The process undertaken has involved an inspection of each dam to identify any works (capital and/or maintenance) to ensure dam integrity is maintained (ongoing) and the dams operate as intended/required.
The dam safety findings will be reported to each relevant Catchment Committee (Lower Waikato, Waihou-Piako and Central Waikato) or Land Drainage Advisory Committee together with a detailed breakdown of the associated costs for their consideration.

The next step will be for Waikato Regional Council to prioritise, plan and budget for the necessary capital and/or maintenance works, future dam safety inspections and any upgrades and track this through the Dam Safety Management system.

View expressed that given the lack of maintenance over many years, the costs of any works undertaken should be amortised. Requested that a break-down of costs be provided to separately show a) the expenditure on dam inspections and b) the maintenance and any other works required.

Need to undertake a cost/benefit analysis and assess the opportunity cost. Given the lack of maintenance over many years, have the design benefits been dissipated over time? What else has changed since the dams were constructed and will undertaking the maintenance works (e.g. removal of sediment build-up) improve the ‘actual’ level of flood protection or water drainage for the affected downstream properties and communities?

While some information is already available, these dams were constructed during the 1960s to 1970s when today’s flood modelling capability was not available. Cumulative information will also help build a more complete picture of the functioning and benefits received from the dams being in place. Requested that this information be reported to the next Integrated Catchment Management Committee meeting.

Observe that views on fresh water management have evolved over the decades. While the emphasis in the 1960s was flood protection and drainage to maximise usable pastoral land, there is now recognition of a range of negative environmental effects including impacts on water quality, loss of peat soils and wetlands, impacts on biodiversity and that ‘rushing’ freshwater out to the coast as quickly as possible isn’t necessarily the best use of this limited and essential resource.

View expressed that these maintenance issues are not immediately life threatening or urgent and can be planned/budgeted for and undertaken over time should the costs/benefit analysis and other consideration demonstrate the value of the works.

ICM19/08

Moved by: Cr S Kneebone
Seconded by: Cr S Husband

THAT the report “Dam Safety Management System – Update on Progress” (Doc #13598071 dated 4 January 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

10. Light Review Upper Waikato Zone Plan adoption

The Manager Upper Waikato/Taupo (A McLeod) presented the recently reviewed Upper Waikato Zone Plan and sought adoption of the plan by the committee.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- The document has been ‘refreshed’ and wording updated where needed to better reflect the current situation.
The Plan relates to the Upper Waikato zone (as per the Map Fig 3, page 11 Doc #127482520) which does not include Lake Taupo water body.

Section 3.2 Iwi Management Plans identified the Plans that are relevant to the Upper Waikato Zone and the wording included on specific iwi Plan goals, aims and objectives has been recorded from those documents.

The term ‘positively influences’ is achieved through building relationships and trust, with open communication and the willingness to work through issues to achieve mutually agreed outcomes.

The co-management provisions are set out in the Deeds for each of the five Waikato Catchment River Iwi and care needs to be taken to appropriately reference co-management.

Landowners within the Zone are recognised as stakeholders and are represented on the Upper Waikato Catchment Committee.

An example of Waikato Regional Council taking an ‘active’ and collaborative approach within the Upper Waikato zone is the Whirinaki Arm project.

The Waikato River and Waipa River Restoration Strategy has been developed by the Waikato Restoration Forum.

Clarify that the while Ngati Haua and Ngati Koroki Kahukura are iwi with interests in the Upper Waikato Zone they are not two of the specific five co-management River Iwi.

ICM19/09

Moved by: S Strang
Seconded by: Cr S Husband

RESOLVED

1. THAT the report "Light Review Upper Waikato Zone Plan adoption" (Doc# 13678347, dated 22 January 2019) be received.
2. THAT the "Upper Waikato Zone Plan" (Doc# 12748252, dated 22 January 2019) be adopted.

The motion was put and carried

11. Flood Campaign

The Senior Advisor Special Projects (J Beaufill) presented an overview of the proposed communications campaign in relation to Council's flood protection and land drainage schemes, outlining the:

- Reasons why a flood campaign is needed and the communication challenges this presents.
- Key objectives of the campaign and the target audience layers.
- Three phases of the strategic approach proposed.

During questions, answers, related discussion and feedback the following was noted:

- Differing views expressed about using the term “climate change”. Alternatives could include references to sea level rise and extreme weather events.
- A question was raised as to whether the campaign would acknowledge relationships and partnerships, for example Mercury Energy and the role of the Waikato River hydro dam system in managing flood events.
• The general rate contributes to flood protection and the “tertiary audience” aka the general public need to know the importance and value/benefits of flood protection, for example the Rangiriri spillway to protect the SH1 national roading asset.

• Important to be clear that flood protection schemes are not “fail proof” or able to contain every flood event completely. Need an explanation of the different flood protection levels, controls and levels of service being provided, the design levels of stopbanks and flood return period terminology.

• Following the region-wide campaign leverage off the publicity to target messages for particular communities. There was scope for catchment committees to develop follow up communications relating to specific situations for example explaining to people in the Coromandel area why they are in one zone and not the other (Coromandel versus Waihou-Piako).

• Use Council’s links to education (via the Enviroschools programme) to provide schools with information about the ‘high tech’ flood telemetry monitoring/data collection and the economic and community welfare benefits to the region of having these flood protection facilities. If a major flood event has not occurred in an area for a long period of time, young people will not understand the risk that is being managed, for example the township of Otorohanga.

• People need to understand the residual risks, that they are living in highly modified landscapes and that individuals need to take personal responsibility and communities take collective responsibility.

• View expressed that the messaging proposed is unlikely to ‘speak’ to Maori. For iwi their rivers and waterways are an integral part of their identity/place. Make it more relevant for Maori by talking about the flood protection assets being there to help look after the river. The suggestion was made to link to/communicate via iwi websites; talk to Maori Councillors and iwi authorities about the campaign/getting the messages ‘out’.

• Another element to be aware of is many areas do not have flood protection and that there are a range of reasons, apart from economics, why this is the situation.

• The proposed campaign names “Come High Water” was favourably received.

Councillors were invited to provide staff with further feedback on the campaign as presented and discussed.

ICM19/10

Moved by: Cr S Husband
Seconded by: Cr D Minogue

RESOLVED

THAT the report “Flood Campaign” (Doc #13672264 dated 21 January 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried
12. Catchment Committee Meetings November/December 2018

12.1 Waihou-Piako Catchment Committee 5 December 2018

Minutes of the Waihou-Piako Catchment Committee meeting of 5 December 2018.

ICM19/11

Moved by: Cr S Husband
Seconded by: Cr D Minogue

RESOLVED
1. THAT the report of the Waihou-Piako Committee meeting held on 5 December 2018 (Doc# 13453722 be received; and
2. The decisions in Section A of the report be noted; and
3. The recommendations contained in Section B of the report be adopted as follows:

Item 10 - Harris Left Stopbank Design Standard
a) THAT the Design Standard for the Harris Left Stopbank, part of the Kauaeranga River hydraulic service level review be changed to 20 percent annual exceedance probability (AEP), as originally intended.

Item 12 - Muggeridge's Pumpstation update
a) THAT the Waihou-Piako Catchment Committee recommend that the proposed Muggeridge's Pumpstation project go ahead on the basis of a $6 million budget, and that the present approved Funding Policy model stay intact.

b) THAT staff prepare and bring back to the Waihou-Piako Catchment Committee a paper to establish a series of protocols for the management and operation of the proposed Muggeridge's Pumpstation in relation to peat soils in accordance with the strategic direction and intent of the Waikato Regional Council Regional Policy Statement, Policy No. 14.

The motion was put and carried

12.2 Aka Aka Otaua Drainage Advisory Subcommittee 14 December 2018

Minutes of Aka Aka Otaua Drainage Advisory Subcommittee meeting of 14 December 2018.

ICM19/12

Moved by: Cr S Husband
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

RESOLVED
1. THAT the report of the Aka Aka Otaua Land Drainage Subcommittee meeting held on 14 December 2018 (Doc# 13747316) be received; and
2. The decisions in Section A of the report be noted.
The motion was put and carried

Meeting closed 12.50pm
Waikato Regional Council

Environmental and Services Performance Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: 14 February, 2019, 10:02 am
Location: Council Chamber
Waikato Regional Council
401 Grey Street
Hamilton East

Members Present: Cr K White (Chair)
Cr J Hayman
Cr S Husband
Cr F Lichtwark
Cr B Quayle

Staff Present: C McLaren (Director – Resource Use)
B Sinclair (Manager – Industry and Infrastructure)
P Lynch (Manager – Investigation and Incident Response)
T Bio (Democracy Advisor)
SECTION A: UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL

1. **Apologies**

Two apologies were received. One from Cr K Hodge; and one from Cr T Mahuta for lateness.

**ESPC19/01**

Moved By  Cr F Lichtwark  
Seconded By  Cr J Hayman

**RESOLVED**

THAT the apologies of Cr K Hodge; and Cr T Mahuta for lateness be accepted.

The motion was put and carried

2. **Confirmation of Agenda**

The Chair explained that there would be a change in the order of items presented. The following order would be adopted for this meeting:

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Minor topics for discussion only would be addressed at the end of the meeting. There would be no resolution, decision or recommendation made in respect of those topics except to refer to a subsequent meeting.
RESOLVED

THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Environmental and Services Performance Committee of 14 February 2019, as circulated and including the reorder and minor topics as a final item of business, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried

3. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4. Resolution to Exclude the Public

RESOLVED

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the meeting, namely -

Agenda Item 5 – Update on Prosecutions

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public was excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution were as follows:

a. General subject matter: Update on prosecutions

b. Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter: Good reason existed under section 6 or 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

c. Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution: That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would have been
likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding existed under section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

This resolution was made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. The particular interest or interests protected by section 6 and 7 of that Act, which would have been prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public were as follows:

a. To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (section 7(2)(a)).

b. To maintain legal professional privilege (section 7(2)(g)).

c. Maintenance of the law and the right to a fair trial (section 6(a)).

The motion was put and carried

The meeting moved to public excluded session at 10.04am

The meeting returned to open session at 10.36am

6. **Koura death incidents**

This report was presented by Manager – Investigation and Incident Response (P Lynch) with comments provided by Associate Professor N Ling – Faculty of Science and Engineering, University of Waikato; and Senior Incident Response Officer (R Isaac). It provided information in relation to two high profile incidents of koura death.

The Committee noted the following:

- An aerial spray operation had been conducted prior to the koura death incidents. The spray was used to control the Paropsis beetle that killed forestry crop trees (eucalyptus) surrounding the Oraka stream. The spray contained cypermethrin which can be harmful to aquatic life. Harmful concentrations may be undetectable. Post mortems conducted on crayfish may not detect cypermethrin even if it was the lethal agent.

**Cr Husband out of meeting 10.23am**

- There were alternative methods for localising eradication for insect pests in general, such as using pheromone traps, thereby targeting the Paropsis beetle.
- It was noted that set back zones could be established limiting the areas where spray could be used.

**Cr Husband in meeting 10.43am**
• It was suggested that staff might be able to update a future committee meeting on the process that HSNO use to assess criteria of chemicals used for pest insect control and regional plan options.
• The Committee requested that relevant reports published by Associate Professor Ling were circulated to the members for their information. This would provide the members with the information they needed to write a letter to the appropriate authority encouraging further research in this area.
• The Chair and Director thanked presenters and staff for their support and work in this area.

ESPC19/06

Moved By Cr F Lichtwark
Seconded By Cr J Hayman

RESOLVED

That the report 'Koura death incidents and investigation' (Doc # 13680786 dated 29 January 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

7. **Consent Statistics**

Manager – Industry and Infrastructure (B Sinclair) provided an overview of recent work within the consenting section of the Resource Use Directorate.

The Committee noted the following:

• Matamata Metals Supplies resource consent hearing had been adjourned until 19 March 2019.
• The applicant that lodged a suite of applications to establish a wind farm on the Kaimai ranges has requested that the application be referred directly to the Environment Court for a decision. We have yet to make a decision on this request but anticipate we will take our lead from Hauraki District Council as the key issues regarding the proposal fall within that Council’s jurisdiction.
• The application by Happy Valley Milk to take water is still in progress. Other applications relating to the development have been granted.
• The application lodged Wairakei Pastoral Limited, for which the decision has been made to publically notify, is on hold at the request of the applicant. As such notification has not yet occurred.
• A meeting was scheduled for 14 February 2019 in relation to the s128 review process regarding the consent jointly held by the Minister of Conservation and the
Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game Council which authorises the Whangamarino Weir. Those attending the meeting include representatives from Waikato Regional Council’s Integrated Catchment Management team, Department of Conservation and Fish & Game.

- A member positively acknowledged Resource Officer B Murphy’s performance dealing with challenging issues in the North Waikato where communities have raised concern about odour.
- A member requested that a report be bought to a future meeting on impacts of aluminium floc discharged into the environment where that is used as a means of aiding the removal of sediment from stormwater discharges.

ESPC19/07

Moved By  Cr F Lichtwark
Seconded By Cr B Quayle

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Consent Statistics' (Doc # 13730396 dated 31 January 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

8. **Summary of recreational monitoring in freshwater and open-coast beaches during summer 2018-2019**

This report provided a summary of the 2018-2019 summer recreational monitoring programmes (as at 23 January 2019) in freshwater and open-coast beaches of the Waikato region. Staff spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (Doc # 13810266).

The Committee noted the following:

- Faecal source tracking has been added as an additional analysis for recreational monitoring sites showing spikes in number of faecal indicator bacteria. Samples from sites showing spikes above guidelines values have been frozen and will be analysed in March.

**Cr Mahuta in meeting 11.35am**

- Twenty-five degrees celsius was too hot for some algae to grow. This was especially noted with algae levels in Lake Taupō. Temperatures had been too hot for algal blooms of the type that occurred last summer.
- Congratulations was extended for communications between Waikato Regional Council and other stakeholders. Information on levels and results have improved immensely.
- A member asked about responsibility for advising water swimmability after an event. Staff explained that the District Health Board issues and removes health warnings and advises whether a place is safe to swim. The member noted that there had been a lack of
communication to the public regarding this in Huntly. Community members had come to
the constituent councillor seeking advice. Staff acknowledged this was not due to
council’s responsibilities and informed the Committee that there would be a post summer
meeting between agencies to address issues of this type. The issue would be raised in
that forum.
• A member noted that the Waihou River had also been deemed unswimmable over the
summer but the community had not received any more information after the event. Staff
reiterated that Waikato Regional Council staff collect the data and pass the findings to the
District Health Board who ultimately decide on whether the area is swimmable and how
that was to be communicated.

ESPC19/08

Moved By Cr S Husband
Seconded By Cr B Quayle

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Summary of recreational monitoring in freshwater and open-coast
beaches' (Doc # 13731497 dated 05 February 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried


This report provided an overview of the results of a recent analysis of trends in river water
quality in the Waikato region.

The Committee noted the following:

Cr Hayman out of meeting 12.14pm

• Nitrogen levels were rising. This is consistent with observed intensification of land use.
Improvements in ammonia and E. coli at some sites are indicative of improving point
source management. Faecal source tracking (DNA analysis of E.coli) could identify the
animal of origin and help target mitigation actions. At present there was no way to
identify the percentages of different animal origin in a particular sample, but these
techniques are developing rapidly.

Cr Hayman in meeting 12.18pm

• There was a mix of improvements and deteriorations. The results were scientifically
consistent with changes in land use and point source management.
• Part of the solution to excessive nitrogen and phosphorus in the catchments was dealing
with land based nutrients. Analysis of nutrient volumes flowing into the catchment
against amounts that could be removed from rivers and lakes provided important information.

ESPC19/09

Moved By Cr B Quayle
Seconded By Cr F Lichtwark

RESOLVED


The motion was put and carried

10. Minor matters

- It was noted that water being discharged from private swimming pools into storm water systems had the potential to harm our streams and rivers. A member suggested that staff look at working with HCC to advised them and the public of the maximum level of chlorine (parts per million) in pool water that can be discharged as stormwater without negative effects to fish and koura in streams.

- The issue of recent media regarding sediment discharges into a neighbouring pond was discussed. It was noted that Max Gibbs from NIWA had done work on sediment sources and may be able to present to the Committee in future on this topic. Staff would look into this.

Meeting closed at 12.37pm

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Chair