

Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2019** commencing at **9.00am**.

Present:

Cr JM Gibb (Chairperson)
His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson
Cr DW Fulton
Cr SL Henderson
Cr SD Lynch
Cr RC McGuire
Cr BL Main
Cr EM Patterson
Cr JD Sedgwick
Cr NMD Smith
Cr LR Thomson

Attending:

Mr B MacLeod (Raglan Community Board Chair)

Mr G Ion (Chief Executive)
Mr T Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)
Mr R MacCulloch (Deputy General Manager Service Delivery)
Mrs S O’Gorman (General Manager Customer Support)
Mr C Morgan (General Manager Community Growth)
Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning & Policy Manager)
Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer)
Mr B Cathro (Customer Delivery Manager)
Mr W Gauntlett (RM Policy Team Leader)
Ms S Solomon (Corporate Planner)
Ms T Hancock (Senior Communications & Engagement Advisor)
Mrs LM Wainwright (Committee Secretary)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Main)

THAT an apology be received from Councillor Bech, Councillor Church & Councillor McNally.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1909/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Lynch/Sedgwick)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on Wednesday 25 September 2019 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting with the exception of those items detailed at agenda item 8 which shall be considered with the public excluded;

AND THAT all reports be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee resolves that the following item be withdrawn from the agenda:

- **Item No. 7.1 Funding for Karioitahi Hall;**

AND FURTHER THAT Mr MacLeod, Chair of the Raglan Community Board be given speaking rights for the duration of the open section of this meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1909/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Fulton, Councillor Gibb and Councillor Sedgwick advised members of the Committee that they would declare a non financial conflict of interest in the public excluded item 3.1 [*Request by Builtsmart Limited for a Private Plan Change for an area of land in Huntly South – Plan Change 22*].

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Main)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on Wednesday 28 August 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1909/03

RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Resolved: (His Worship the Mayor/Cr Sedgwick)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee held on Thursday 27 June 2019 be received.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1909/04

REPORTS

Waikato District Library Strategy 2019-29 Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*INF1909/02 refers*] and summarised by the Customer Delivery Manager. Discussions were held on the flexibility of the strategy.

The Committee thanked the Customer Delivery team for its work on the Library Strategy.

Resolved: (His Worship the Mayor/Cr Smith)

THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee recommends to Council that the Waikato District Library Strategy 2019-29 be adopted.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1909/05

Notice of Requirement for Rotokauri Greenway Stormwater Designation Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*S&F1909/02 refers*] and summarised by the Resource Management Policy Team Leader. Discussion was held on the discharge capacity of Waikato District Council drainage systems.

Resolved: (Cr Fulton/His Worship the Mayor)

THAT Strategy & Finance Committee recommends to Council that Waikato District Council's submission on Hamilton City Council's Notice of Requirement for the Rotokauri Greenway (as set out in Attachment I to the staff report) be retrospectively approved;

AND THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee recommends that Council delegates authority to the General Manager Community Growth, or his nominee, to speak to the Council's submission at the hearing for the Rotokauri Greenway Notice of Requirement.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1909/06

Councillor Smith abstained from voting on Item 6.2.

Funding for Karioitahi Hall
Agenda Item 7.1

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

Financial Performance Summary for the period ending 31 August 2019
Agenda Item 7.2

The report was received [*S&F1909/02 refers*] and summarised by the Chief Financial Officer. Discussion was held on the following matters:

- Depreciation of assets. Significant level of State Highway assets have been vested in Council and are depreciated when received by Council.
- Disaster Recovery Fund. Council would be building this fund up through the Long Term Plan process back to the level it was in the past.

Local Government Funding Agency Annual Report 2019
Agenda Item 7.3

The report was received [*S&F1909/02 refers*] and summarised by the Chief Financial Officer.

Approved Counterparty Review
Agenda Item 7.4

The report was received [*S&F1909/02 refers*] and summarised by the Chief Financial Officer.

Council Controlled Organisations Annual Reports
Agenda Item 7.5

The report was received [*S&F1909/02 refers*] and summarised by the Chief Financial Officer. Discussion was held on the following matters:

- Waikato Regional Airport Limited – The annual report had been through the audit process but had not been finalised in time for the Committee meeting.
- Waikato Local Authority Shared Services - Statement of Intent targets had improved during the last year.
- Waikato District Community Wellbeing Trust – One non-compliant issue had been resolved.

Presentation of the Annual Report and Summary 2018/19
Agenda Item 7.6

The report was received [*S&F1909/02 refers*] and summarised by the Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Planner. Discussion was held on the following matters:

- Waikato Crime Prevention Trust CCO. Clarification on whether the Trust is exempt from being a CCO. This would be clarified before the new Trust Deed is prepared. The Annual Report will be presented to the Trust at the end of September, and will be received by Council following adoption at the Trust's December Annual General Meeting,
- SWAP portfolio and interest rates. Clarification was given on the interest rate swap loss of \$8M. This is an accounting entry loss and not an actual loss. The Chief Financial Officer advised that an explanation would be placed at the front of the Annual Report Financials.
- Audit NZ had indicated a clear audit for the financial year.
- The October 2019 LINK newsletter would include a summary on the Annual Report.

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Henderson)

THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee:

- a. provide feedback to staff on the Annual Report 2018/19 and Summary; and**
- b. note that the final audited Annual Report 2018/19 and Summary will be presented to the Council for adoption at its 7 October 2019 meeting.**

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1909/07

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Item 8

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Lynch)

THAT the public be excluded from the meeting to enable the Strategy & Finance Committee to deliberate and make decisions on the following items of business:

Confirmation of Minutes dated 28 August 2019

Receipt of Minutes - Audit & Risk Committee dated 27 June 2019

REPORTS

a. Request by Builtsmart Limited for a Private Plan Change for an area of land in Huntly South – Plan Change 22

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

Reason for passing this resolution to withhold exists under:

Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution is:

Section 7(2)(a)(i), (ii)
Section 7(2)(b)(i)

Section 48(1)(a)

b. Waikato District Council / Hamilton City Council Governance Meeting 19 August 2019

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

Reason for passing this resolution to withhold exists under:

Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution is:

Section 7(2)(i)
Section 7(2)(j)

Section 48(1)(a)

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1909/08

AND FURTHER THAT Mr Dawson be permitted to remain in the meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of his knowledge of the resource consent application for Builtsmart Limited – Plan Change 22. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant as Mr Dawson is Waikato District Council's planner for the application.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1909/09

Resolutions S&F1909/10 – S&F1909/13 are contained in the public excluded section of these minutes.

Having concluded the public excluded meeting, the following items were released into open meeting:

REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Request by Builtsmart Limited for a Private Plan Change for an area of land in Huntly South – Plan Change 22

Agenda Item PEX 3.1

It was resolved [*Resolution No. S&F1909/12*] during the public excluded section of the meeting that the following resolution be released into open meeting but the report remain confidential and unavailable to the public:

“THAT the Strategy and Finance Committee recommends to Council that Council accepts the request for Plan Change 22 – Builtsmart Ltd to the Operative Waikato District Plan in whole for processing, and notification as soon as practicable, pursuant to clause 25(2)(b) of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991;

AND THAT the Committee’s resolution be released into open meeting but the report remain confidential and unavailable to the public.

CARRIED on the voices”

Having resumed open meeting and there being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.21am.

Due to the 2019 Local Body Elections, the Chairperson and the Chief Executive Mr GJ Ion, signed the ‘end of term’ September 2019 Strategy & Finance Committee Minutes in accordance with Standing Order 27.4.

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JM Gibb
CHAIRPERSON

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GJ Ion
CHIEF EXECUTIVE