

Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee of the Waikato District Council held by Audio-Visual Conference on **WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 2020** commencing at **9.33 am.**

**Present:**

Cr JM Gibb (Chairperson)  
Cr AD Bech  
Cr JA Church  
Cr CA Eyre  
Cr SL Henderson  
Cr SD Lynch  
Cr FM McNally  
Mrs M Moana Tuwhangai (Maangai Maaori)  
His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson  
Cr JD Sedgwick  
Cr NMD Smith [*from 9.43am*]  
Cr LR Thomson  
Cr CT Woolerton

**Attending:**

Mr J Dawson (CEO, Hamilton & Waikato Tourism)  
  
Mr S Jackson (Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board Chair)  
Ms Kiri Morgan (Ngaruawahia Community Board Deputy Chair)  
  
Mr G Ion (Chief Executive)  
Mr T Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)  
Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer)  
Mr R MacCulloch (General Manager Service Delivery)  
Mrs S O’Gorman (General Manager Customer Support)  
Mr C Morgan (General Manager Community Growth)  
Mr V Ramduny (Strategic Projects Manager)  
Mrs J Dolan (Economic and Community Development Manager)  
Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning and Policy Manager)  
Mr J Fuller (Senior Environmental Planner)  
Ms D Dalbeth (Business Improvement Analyst)  
Ms G Brady (Democracy Advisor)

## **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/ Sedgwick)

THAT an apology be received from Cr McGuire;

AND THAT an apology for lateness be received from Cr Smith.

**CARRIED**

**S&F2007/01**

## **CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS**

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Bech)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on 2 September 2020 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting with open meeting with the exception of those items detailed at agenda item 7 which shall be considered with the public excluded;

AND THAT all reports be received;

AND THAT Mr S Jackson (Chair, Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board) and Ms K Morgan (Deputy Chair, Ngaruawahia Community Board) be given speaking rights for the duration of the open section of this meeting.

AND FURTHER THAT in accordance with Standing Order 9.4 , the Committee notes that the order of business may need to be changed to accommodate the availability of the external presenter for item 6.4 [Hamilton & Waikato Tourism – Annual Report to Waikato District Council – 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020].

**CARRIED**

**S&F2007/02**

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolved: (Crs Eyre/Thomson)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on Wednesday, 22 July 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**CARRIED**

**S&F2007/03**

## **REPORTS**

### Action Register

#### Agenda Item 5.1

The report was received [*S&F2007/02 refers*]. The following matters were discussed:

- Noted that Maangai Maaori roles extended beyond Waikato-Tainui.

### Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Initiative Dashboard

#### Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*S&F2007/02 refers*]. The Strategic Projects Manager spoke to the report and the following matters were discussed:

- Updates were provided on the following:
  - Waikato Sub-Regional Three Waters Study:
    - i. Memorandum of Understanding with government was signed last week which gave Council access to funding allocation.
    - ii. Delivery plan was in place to issue the Council's cost share contribution of \$450,000 to the Sub-Regional study, and \$725,000 to the development of the wastewater detailed business case for the Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Area. Funding would come from the stimulus package.
  - Rapid inter-city rail services detailed business case would take two years to complete, with a decision to follow the 2020 national general elections. Implementation of a plan would take 10-15 years.
  - Start-up passenger rail service had been delayed due to Covid-19, truck maintenance and remediation works on the Auckland network.
  - Hamilton-Waikato Metro Spatial Plan - public consultations were planned.
- Pokeno-Pukekohe bus service was scheduled for the end of 2020.
- Clarity was sought on the Southern Auckland Northern Waikato Program business case for transport connections. Staff confirmed that this was currently underway, with the development of a strategic business case to be finalised by the end of October 2020.

Cr Smith joined the meeting at 9.43am during the discussion on the above item.

## Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update

### Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [S&F2007/02 refers]. The Planning and Policy Manager spoke to the report and the following matters were discussed:

- Updates were provided on the following:
  - Partnership opportunities;
  - Foundational workshops on population projections;
  - Upcoming Level of Service workshops;
  - Significance & Engagement Policy consultation.

**ACTION:** Staff to provide update to Councillors on the level of online feedback received to date on the Significance & Engagement Policy consultation

Elected Members were encouraged to promote the consultation on the draft policy to members of the public.

## Consideration of Conservation Fund Applications

### Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [S&F2007/02 refers]. The Senior Environmental Planner spoke to the report and the following matters were discussed:

- The timing for the next review of the application policy.
- Acknowledged that clarity was required for applicants on funding sources to differentiate between Waikato Regional Council and Waikato District Council respective roles and responsibilities.

### **Resolved (Crs Church/Thomson)**

**THAT** the report from the General Community Growth be received.

**AND THAT** the Strategy & Finance Committee approve the Conservation Fund application of \$5,000.00 from Claire Jackson on behalf of M Jackson (1109 Whaanga Road, Raglan) in full;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Strategy & Finance Committee approve the Conservation Fund application of \$2,100.00 from Sam Blackmore (167 Bluff Road, Pokeno) in full;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Strategy & Finance Committee approve the Conservation Fund Application of \$4,999.00 from Sarah Martin (BSM Trustee Company Ltd, (125 Fullerton Road, Rotokauri) in full.

**CARRIED**

**S&F2007/04**

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism – Annual Report to Waikato District Council – 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020

Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [S&F2007/02 refers].

Tabled Item – PowerPoint presentation from Hamilton & Waikato Tourism

The Mr J Dawson of Hamilton & Waikato Tourism spoke to his presentation. The following matters were discussed:

- Raglan i-SITE update – destination management proposed framework was underway.

Update on Economic and Community Development Work Programme – August 2020

Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [S&F2007/02 refers]. The Economic and Community Development Manager spoke to the report and detailed the following updates on key activities:

- Partnerships across the District, with regional organisations, including the Ministry of Social Development.
- A number of key initiatives focussing on links with Waikato Tainui had also been identified.
- Trial where the libraries centres would become a community hub to enhance delivery of information services relating to community programmes and funding applications for community groups over a three-month period.

Funding and Partnership Update

Agenda Item 6.6

The report was received [S&F2007/02 refers]. The Funding and Partnerships Manager spoke to the report and the following matters were discussed:

- Updates were provided on the following:
  - Council had received funding of \$46,000 +GST for Cricket Facilities at Centennial Park, Ngaruawahia.
  - The government had recently announced possible funding towards the management of Freedom Camping.
  - A number of funding opportunities had been announced with little warning. Some administrative requirements of these funds were aimed at trusts or societies. Staff plan to present a strategy to Council to better access these funds.

- Current work program had been altered considerably due to Covid-19. The highlight had been partnerships with central government.
- No update as yet on applications for the community hall funding package.
- Emerging project difficulties accessing funding at community level.

**ACTION:** Staff to work on resolving the issue of the difficulties faced at community level with the partnership funding process and to address the alignment of funding and Council policies in relation to this.

### 2019-2020 Non-Financial Performance Report Agenda Item 7.1

The report was received [S&F2007/02 refers]. The Business Improvement Analyst spoke to the report and the following matters were discussed:

- New mechanism that would return real time feedback from the public and ratepayers was underway, which would be used to inform improvements on analysis.
- Some Committee members requested that the records containing comments from the resident satisfaction survey be made available to Committee members as a soft copy. Staff noted that a hardcopy was provided in the Councillors' Lounge.

**ACTION:** Staff to make a soft copy of the comments from the resident satisfaction survey available to Councillors.

### Approved Counterparty Review Agenda Item 7.2

The report was received [S&F2007/02 refers]. The Finance Manager spoke to the report. No discussion was held.

### General rate position for the year ended 30 June 2020 Agenda Item 7.3

The report was received [S&F2007/02 refers]. The Chief Financial Officer spoke to the report and the following matters were discussed:

- Funding challenges were expected as the country moved into a recession.
- Development was driven by timing of growth and works planning.
- Improvement of delivery capability would be detailed further at the upcoming Infrastructure Committee meeting.

**Resolved (Crs Smith/Bech)**

**THAT the report from the Chief Financial Officer be received;**

**AND THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee recommends to Council that the 2019/20 surplus of \$982,110 is transferred the general accounting reserve fund;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee recommend to Council that \$614,000 of the 2019/20 surplus be used to mitigate the general rate deficit in the current financial year (2020/2021).**

**CARRIED**

**S&F 2009/05**

**EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Agenda Item 8

**Resolved: (Crs McNally/Woolerton)**

**THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this 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:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Item 1.1 Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 6 or Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
Item 2.1 S&F PEX Action Register		

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

