

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 **TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2020** commencing at **9.32 am**.

Present:

Cr JM Gibb (Chairperson)
His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson
Cr AD Bech
Cr CA Eyre
Cr SL Henderson
Cr SD Lynch
Cr FM McInally
Cr RC McGuire
Mrs M Moana Tuwhangai (Maangai Maaori)
Cr JD Sedgwick
Cr NMD Smith
Cr LR Thomson
Cr CT Woolerton [*until 10.21am*]

Attending:

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 V Ramduny (Strategic Projects Manager)
Mr C Bailey (Finance Manager)
Mrs J Dolan (Economic and Community Development Manager)
Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning and Policy Manager)
Mr J Quinn (Communications, Marketing & Engagement Manager)
Ms S Bourke (Community Safety Manager)
Ms G Brady (Democracy Advisor)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Sedgwick)

THAT an apology be received from Cr Church;

AND THAT an apology for early departure be received from Cr Woolerton.

CARRIED

S&F2010/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Thomson)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on Tuesday, 13 October 2020 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.

CARRIED

S&F2010/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Eyre)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on Wednesday, 2 September 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

S&F2010/03

REPORTS

Action Register
Agenda Item 5.1

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

- LTP feedback consultation - approximately 20 submissions received to date.
- LTP timeframes – staff confirmed that a report to include timeframes was upcoming.
- Non-financial performance reporting – some Committee members expressed concern over the level of staff communication with the public and suggested that public feedback would increase if there was greater engagement and feedback from Council on closing any requests.

Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update
Agenda Item 6.1

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

- Next set of key milestones of the plan would be largely internally focused.
- In response to queries relating to LTP deadlines and potential delays, staff stated that the LTP project team were operating in line with established timeframes.
- *Workshops*
 - A series of workshops would be held on scenario planning for LTP budgeting, with consideration of a possible recession as one of the options.
 - February 2021 workshops would present options to elected members on moving forward on key consultation items. Executive Leadership Team would review each scenario in December 2020 ahead of February 2021 workshops.
 - Final NZTA submission would be in December 2020, which would assist in planning.
 - Accurate data would be required ahead of February 2021 to enable Council to make an informed decision.
- Public consultation was scheduled for March/April 2021 with hearings in May 2021 and presentation for Council adoption in June 2021.
- Council would workshop the Revenue and Financing policy before the end of 2020.
- The Committee discussed the need for adequate time to deliberate and possibly reconsider the direction of the LTP. Staff were intent on providing accurate data to Councillors, which required time to compile.
- In response to Committee member queries on the value of feedback gleaned from LTP workshops, staff confirmed feedback had been positive and that workshops also served to keep Council informed and updated.

Waikato Plan Leadership Committee meeting - Update
Agenda Item 6.2

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

- An overview of the report was given.
- Role of Council in the Waikato Plan Leadership (WPL) Committee is one of advocacy. The Youth and Employment Initiative was central to that role.

- A need existed to remove the WPL Committee from Waikato Regional Council. The Mayoral Forum asked that a new home be found for the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee.

Te Waka Six-Monthly Report January to June 2020

Agenda Item 6.3

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

- Details of Te Waka's realignment were sought as the Te Waka Chief Executive had recently resigned and recruitment was underway.
- Te Waka's purpose required reassessment.

ACTION: Staff to report back at the November 2020 Strategy & Finance Committee meeting on the feedback received from the upcoming meeting with Te Waka.

Recent Blueprint Consultation Update

Agenda Item 6.4

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

- The background, current status and next steps of the Blueprint process.
- Consultation process had been designed to confirm public priorities. 11 public workshops across the district had been held, in person and by Zoom.
- There was an average turnout of 25-30 people at each public Blueprint hui, in addition to 136 online forum submissions. 17 of the 291 submissions stated their preference for a change in the Blueprint priorities.
- Submissions sought clarification from the public on priorities and leadership of district projects. New ideas had been generated based on the public feedback staff had received.
- Initiatives – There were proposed changes to 34 initiatives. No fixed number of initiatives had been set but the steering group were clear that a wide and even distribution across the district was required.
- Larger, district-wide programs required further detail and workshops.
- Committee members expressed concern that some respondents were not associated with a community board/committee.

Cr Woolerton retired from the meeting at 10.21am during discussion on the above item.

Review of Strategic Boundary Agreement between Waikato District Council and Hamilton City Council

Agenda Item 7.1

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

- This was a revision from the 2005 agreement. It gave certainty to discussions on future parcels of land. Future land changes would be undertaken in a collaborative way, underpinned by conversations to be had by joint governance between the two councils.
- High financial implications for Hamilton City existed. Collaboration and support between both councils was essential.
- The revised agreement fell in line with Council's planning framework and planning documents.
- A framework would be rolled out to inform ratepayers of the change, in line with specific Local Government Act processes.
- Staff confirmed that Hamilton City Council had unanimously supported the changes.
- In response to population increases and land development, staff advised that planning works had changed significantly since 2005; all councils were required to build capacity for growth and development, in line with property and land affordability.

Resolved: (Cr Smith/His Worship the Mayor)

THAT the report from the Chief Operating Officer be received;

AND THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee recommends that Council adopt the amended Strategic Boundary Agreement between Waikato District Council and Hamilton City Council as attached as Appendix I to the staff report;

AND FURTHER THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee recommends that Council delegates the Chief Executive to finalise the amended Strategic Boundary Agreement subject to any feedback from the Committee and Hamilton City Council;

AND FURTHER THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee recommends that Council delegates the Mayor and Chief Executive to sign the revised Strategic Boundary Agreement on behalf of Council.

CARRIED

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Cr McGuire voted against the resolution and requested his dissenting vote be recorded.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Item 8

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Eyre)

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 Minutes and Workshop Notes from the Future Proof Implementation Committee meeting of 10 September 2020		
Item 2.2 2018/19 and 2019/20 Unpaid Dog Registration Fees Write-off		

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:

Item No.	Section	Interest
Item 1.1		Refer to the previous Public Excluded reason in the agenda for this meeting.
Item 2.1	7(2)(c)(i)	To 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 would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source and is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied. To protect information where the making available of the information would disclose a trade secret.
	7(2)(c)(ii)	To 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 would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.
	7(2)(j)	To prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.
2.2	7(2)(g)	To maintain legal professional privilege.

CARRIED

S&F2010/05

Resolutions S&F2006/06 – S&F2006/09 are contained in the public excluded section of these minutes.

