

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, 14 SEPTEMBER 2022** commencing at **9.32am**

Present:

Cr JM Gibb (Chairperson)
His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson
Cr AD Bech
Cr JA Church
Cr CA Eyre
Cr SL Henderson
Cr SD Lynch
Cr FM McNally
Cr RC McGuire
Cr EM Patterson
Cr JD Sedgwick
Cr NMD Smith
Cr LR Thomson
Cr CT Woolerton
Mrs M Moana-Tawhangai

Attending:

3 Members of the Public

Mr S Bendall (Traverse Environmental)

Mr R MacCulloch (General Manager Service Delivery)
Mrs S O’Gorman (General Manager Customer Support)
Mr C Morgan (General Manager Community Growth)
Ms M May (Deputy General Manager Service Delivery)
Mr V Ramduny (Strategic Projects Manager)
Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning & Policy Manager)
Mr C Bailey (Finance Manager)
Mr W Gauntlett (Growth & Analytics Manager)
Ms K Nicholson (Senior Policy Planner)
Mr J Fuller (Senior Policy Planner)
Mr K Martin (Waters Manager)
Mr N Johnston (Strategic Initiatives & Partnership Manager)
Ms R Goddard (Senior Advisor – Climate Action *via teams*)
Ms E Saunders (Democracy Advisor)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Sedgwick)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on Wednesday, 14 September 2022 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in 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 in accordance with Standing Order 9.4 the order of business be changed with agenda item 6.7 *Wharekawa Coast 2/20 – Community Panel Recommendation* being considered after agenda item 6.4

CARRIED

S&F2209/01

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Crs Bech/Thompson)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on Wednesday, 3 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

S&F2209/02

REPORTS

Actions Register Agenda Item 5

The report was received, taken as read [S&F2209/02 refers] and no further discussion was held.

Approved Counterpay Review Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received, taken as read [S&F2209/02 refers] and discussion was held.

The Finance Manager gave a verbal update and there were no questions from the committee.

General Rate Position for the year ended 30 June 2022 Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [S&F2209/02 refers] and discussion was held.

The Finance Manager gave a verbal update and answered questions of the committee.

The Finance Manager corrected an error on the table on page number 21 of the report which was highlighted to the committee. Cr Smith took the opportunity to thank the Finance Manager for his work on this report.

ACTION: Clarity required from council and once received it is to be bought back to the S&F Committee under PEX.

Resolved: (Crs Church/Sedgwick)

THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee recommends to Council:

- a. the 2021/2022 general rate surplus of \$899,355 be transferred to the General Accounting Reserve Fund; and
- b. notes that \$200,000 is required to support the 2022/23 Annual Plan.

CARRIED

S&F2209/03

Conservation Funding Update

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [S&F2209/02 refers] and the following discussion was held.

The Senior Policy Planner gave a verbal update and answered questions of the committee.

- Question raised regarding Significant Natural Areas, funding and what proportion was on public accessible land. The Senior Policy Planner confirmed that Waikato Regional Council will assist with funding in tandem with Waikato District Council.

Hauraki Gulf Forum Update

Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received, taken as read [S&F2209/02 refers] and the following discussion was held.

- Cr McGuire spoke to the report and the work that he and the Senior Policy Planner had done Cr Gibb expressed her thanks to Cr McGuire and the Senior Policy Planner.

Climate Action Progress Update 2022

Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [S&F2209/02 refers] and discussion was held.

The Climate Action Senior Advisor gave a verbal update and powerpoint presentation and answered questions of the committee.

Meeting had a morning tea break at 10.57am

Meeting resumed at 11.18am

Heritage Strategy

Agenda Item 6.6

The report was received [S&F2209/02 refers] and discussion was held.

The Strategic Initiatives & Partnership Manager gave a verbal update and answered questions of the committee.

- In relation to the recommendation c) – is this to be funded by the reserves in the heritage fund currently? Yes – until such time as it can be considered before the LTP.
- The Committee noted that the recommendation did not come from the steering group.

Resolved: (Crs Woolerton/McGuire)

THAT the Strategy and Finance Committee:

- a. adopts the Heritage Strategy,**
- b. resumes the Heritage Project Fund,**
- c. endorses the Heritage Forum’s recommendation for a fixed-term heritage staff member role, funded from the Heritage Project Fund.**

CARRIED

S&F2209/04

Wharekawa Coast 2120 – Community Panel Recommendations
Agenda Item 6.7

The report was received [S&F2209/02 refers] and discussion was held.

The Policy Planner & Mr Bendall gave a verbal update and powerpoint presentation and answered questions of the committee.

- Discussion around the process and what benefit this has to Waikato District Council since there a few residents in this area. Mr Bendall advised this is a great learning tool which could potentially be implemented in other areas of the district.

The Committee asked how this learning will then be implemented at other places around the district like Whaingaroa and Port Waikato – what were the next steps? Mr Bendall confirmed that steps were already underway with existing resources and implementing these in other areas.

Resolved: (Crs Smith/Sedgwick)

THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee:

- a. receives the report titled ‘Wharekawa Coast 2120 - Community Panel recommendations and next steps’;**
- b. assists the Hauraki District Council, the Waikato Regional Council and Iwi in the preparation of a joint community plan for the Wharekawa Coast; and**
- c. recommends the new Council appoints a Waikato District Council elected member representative to the Wharekawa Coast 2120 Joint Working Party in the new triennium.**

CARRIED

S&F2209/05

Adoption of the Whaingaroa Harbour Strategy
Agenda Item 6.8

The report was received [S&F2209/02 refers] and discussion was held.

The Deputy General Manager Service Delivery gave a verbal update and answered questions of the committee.

- The Committee acknowledged the hard work of the Deputy General Manager Service Delivery and staff with the strategy and noted it was a great community led project.

Resolved: (Crs Thompson/Lynch)

THAT the Strategy and Finance Committee recommends to Council:

- a. the adoption of the **Whaingaroa Harbour Strategy**, as recommended by the **Raglan Community Board**.

CARRIED

S&F2209/06

Approval to Adjust & Rename the Te Kauwhata Railway Station Budget
Agenda Item 6.9

The report was received [*S&F2209/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

The Strategic Projects Manager gave a verbal update and answered questions of the committee.

- The creation of the process for the railway station was initiated by the Transport Minister.

ACTION: The Strategic Projects Manager to update the resolution to include the change to the scope

Resolved: (Cr Sedgwick/ His Worship the Mayor)

THAT the Strategy and Finance Committee:

- notes the respective financial contributions from **Waikato District Council, Waka Kotahi and Waikato Regional Council** making up the \$152,000 available for a railway station feasibility study (business case) for Te Kauwhata and Pookeno;
- recommends to Council the renaming the *‘Te Kauwhata Rail Station (pre-implementation phase) passenger facilities and infrastructure improvements’* in Transport Investment Online (TIO) and the associated Long Term Plan cost centre to *‘Te Kauwhata and Pookeno Railway Stations (pre-implementation phase) passenger facilities and infrastructure improvements.’*; and
- recommends that Council approves the necessary budget changes to correct the Waka Kotahi (NZTA) subsidy income to 51% (\$52,020) from 76% (\$77,520) as was adopted in the 2021-2031 LTP and the transfer of General Rate funding from the Rooding Passenger Transport budget of \$25,500.

CARRIED

S&F2209/07

Adoption of the Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Transport Programme
Agenda Item 6.10

The report was received [S&F2209/02 refers] and discussion was held.

The Strategic Projects Manager gave a verbal update and answered questions of the committee.

Mayor Allan spoke to the committee and advised that there needs to be clear indications on where the routes will be and Cr Sedgwick asked how any risks will be managed and mitigated going forward. Vishal confirmed funding is quite significant which will help with any risks.

Further discussion around routes at Matangi and Gordonton. Cr McGuire confirmed that the Matangi route has been approved as a trial but not included in this report. It was confirmed that the Regional Connections Committee had planned hearings over the last month – Matangi & Gordonton were both mentioned – funding is there for both areas for busing but does not at this time have the resources.

Mayor Allan thanked Vishal for his work on this project.

Cr Henderson left the chambers at 12.01pm and was not present for the motion – returned at 12.05pm

Resolved: (Crs Bech/Woolerton)

THAT the Strategy and Finance Committee recommends to Council:

- a. the approval of the **Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Transport Programme Business Case;**
- b. delegates the **General Manager Community Growth** and the **General Manager Service Delivery** the authority to finalise any outstanding matters, including review feedback related to the **Programme Business Case** documents;
- c. notes that the **Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Transport Programme Business Case** was considered for approval by the **Future Proof Implementation Committee** on **2 September 2022;**
- d. notes that further detailed work will be required to plan for implementation of the recommended programme outlined in the **Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Transport Programme Business Case;**
- e. notes that staff will do an assessment of the existing **LTP** budget to understand how capital and maintenance work in the **WDC** area within the **Hamilton-Waikato metropolitan area** can support the implementation of the **PBC;** and
- f. notes that **LTP 2024-2034** will need to consider how Council can financially support the implementation of the **Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Transport PBC** for the benefit of its communities within the **Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Area** on the understanding that this will require implementation across the jurisdictional boundaries of **Hamilton city, Waikato district and Waipa district.**

CARRIED on the voices

S&F2209/08

Adoption of the Northern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater
Agenda Item 6.11

The report was received [*S&F2209/02 refers*] and the Waters Manager provided a verbal update.

Resolved: (His Worship the Mayor/Cr Smith)

THAT the Strategy and Finance Committee recommends to Council:

- the approval of the Northern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater Detailed Business Case noting the preferred option was endorsed at the 4 July 2022 Council meeting.
- delegates authority to the Chief Executive to finalise any outstanding matters including review feedback related to the Business Case documents.
- notes that Schedule 3 of the approved Memorandum of Understanding between the partners will be updated to reflect the preferred wastewater option for the Northern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan area.
- notes that the Northern and Southern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater DBC programmes will need to be integrated into a planned investment programme, including further consideration of wastewater system investment timing and triggers and development and implementation of the sub-regional wastewater consenting strategy.
- notes that estimated costs associated with conveyancing wastewater from the Ngaaruwaahia WWTP to the Pukete WWTP may be used to inform the National Transition Unit (NTU).

CARRIED

S&F2209/09

Area R2, Area WA and HTI – Next Steps
Agenda Item 6.12

The report was received [S&F2209/02 refers] and discussion was held.

The Strategic Projects Manager gave a verbal update/powerpoint presentation and answered questions of the committee.

- The wording of the motion was updated to reflect the current recommendation and approved by the Committee

Resolved: (His Worship the Mayor/Cr Smith)

THAT the Strategy and Finance Committee:

- a. notes that Hamilton City Council will commence scoping studies for R2 and WA and, together with consideration being given to the development potential of HTI, use the findings to inform the sub-regional Future Development Strategy and the timing of the land transfer process with Waikato District Council.
- b. recommends to Council that the process begins to transfer R2, WA and HTI from Waikato District Council to Hamilton City Council as per the 2020 Strategic Boundary Agreement once written notice is provided by the Chief Executive of Hamilton City Council to the Chief Executive of Waikato District Council of a transfer request, noting that such a request will be informed by a mutual understanding on the timing of growth in these land parcels by both Councils through the application of boundary-less planning, infrastructure and financial principles.

CARRIED

S&F2209/10

Mrs Moana-Tawhangai took this opportunity to thank the committee for the work they have done in the previous triennium and expressed her gratitude for being part of the committee. She wished the best of luck to those on the committee that were standing for re-election.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Item 7

The report was received [*S&F2209/02 refers*] and no discussion was held.

Resolved: (His Worship the Mayor/Cr Thompson)

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
PEX 1 - Confirmation of Minutes PEX2.1 – Development Agreement Variation for Rangatahi Limited, Raglan PEX2.2 – Development Agreement Principles, Stuart PC Ltd (Hynds Pipes), Pokeno	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 6 or Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

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 PEX 1 Confirmation of Minutes	Refer to the previous Public Excluded reasons in the agenda for the 3 August 2022 Strategy & Finance meeting.	
PEX2.2 – Development Agreement Variation for Rangatahi Limited, Raglan	7(2)(i)	To enable negotiations to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage.
PEX2.3 – Development Agreement Principles, Stuart PC Ltd (Hynds Pipes), Pokeno	7(2)(b)(ii)	To protect information that would otherwise unreasonably prejudice a person’s commercial position

CARRIED on the voices

S&F2209/11

Resolutions S&F2209/12 – S&F2209/15 are contained in the public excluded section of these minutes.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 12.54pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2022.

Cr JM Gibb
CHAIRPERSON

Unconfirmed