

Minutes for an extraordinary meeting of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2022** commencing at **11.00am**.

**Present:**

Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs JA Church (Chairperson)

Cr C Beavis

Cr CA Eyre

Cr JM Gibb

Cr M Keir

Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu

Cr K Ngataki

Cr EM Patterson

Cr V Reeve

Cr LR Thomson

Cr P Thomson

Cr T Turner

Cr D Whyte

**Attending:**

Mr TG Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)

Mr R MacCulloch (General Manager Service Delivery)

Mr J Ebenhoh (Policy & Planning Manager)

Ms D Tracey (Strategic Planning Team Leader)

Ms S Kelly (Programme Manager District Plan)

Mr T McIntyre (Policy Advisor)

Ms E Saunders (Democracy Advisor)

Ms G Shaw (Democracy Advisor)

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Resolved: (Crs Ngataki/Gibb)**

**THAT the apology for non-attendance from Cr Raumati be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

**WDC2211/11**

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

Agenda Item 2

**Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Eyre)**

**THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Waikato District Council held on Friday, 18 November 2022 be confirmed:**

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and**
- b. all reports be received.**

**CARRIED**

**WDC2211/12**

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Agenda Item 3

There were no declarations of interest.

## **REPORTS**

**Governance Structure – Additional Member for the PDP Subcommittee**

Agenda Item 4.1

The report was received [*WDC2211/12 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- The purpose of the report was to confirm amendments to the Governance Structure adopted on 9 November 2022.
- Additional member for the Proposed District Plan Appeals Sub-committee.
- Appoint a representative to the Art-in-Nature Arboretum Trust.
- Confirm representatives for the Metro Wastewater Governance Group.
- Cr Beavis raised a point regarding her workload and suggested Council appoint Cr Mike Keir to the Art-in-Nature Arboretum Trust in her place.

**Resolved: (Crs Beavis/Reeve)**

**That the Waikato District Council confirms the following additions to the Governance Structure 2022-2025:**

- a. the addition of Cr Kandi Ngataki to the Proposed District Plan (PDP) Subcommittee.**
- b. the addition of Cr Ngataki to the Joint Management Committee.**
- c. the appointment of Cr Mike Keir as a representative to the Art-in-Nature Arboretum Trust.**
- d. the appointment of the following as representatives to the Metro Wastewater Governance Group:**
  - i. Garth Dibley (Waters Governance Board member); and**
  - ii. Her Worship the Mayor, JA Church, as the first alternate with the Deputy Mayor, Cr Carolyn Eyre as the second alternate.**

**CARRIED**

**WDC2211/13**

Te Maruata Whanui Hui  
Agenda Item 4.2

The report was received [WDC2211/12 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- The purpose of this report was to seek approval for the attendance of three Maaori Councillors at Te Maruata Whānau Hui in Wellington on 6 December 2022.
- Council queried training budget were sufficient to enable further opportunities for other Councillors during the financial year. It was noted that the training budget was sufficient to cover this hui as well as other training opportunities.
- A point was raised suggesting that the current triennium was historical for Waikato District Council, with the appointment of five (5) Maaori Councillors. Felt Council should not limit its ability to send Maaori Councillors to this Hui at the start of an unprecedented triennium.
- Concept of Manaakitanga meant it would be paramount that the Maaori Councillors were provided the opportunity and capacity to build relationships across relevant networks. Noted the importance that all WDC Maaori Councillors attend together as one.

**ACTION:** Councillors attending Te Maruata Whanui Hui to report to the February 2023 Council meeting on the outcomes and benefits of attendance.

**Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Gibb)**

**THAT the Waikato District Council confirms:**

- a. five (5) Maaori Councillors attend Te Maruata Whānau Hui each year; and
- b. all five (5) Maaori Councillors attend the Te Maruata Whānau hui on 6 December 2022 in Wellington; and
- c. a report will be presented to Council following the training; and
- d. that a training matrix will be developed for all Councillors early in the New Year.

**CARRIED**

**WDC2211/14**

Technology of Participation Facilitative Leadership Programme

Agenda Item 4.3

The report was received [WDC2211/12 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- The purpose of the report was to seek approval for Councillor Lisa Thomson to attend the Technology of Participation Facilitative Leadership Program held on 15-17 February 2023.
- Noted there would be significant opportunity to learn and upskill.

**ACTION:** Staff to provide Councillors with detail regarding the agenda of the 'Technology of Participation Facilitative Leadership Programme' and an indication of expected outcomes resulting from Councillor Thomson's attendance.

**Resolved: (Crs Eyre/Gibb)**

**That Waikato District Council:**

- a. approves Councillor Lisa Thomson attendance at the Technology of Participation Facilitative Leadership Program held on 15-17 February 2023 in Hamilton; and
- b. notes the course cost of \$2,070 (including GST) will be covered by the Elected Members Training budget.

**CARRIED**

**WDC2211/15**

Hamilton Urban Growth Strategy  
Tabled Item 4.4 [Attached]

- Staff presented a submission on behalf of Waikato District Council on the draft Hamilton Urban Growth Strategy.
- Noted that Hamilton City Council's strategy is very high level and brief and that some thought should be given to staging and sequencing of growth to help transform investment, even if the timing is indicative.

**Resolved: (Crs Whyte/Eyre)**

**THAT the Waikato District Council endorses the lodgement of the submission on the draft Hamilton Urban Growth Strategy.**

**CARRIED**

**WDC2211/16**

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 11.48am

Minutes approved and confirmed this                      day                      2022.

JA Church  
**CHAIRPERSON**

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<https://haveyoursay.hamilton.govt.nz/city-planning/draft-hugs-strategy/consultation/subpage.2020-09-30.2699536971/>

Dear Sir

**SUBMISSION ON DRAFT HAMILTON URBAN GROWTH STRATEGY**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Draft Hamilton Urban Growth Strategy.

Please find attached the Waikato District Council's submission, which has had governance approval.

We do not wish to be heard in support of our submission, but are happy to clarify any points raised or discuss any of the content.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Jim Ebenhoh, Planning and Policy Manager, [jim.ebenhoh@waidc.govt.nz](mailto:jim.ebenhoh@waidc.govt.nz), or phone 0800 492 452.

Yours faithfully

Gavin Ion

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Waikato District Council is pleased with the collaborative approach that is being taken by our respective Councils, with regard to cross-boundary planning issues and through our mutual participation in the sub-regional Future Proof partnership. The Draft Hamilton Urban Growth Strategy reflects the principles and approach of this joint planning work, such as on the Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Spatial Plan.

Overall, the document reads well, addresses the relevant themes (health and wellbeing of the Waikato River; environment; improved travel choices; climate change; and working with neighbouring councils).

The document is a necessary planning layer that sits under the Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Spatial Plan, informing the District Plan and Long Term Plan.

It is pleasing that working with neighbouring councils is acknowledged, as this fits in with the planning and delivery ethos of the Metropolitan Spatial Plan.

Our recommendations include the following:

- The map on page 7 (Snapshot of the city's boundaries over time) could be confusing to the uninitiated in terms of what it is trying to convey – for example, the reader might think that there are 180,000 people in the northernmost area labeled '2022', whereas that is meant to be the cumulative population across the entire city. It is recommended that shaded areas instead be referenced in a colour-coded table with the associated population at each point in time.
- Regarding the map on page 9, it is recommended that a different colour is used for employment areas (which is currently shown in blue) to more starkly differentiate this from the blue used for the awa and roto.
- It is recommended that some thought be given to staging and sequencing of the growth cells to inform transport and three waters investments. Timing (even if indicative) with regards to the overall pattern of the city's growth for the 'committed' greenfield areas, central city and employment areas will help with appropriate infrastructure investment and roll-out to support growth both from the City's perspective and with respect to neighbouring councils (where cross-boundary infrastructure is concerned). Doing so will help with the alignment of appropriate funding and funding arrangements for cross-boundary infrastructure, especially with regards to three waters investments and supporting growth along corridors through appropriate transport investments.

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