
Minutes of a meeting of the Performance & Strategy Committee of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2023** commencing at **9.30AM**.

Present:

Cr JM Gibb (Chairperson)
Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs JA Church
Cr C Beavis
Cr CA Eyre (Deputy Mayor)
Cr M Keir
Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu (*via Audio-Visual Conference*) (*from 9.52am Item 4.2*)
Cr K Ngataki (*via Audio-Visual Conference*)
Cr EM Patterson
Cr M Raumati
Cr V Reeve (*from Item 4.2 9.50am*)
Cr LR Thomson
Cr P Thomson
Cr T Turner
Cr D Whyte

Attending:

Mr G Ion (Chief Executive)
Mr T Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer) (*via Audio-Visual Conference*)
Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer) (*via Audio-Visual Conference*)
Mr R MacCulloch (General Manager Service Delivery)
Mrs S O’Gorman (General Manager Customer Support) (*via Audio-Visual Conference*)
Mr C Morgan (General Manager Community Growth) (*via Audio-Visual Conference*)
Mr V Ramduny (Strategic Projects Manager)
Mrs G Kanawa (Democracy Manager)
Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning & Policy Manager) (*via Audio-Visual Conference*)
Mr C Bailey (Finance Manager)
Ms N Hubbard (Corporate Planning Team Leader)
Ms A Sayer (Corporate Planner)
Ms G Shaw (Democracy Advisor)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies. The Chairperson noted that those Councillors attending via Audio-Visual Conference could participate and ask questions in the meeting but could not vote nor be counted as part of the quorum.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Cr P Thomson/Beavis)

THAT:

- a. the agenda for a meeting of the Performance & Strategy Committee held on Wednesday, 16 February 2022 be confirmed;**
- b. all items therein be considered in open meeting; and**
- c. all reports be received.**

CARRIED

P&S2302/01

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

STRATEGY REPORTS

Submission on Hamilton City Urban Growth Strategy
Agenda Item 4.1

The report was received [*P&S2302/01 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- Planning & Policy Manager noted this submission had already been considered by the Submissions Panel and submitted, therefore was here for information of other Councillors.
- Councillors noted support for a good submission.

Submission to the Select Committee of Parliament on the Natural and Built Environment Bill and the Spatial Planning Bill

Agenda Item 4.2

The report was received [P&S2302/01 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- The General Manager, Community Growth; Policy & Planning Manager; and Principal Policy Planner spoke to the draft submissions on the agenda, noting an extension had been provided to 19 February.
- Councillors workshop held in late January with staff updating the submissions based on feedback at the workshop.
- It was noted that we needed to be clear that Council have not been involved in drafting the legislation and are also submitters, therefore cannot control the outcome as this will be up to the Select Committee – however, staff to advise that Council representatives would like opportunity to present a verbal submission.
- Concern was raised with the wording edits on page 3 of the submission (page 19 of the agenda), which was explained the purpose around this wording as the legislation is currently too loose.
- Suggest joining with Hamilton City Council to oppose this legislation.
- Add paragraph at opening part of submission advising that the bill should be put on hold and in line with other reforms and legislation reviews as the current bill would not achieve the goals of the Minister.
- Mention the work that needs to be done in respect of the Climate Change Adaptation Act.
- Request for legal overview prior to submission being lodged.
- Notice the reference to Future Proof 2022 in some places – need to refer to Future Proof strategy and any amendments.

Resolved: (Cr Beavis/Cr L Thomson)

THAT the Performance and Strategy Committee resolves to:

- a. **delegate to the Chief Executive and/or his nominee(s) the ability to make changes to clarify issues raised by the Committee, without changing the intent;**
- b. **requests the legal team urgently review the submission prior to lodgement; and**
- c. **approves the lodgement of the updated submissions on the Natural and Built Environment Bill (NBE Bill) and the Spatial Planning Bill (SP Bill) with the Select Committee (Environment Committee).**

CARRIED

P&S2302/02

PERFORMANCE REPORTS

2022/23 First and Second Quarter Non-Financial Performance Results

Agenda Item 5.1

The report was received [*P&S2302/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- Councillors noted “the why” behind questions needs to be considered for future surveys, i.e. whilst the KPIs could not be changed until the next LTP review the questions could be expanded to get the real reason behind the response.

ACTION: Workshop to be held to discuss the list of questions asked during the survey and whether some of these questions can have subsequent questions to ascertain the reason behind responses.

- A number of the measures are mandatory for KPIs; i.e. water, wastewater and consents etc. We don't have a grading system as we treat all KPIs equally regardless of whether they are mandatory.
- Suggestion to separate out Maaori wards/constituents to enable the two Maaori ward councillors to identify specific issues to their constituents.
- Is there an ability to know the spread between rural; urban; ages; wards; ethnicity?
- Highlight which are legislative versus Council set.
- Concern that land use consents older than two years are down to 50%, recognise that COVID and resourcing an issue but if not monitoring as high as we should then could developers/applicants take advantage of this.

ACTION: Issues raised to be answered via a memorandum to all councillors once responses known and prior to next scheduled meeting.

Treasury Risk Management Policy Compliance Report to 31 December 2023

Agenda Item 5.2

The report was received [*P&S2302/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- The Finance Manager provided an overview of the key issues raised in the report and answered questions.
- Graphs confusing for Councillors to read, the Chief Financial Officer noted training will be provided on the Risk Management Policy
- The three community loans and their funding were explained to Councillors, noting that the process for community loans would be addressed in LTP workshops. It was further noted that community loans were usually repaid via a targeted rate on the specific community.

ACTION: Process for how community loans can be applied for to be provided to Councillors under separate cover.

- Depreciation – exceeds budget due to higher valuation of assets – what does that mean in terms of our LTP. Are we doing better at valuing our assets? Staff noted we were getting better at valuation of our assets but also that the compounding effect is not reflected in rates until they are reviewed as part of the annual plan.
- Could the graph show “previous periods as well as forecast periods?” It was noted that the pre-election report contains this information, however this report is purely on the current financial year/quarterly period.

Financial Performance Summary for the six months to 31 December 2022
Agenda Item 5.3

The report was received [P&S2302/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- How much EPMO is going to be responsible for? EPMO delivers most Council projects, excluding the three waters programme which is delivered by Watercare.
- What happens to our subsidies if we haven't completed the forecast work and is the reason resourcing or supply chain? It was noted that we would not lose roading subsidy and this was mainly due to weather not resourcing.
- Roading is our main “subsidy” as most other projects have been via grants through the Better-off funding from DIA, i.e. Raglan Wharf and we would not lose these grants due to timing issues caused by weather events or supply chain issues.
- Why have our tangible assets dropped? Software costs are no longer capitalised we are charged annual licence fees.
- Concern was raised that there had been growth in our rates, both general and targeted, but lack of expenditure and it is not detailed enough in this report – weather impacts – what have we built what have we spent – Pg 83 actuals vs budget with huge variances. That will come via Infrastructure committee.
- Taking rates but not delivering on projects which is of concern, it was noted that this was balanced with lower debt ratios.
- It was noted that Council had Emergency Management Funds available for the cyclone recovery but would be applying for further subsidy from the government.

ACTION: Staff to review the layout of charts in report as many unreadable due to size of font etc.

Approved Counterparty Review February 2023

Agenda Item 5.4

The report was received [*P&S2302/02 refers*] and no further discussion was held.

Resident Satisfaction Survey Report Q1 - 2022-2023

Agenda Item 5.5

The report was received [*P&S2302/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- Internal working group set to try and improve the results, but still work in progress with room for improvement.
- Litter in mainstreets are reported in survey as a concern for residents yet we still do not pick it up. It was noted the Alliance contract covers some fly dumping but not covered by budgets, therefore any change to litter control would need to be factored into the LTP.

Chief Executive Business Plan - Report

Agenda Item 5.6

The report was received [*P&S2302/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

- Review of these KPIs have commenced with the CEPR Committee who have the delegation for this matter.
- Cultural conversations should include conversations with mana whenua, it was noted that both the tribe and mana whenua were a part of the engagement by Council/CE.
- CEPR not looking at altering as June not far away but looking forward to 2023/24 KPIs.
- Given the recent experiences over Anniversary weekend and Cyclone Gabrielle – key stakeholders in Auckland etc helped out Pukekohe during their time of need. Thanks to staff that help out the various communities.
- Telephone Road discussions still continuing and Council do not want them to drift for too long. It was noted that the organisation were progressing but waiting on a response from Waka Kotahi presently.
- Councillors noted the effort of staff for our communities, not just those in the EOC but those from other areas of Council who are helping out on top of their usual mahi.
- Discussion on the progress with the replacement of the Iwi & Community Partnerships Manager. It was noted discussions held been held with Waikato-Tainui and the recruitment process was progressing.
- SH23 – moments silence for respect of that family.
- Replacing Sam – work underway

Cr Gibb requested a minutes silence to recognise the tragic loss of a contractor whilst carrying out work on SH23.

Cr Raumati closed the meeting with a karakia.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 11.53am.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2023.

Cr J Gibb
CHAIRPERSON