

Minutes for a meeting of the Performance and Strategy Committee held in the Council Chambers, 15 Gallileo Street, Ngaaruawaahia on **MONDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2024** commencing at **9:30am**.

Present:

Cr J Gibb (Chairperson)
Cr M Raumati (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr C Beavis
Cr C Eyre (Deputy Mayor)
Cr M Keir
Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu
Cr K Ngataki
Cr E Patterson
Cr V Reeve
Cr L Thomson
Cr P Thomson
Cr T Turner
Cr D Whyte

Attending:

Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive)
Mr TG Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)
Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer)
Ms M May (General Manager, Service Delivery)
Mr W Gauntlett (General Manager, Community Growth)
Mrs G Kanawa (Democracy Manager)
Ms E Saunders (Senior Democracy Advisor)
Mr T Rowland (Democracy Advisor)
Mr W Durning (Strategic Mayoral Advisor)
Mr C Bailey (Finance Manager)
Ms N Hubbard (Corporate Planning Manager)
Mr R Maculloch (General Manager Customer Support)
Mr R Herman (Community Safety Manager)
Mr M Morgan (Waikato Regional Airport Limited)
Mr S Kendall (Waikato Regional Airport Limited)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Crs L Thomson/Reeve)

THAT the Performance and Strategy Committee accepts the apology from Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs JA Church for non-attendance.

CARRIED

P&S2402/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 2

Resolved: (Crs L Thomson/Ngataki)

THAT the agenda and supplementary agenda for a meeting of the Performance and Strategy Committee held on Monday, 19 February 2024 be confirmed:

- a. **with all items therein being considered in open meeting with the exception of those items detailed at agenda items 8, which shall be considered with the public excluded; and**
- b. **notes that item 5.1 from the supplementary agenda will be considered straight after item 5; and**
- c. **all reports be received.**

CARRIED

P&S2402/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 3

No further conflicts were discussed/disclosed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Agenda Item 4

Resolved: (Crs Eyre/P Thomson)

THAT the Performance and Strategy Committee confirms the minutes as a true and correct record for meetings held on Monday, 4 December 2023.

CARRIED

P&S2402/03

ACTION: A briefing to be arranged between the Performance and Strategy Committee and the Strategic Mayoral Manager.

ACTIONS REGISTER

Agenda Item 5

The report was received [*P&S2402/02 refers*] and no further discussion was held.

ACTION: No action required.

Presentation from Waikato Regional Airport Limited

Agenda 5.1

The presentation was received [*P&S2402/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- Mr Morgan and Mr Kendall from Waikato Regional Airport Limited (WRAL) provided an update on the operations of the airport and future plans for the site.
- It was noted that COVID-19 had provided a positive stress test for the airport's resilience.
- A masterplan was completed in 2023 for the Airport's development.
- Mr Morgan informed the Committee that most flights are at capacity out of Waikato Airport.
- It was noted that Waikato Airport is the first airport in New Zealand to have their own solar farm which exports power back to the national grid during the day.
- It was noted that there would be a demand for the airport's hotel in the long term with the shortage of hotel capacity in Hamilton and the surrounding areas.

- WRAL noted that Origin Air are also operating out of Hamilton. It was noted that the biggest challenge for the airport was its geographical location and how close it is to Auckland Airport.

ACTION: No action required.

REPORTS

Long Term Plan Work Programme Update

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*P&S2402/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- It was highlighted that Audit NZ has advised Waikato District Council that there is an opportunity to do a 2024/25 enhanced annual plan.
- It was noted that the enhanced annual plan would allow more certainty around Water Reforms and Waka Kotahi Funding.
- Council would need to elect whether they are going to do an enhanced annual plan by April 2024.

ACTION: Report to be provided for the next Council meeting to determine whether they wished to consider an enhanced annual plan for 2024/25.

Building relationships with mana whenua

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*P&S2402/02 refers*] and the follow discussion was held:

- The Chief Operating Officer spoke to the report advising that the Committee would be updated further on this report by the Chief Executive and the Executive Manager - Maaori Partnerships later in the week.

CARRIED

Resident Perception Survey – Quarter 2 Results

Agenda Item 7.1

The report was received [*P&S2402/02 refers*] and a verbal update was provided by the Customer Experience Manager. The following discussion was held:

- It was noted by staff that whilst satisfaction levels do have a slight decline, there is opportunity through the Long-term Plan to use this information to push the satisfaction results back up.
- It was noted that Council needed to have a strong focus on getting back to basics well.
- The Chief Operating Officer noted that the Council is well respected as an organisation.
- It was noted that the sentiment of the community is a good representation of how Council is performing.
- It was noted the efforts that Council was making towards minimising waste and the equality between the other districts.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55am and resumed at 11:10am.

Cr Raumati returned to the meeting at 11:11am.

Cr Keir returned to the meeting at 11:12am.

Financial Performance Summary (December Quarter)

Agenda Item 7.2

The report was received [*P&S2402/02 refers*] and the following discussions was held.

- It was noted by the Chief Financial Officer that come July 2024, Council would have a different suite of reports that are performance managed that would give Council more information around if they were on track with delivering against the budget.

Treasury Risk Management Policy Compliance (December Quarter)
Agenda Item 7.3

The report was received [P&S2402/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- It was queried what the interest costs would be to Council as the debt level increases and a request for further forecasting going into the next three years.

ACTION: No action required.

Approved Counterparty Review
Agenda Item 7.4

The report was received [P&S2402/02 refers] and no further discussion was held.

Non-Financial Performance Results (December Quarter)
Agenda Item 7.5

The report was received [P&S2402/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- Cr Whyte publicly thanked the Council's warrant of fitness inspection team.
- It was noted that currently there is an information technology and communication issue between Council and noise control contractors.
- It was queried if all crashes were being reported in the region and whether the report included just local roads or state highways. It was noted that State Highways were reported separately.

Chief Executive Business Plan Update
Agenda Item 7.6

The report was received [P&S2402/02 refers] and no further discussion was held.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Item 8

Resolved: (Crs Patterson/Ngataki)

- a. **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 PEX 2 Minutes for confirmation	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 6 or Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
Item PEX 3.1 Unregistered Dog Fees Write Off 2023		
Item PEX 3.2 Growth Funding Approach		

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 2 Confirmation of minutes	Refer previous minutes for reasons for exclusion.	
Item PEX 3.1 Unregistered Dog Fees Write Off 2023	7(2)(g)	To protect legally privileged information.
Item PEX 3.2 Growth Funding Approach	7(2)(b)(ii)	To protect information that would otherwise unreasonably prejudice a person's commercial position.

CARRIED

P&S2402/05

Resolutions P&S2402/06 - P&S2402/09 are contained in the public excluded section of these minutes.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 12:19pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day 2024.

Janet Gibb
CHAIRPERSON

Confirmed