

Notice of Meeting:

I hereby give notice that an ordinary Meeting of the Growth and Infrastructure Committee will be held on:

Date: Tuesday 29 May 2018
Time: 9.30am
Meeting Room: Council Chamber
Venue: Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton

Richard Briggs
Chief Executive

Growth and Infrastructure Committee OPEN LATE AGENDA

Membership

Chairperson	Cr D Macpherson
Deputy Chairperson	Cr G Taylor
Members	Mayor A King Deputy Mayor M Gallagher Cr M Bunting Cr J R Casson Cr S Henry Cr G Mallett Cr A O'Leary Cr R Pascoe Cr P Southgate Cr L Tooman Cr R Hamilton

Quorum: A majority of members (including vacancies)

Meeting Frequency: Six weekly

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Council Report

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Date: 29 May 2018
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Recommendation

Trafinz Conference

- 1) That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:
 - a) approves 'by resolution' an allocation for two delegates to attend the 2018 Trafinz Conference, including travel, accommodation and conference fees;
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 - c) notes that governance staff will manage this process.

Futureproof

- 2) That Council request Futureproof prioritise a review of the planned residential and industrial land in the areas surrounding Hamilton (known as the Hamilton Urban Growth Area). The review to take into account the Government Urban Growth Agenda, the draft Auckland-Hamilton Corridor Plan, the notified Waikato District Plan (expected July 2018), the ability to provide greater supply beyond what is currently contemplated, infrastructure funding and delivery and the impacts on HCC transport, waters and community infrastructure from new development outside of Hamilton. That regular updates are provided to the Futureproof Implementation Committee as part of the 2018 Futureproof strategy review.
- 3) That Council request Futureproof to review its position on the Te Awa Lakes private plan change submission noting the new information and changing growth context since it made a submission in November 2017 and that this be reported to the Futureproof Implementation Committee.
- 4) That in future, Futureproof not make any submissions to outside bodies relating to growth and development matters concerning Hamilton City Council without first seeking approval for them from Hamilton City Council.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Chair's Report 29 May 2018

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Chair's Report

Trafinz Conference

This is coming up in the second week of November (11th-14th) in Wellington. The theme is 'Prioritising for People'. Trafinz Conferences are always good value for money compared with any of the privately-run ones (last year about \$900 for 3 days, or less for earlybirds), and I know last year's delegates got a lot out of it.

I recommend we approve 'by resolution' two delegates to the Conference, and that the cost of these 2 positions is shared equally between all Councillors wishing to attend, with the balance to be made up from their 'by choice' budgets – with the arrangements to be managed by Democracy.

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With the help of Blair Bowcott, I'm including this section in order to signal to the Futureproof collection of groups (HCC, Waipa DC, Waikato DC, WRC and NZTA) that they need to be more nimble, flexible and to act in accordance with their members' interests rather than developing a 'mind of their own'. Recent developments in the Hamilton-Auckland Growth Corridor, and Futureproof's unconsulted submission to HCC on the Te Awa Lakes SHA proposal show that they are not always in synch with their member councils.

The Futureproof growth strategy provides an important input to the Auckland-Hamilton Corridor Plan but also needs to align to any new initiatives proposed. Futureproof is going to be reviewed again this year. The review is intended to capture and reflect each Councils LTP and 30 year infrastructure strategy capital programmes, the urban growth agenda, the more flexible approach to land delivery and the new initiatives described above the Government is progressing. The review will also need to reflect the special housing areas that Hamilton is considering or approved and each councils district plans.

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Regional Transport and Passenger Transport Discussions

Over the last few months I've been involved in planning, hearings and deliberations for the Regional Transport Plan (updated every three years), and – with Cr Leo Tooman – the Regional Passenger Transport Plan discussions.

The **Regional Transport Plan (RPT)** has been approved for recommendation to the WRC after our deliberations last Friday – this sets the regional priorities for funding for all forms of transport (including from now on, rail, but not air or yet coastal shipping – so I'm sorry we cannot yet promote freighters coming up the River from Port Waikato). I have to say that I find it strange that there is just one city representative on a panel with 4 rural representatives charged with coming up with a transport plan that includes a major metro like Hamilton, and then gets recommended to a body that includes only 4 out of 14 reps from the city – I think this may be why Hamilton projects have not always been accorded the priority they needed over the last few years.

That said, I've had some support this time round from WRC Cr Hugh Vercoe, the Regional Transport Committee Chair – who has taken the attitude that 'if Hamilton needs something, WRC should support it,' which has been very helpful at times.

The RPT deliberations included a big debate about the priority for state highways between Southern Links and a series of three SH1/SH29 state highway upgrades; although we managed to get the priority statement for Southern Links improved, it still sits behind the SH1/29 highway from Karapiro to the top of the Kaimais, an order with which I disagree. Support for our road safety, congestion improvement, cycling and walking, bus network and start-up rail service was also decided on, although not featuring as high as I believe they ought to.

I am also concerned that the RPT doesn't fully reflect the new Government's changed transport priorities, but there is some agreement that an update will need to be done over the next 12 months.

WRC is currently organising consultations with all the involved Councils around the **Regional Passenger Transport Plan**, with a session organised for Hamilton City Councillors – looking like Tuesday 12th June. Because of the switched on and responsive senior staff WRC has in this area, I believe the city's needs are being heard more clearly than in the past, and I urge HCC Crs to attend this session if they possibly can. Following that, it will be going out for public consultation.

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