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## Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee

*Te Komiti Rautaki Tipu me Maahere Rautaki aa Rohe*

### OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee held in the Council Chamber and via Audio-Visual Link, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 17 August 2023 at 9.31am.

#### PRESENT

**Chairperson** Cr Sarah Thomson  
*Heamana*

**Deputy Chairperson** Cr Ewan Wilson  
*Heamana Tuarua*

**Members:** Mayor Paula Southgate  
Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf  
Cr Anna Casey-Cox  
Cr Maxine van Oosten (via Audio Visual link)  
Cr Mark Donovan  
Cr Melaina Huaki (via Audio Visual link)  
Cr Louise Hutt  
Cr Moko Tauariki  
Cr Andrew Bydder (via Audio Visual link)  
Cr Geoff Taylor  
Cr Emma Pike (via Audio Visual link)

**In Attendance:** Blair Bowcott - General Manager, Growth and Planning  
Andrew Parsons - General Manager, Infrastructure and Assets  
Chris Allen - Executive Director Development  
Phil Haizelden - Transport Strategy Principal  
Jackie Colliar - Strategic Waters Unit Manager  
Hannah Windle - Special Projects Manager  
Greg Carstens - Growth, Funding and Analytics Unit Manager  
Karen Saunders - Growth Programmes Manager  
Mark Davey - City Planning Unit Manager

**Governance Staff:** Amy Viggers - Governance Lead  
Nicholas Hawtin and Chantal Jansen - Governance Advisors

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*The Chair opened the meeting with a karakia*

#### 1. Apologies – *Tono aroha*

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr Hutt)

That the apologies for absence from Deputy Mayor O’Leary, for lateness from Cr Donovan, for partial attendance from Mayor Southgate, Cr Tauariki (Council Business), and Cr Taylor are accepted.

*Cr Hamilton's Extended Leave of Absence was approved 6 July 2023.*

**2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take***

**Resolved:** (Cr Thomson/Cr Wilson)

That the agenda is confirmed.

**3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga***

Cr Wilson declared a conflict of interest in relation to Item 9 (District Plan Update – August 2023). He noted he would not take part in the discussion or vote on the matter.

During the discussion of the item Cr Donovan declared an conflict in relation to Item 9 (District Plan Update – August 2023). He did not take part in the discussion or vote on the matter.

**4. Public Forum – *Aatea koorero***

No members of the public wished to speak.

**5. Confirmation of the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee Open Minutes 14 June 2023**

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr Hutt)

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee confirms the Open Minutes of the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2023 as a true and correct record.

*Cr Donovan joined the meeting (9.35am) during the discussion of the above Item. He was present when the matter was voted on.*

**6. Chair's Report**

The Chair spoke to the report relating to city growth and prospects for the short term future, future transport systems networks and the adaption to climate change. The Chair and the Transport Strategy Principal responded to questions from Members concerning figures for traffic congestion resource and remote work framework traffic impacts.

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr Tauariki)

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee receives the report.

**Cr Taylor Dissenting.**

**7. General Manager's Report**

The General Manager, Growth and Planning and General Manager, Infrastructure and Assets introduced the report highlighting legislation frameworks, waters legislation milestones and final stages, noting changes to the Waters Reform and strategic infrastructure as Parliament work through the resolutions of the Bills. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the scope of the strategic staff trip to Australia, legislation timelines and impacts on Council.

**Resolved:** (Cr Thomson/Cr Wilson)

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee receives the report.

**The meeting was adjourned 10.38am to 10.55am**

*Mayor Southgate and Cr Taylor left the meeting during the above adjournment*

## **8. Strategic Issues**

### Land use

The City Planning Unit Manager introduced the report and highlighted the future proof strategy, an update on the Airport Plan Change and Regional Policy Statement. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the frequency of letters of intent to the Airport in relation to the plan change, plan change frameworks and shareholder position for Council.

### Strategic infrastructure

The Transport Strategy Principal took the report as read. The General Manager of Growth and Planning highlighted the communication frameworks relating to the Metro Spatial Project. The Strategic Waters Unit Manager provided an update on wastewater frameworks and documentation relating to the risks and benefits underway for consideration to Council. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning southern wastewater plant risks and design effects relating to the toxic clam, plan change routes options, funding and budget allocations, preparation of the plant and business case changes.

### Southern Links

The Executive Director Development introduced the report highlighting the Southern Links project status and modelling frameworks, further updates to be presented at the next Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee meeting to bring to conclusion the staged approach and business case regarding road networks that are linked. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning possible national election outcome impacts on the National Land Transport Programme, priorities for Council and capacity for delivery and Southern Links stages timeframes.

### Housing

The City Planning Unit Manager spoke to the report, highlighting previous resolutions to Plan Change 12 and the inclusion of re-zoning, key focus areas updates, joint plan change progression, and consulting and implementation resources. Staff confirmed that the working group maintains awareness of housing initiatives in the wider housing spectrum that forms part of Council consideration.

### Funding and Financing:

The Growth, Funding and Analytics Unit Manager took the report as read. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning requirements for housing investment, and infrastructure connections to new housing, the increased cost fees and funding requirements, positive Infrastructure Funding and Financing (IFF) impacts related to the value of risk levels, benefits for the user of levy use, affordability comparisons, principles relating to funding and efficiency to consider, IFF work program funding timeframes, market capacity growth potential and delivery to increased workplan, debt to revenue totals in IFF context, wider Long Term Plan growth considerations, IFF off balance sheet frameworks and risks relating to the balance sheets.

### Growth Programmes:

The Growth Programmes Manager provided an update regarding the growth programs. Staff responded to questions from Members regarding community engagement and bridge placement initiatives.

**Resolved:** (Cr Donovan/Cr Casey-Cox)

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the establishment of a Housing Working Group comprising Cr Sarah Thomson, Cr Anna Casey-Cox, Cr Moko Tauariki, Cr Mark Donovan, Maangai Jaydene Kana and the CEO of the Waikato Housing Initiative Aksel Bech (or nominee) for the purposes of overseeing and prioritising the delivery of the housing work programme.

*Cr Taylor re-joined the meeting (11.00am) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.*

*Mayor Southgate re-joined the meeting (11.37am) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.*

*Cr Tauariki left the meeting (11.46am) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.*

**The meeting was adjourned 12.22pm to 1.14pm**

*Cr Wilson did not take part or vote in the following item as he had previously declared a conflict of interest.*

*During the discussion of the following item, Cr Donovan declared a conflict of Interest. He did not take part in the discussion or vote on the matter.*

**9. District Plan Update - August 2023**

The City Planning Unit Manager spoke to the report. He highlighted that Plan Change 12 and 13 were underway and provided an update on the Rototuna Town Centre plan and Plan Change 9. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning Plan Change 12 extraction possibilities, urban development options, and possible greenspace perspective improvement through Plan Changes.

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/Cr Taylor)

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) requests that staff and the Independent Hearing Panel ensure that Plan Change 12 – Enabling Housing does not proceed to any further hearings in advance of Plan Change 14 – Flood Hazards being publicly notified; and
- c) notes that:
  - i. staff have received an extension from the Minister for the Environment regarding Council’s request to extend the decision-making deadline on Plan Change 12 – Enabling Housing to 20 December 2024);
  - ii. the Rototuna Town Centre plan requires updating in the District Plan to allow development to proceed in an integrated manner, which will require a change to the District Plan; and
  - iii. staff will collaborate with the developer regarding this potential plan change for the Rototuna Town Centre, and document the agreement in a draft MOU and report this back to this Committee for approval.

*Cr Tauariki re-joined the meeting (1.15pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.*

**10. General Updates**

The General Manager, Growth and Planning took the report as read.

**Resolved:** (Cr Thomson/Cr Hutt)

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee receives the report.

**11. Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**Resolved:** (Cr Thomson/Cr Pike)

**Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

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 follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1. Confirmation of the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee Public Excluded Minutes 14 June 2023	) Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Rotokauri Arterial Designation – Update	)	

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 C1.	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C2.	to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage	Section 7 (2) (h)
	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)

**The meeting moved into public excluded session at 1:27pm.**

**The meeting was declared closed at 2.42pm.**