
Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee

Te Komiti Rautaki Tipu me te Maahere Rautaki aa Rohe

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee held in Council Chamber and Audio-Visual Link , Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 11 April 2024 at 9:30 am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr Sarah Thomson

Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr Geoff Taylor

Heamana Tuarua

Members

Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf (via Audio-Visual Link)

Cr Anna Casey-Cox

Cr Maxine van Oosten

Cr Moko Tauariki (via Audio-Visual Link)

Cr Mark Donovan

Cr Louise Hutt

Cr Andrew Bydder

Cr Emma Pike

Cr Melaina Huaki

Cr Ewan Wilson (via Audio-Visual Link)

Maangai Jaydene Kana

In Attendance:

Blair Bowcott – General Manager Growth and Planning

Janet Carson - General Manager Partnerships, Communication and Maaori

Helen Paki – General Manager Customer and Community

Chris Allen – Executive Director Development

Mark Davey – Urban & Spatial Planning Unit Manager

Hannah Windle- Special Projects Manager

Cory Lang – Building Control Manager

Greg Carstens – Growth Funding & Analytics Unit Manager

Jacqui Colliar – Strategic Waters Infrastructure Unit Manager

Grant Kettle – Planning Guidance Manager

Lachlan Muldowney solicitor for Hamilton City Council

Governance Staff:

Amy Viggers – Governance Lead

Keryn Phillips, James Anderson Winston II – Governance Advisors

The Chair opened the meeting with a karakia

1. Apologies – *Tono aroha*

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr van Oosten)

That the apologies for absence from Mayor Southgate (Council Business), Deputy Mayor O’Leary; for partial attendance from Cr Wilson (Council business), Cr Casey Cox (Council business), Cr Tauariki (Council Business) and for lateness from Cr Huaki (Council business) and Cr Bydder are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Casy-Cox)

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee confirms the agenda.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipanga*

No members of the Committee declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum – *Aatea korero*

No members of the public wished to speak in the public forum.

5. Confirmation of the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee Open Minutes 27 February 2024

Resolved: (Cr Taylor/Cr Pike)

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee confirms the Open Minutes of the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee Meeting held on 27 February 2024 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report

The Chairperson acknowledged the appointment of the Urban & Spatial Planning Unit Manager to the Fast Track Advisory Group and the role Cr Taylor was taking on in the development of central city projects. Along with staff she responded to questions from Members concerning neighbouring councils’ views on the Fast Track Approvals Bill and mana whenua boundaries.

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Hutt)

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

7. General Manager's Report

The General Manager Growth and Planning spoke to the report and provided an update on city and regional deals, working with neighbouring councils and identifying pathways to submit to other councils’ Long-Term Plan and Annual Plans. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning City and Regional deals and investment in key infrastructure in the city.

Resolved: (Cr Taylor/Maangai Kana)

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) delegates authority to the members of the Waikato Regional Council/Hamilton City Council Governance Group to work with staff to develop and approve a Council submission to the Waikato Regional Council's 2024–2034 Draft Long-Term Plan;
- c) delegates authority, following analysis of the 2024–25 Draft Annual Plans of Waikato District Council and Waipā District Council, if a Council submission is considered to be required, to the members of the Waikato District Council and Waipā District Council/Hamilton City Council Governance Groups to work with staff to develop and approve a Council submission to the respective council(s); and
- d) notes that recommendations b) and c) are being sought as there are no suitable Committee or Council meeting dates available to consider and approve draft Council submissions on these

Draft Plans before the submission closing dates.

Cr Huaki joined the meeting (9.43am) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

8. Strategic Issues

The Urban & Spatial Planning Unit Manager noted that he had a conflict with any discussion about the Fast Track Approvals Bill since his appointment to the Fast Track Advisory Group. He highlighted the changes in the city's settlement pattern and the impact on Resource Management Act hearings and the Future Proof programme. Then the Building Control Manager provided Members with a verbal update regarding building consent timeframes, building consent systems review and possible changes to legislation. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the Fast Track Approvals Bill, the Future Development Strategy process, risks to Council on proposed building legislation reform, reduction of consent timeframes, timeframes and impact of Council's feedback to legislative reform.

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Wilson)

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

9. District Plan Update - April 2024

The Urban & Spatial Planning Unit Manager took the report as read. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning planned community infrastructure in the Peacocke development, higher density developments and the inclusionary zoning appeal.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to circulate information to Members on the options to enable community infrastructure in the Peacocke development.*

Resolved: (Cr Taylor/Cr Thomson)

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) notes that staff are revisiting the notified approach to Plan Change 12 given recent Government announcements, with hearings expected in September 2024 and decisions due by 20 December 2024.

Cr Tauariki retired from the meeting (10.41am) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was adjourned from 10.57am to 11.17am.

Cr Wilson retired from the meeting during the above adjournment.

Cr Casey-Cox left the meeting during the above adjournment.

10. Hamilton City Council's Draft Submission to the Fast-track Approvals Bill

The Urban & Spatial Planning Unit Manager spoke to the report and highlighted that Council's approach to the submission was to focus on what matters most to Hamilton City. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning possible risks for the city including previously declined applications and large infrastructure costs in potential developments, transparency of the projects that were fast tracked and consultation with mana whenua and Te Tiriti partners.

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Taylor)
That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) delegates authority to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee to work with key staff to finalise the submission should substantive changes be required prior to lodging it with Parliament's Environment Committee by 19 April 2024;
- c) notes that **Draft 2** of the Council's submission to the Fast-track Approvals Bill was circulated to Elected Members and Maangai Maaori for feedback;
- d) notes that the submission will request representatives to speak in support of Council's written submission at the hearings of Parliament's Environment Committee;
- e) notes that Hamilton City Council's representatives at the hearings may include the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee, the General Manager Strategy, Growth and Planning, and the Urban and Spatial Planning Manager;
- f) notes that the final approved submission will be sent to Parliament's Environment Committee by 19 April 2024, and subsequently uploaded to Hamilton City Council's website.

11. General Updates

The Growth Funding & Analytics Unit Manager spoke to the report in particular the analytics provided concern in settlement locations.

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Macindoe)
That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee receives the report.

Cr Bydder joined the meeting (11.45am) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

12. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Cr Taylor)
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 27 February 2024) 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 Land Update		
C3. Strategic Issues - Public Excluded		

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 protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7 (2) (a)
	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)
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The meeting moved into a public excluded session at 11.51am.

The meeting was declared closed at 2.59pm.