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## Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee

### *Te Komiti Rautaki Tipu me te Maahere Rautaki aa Rohe*

## OPEN MINUTES

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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 Tuesday 25 June 2024 at 9:34am.

#### PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Sarah Thomson
<i>Heamana</i>	
Members	Mayor Paula Southgate (via audio-visual) Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf (via audio-visual) Cr Anna Casey-Cox (via audio-visual) Cr Maxine van Oosten Cr Mark Donovan (via audio-visual) Cr Louise Hutt Cr Andrew Bydder Cr Ewan Wilson Cr Emma Pike Cr Tim Macindoe Maangai Jaydene Kana

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*The Chair opened the meeting with a karakia.*

1. **Apologies – Tono aroha**

**Resolved:** (Cr Thomson/Cr van Oosten)

That the apologies for absence from Cr Taylor and Cr Donovan; and for partial attendance from Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor O’Leary and Cr Tauariki are accepted.

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

**Resolved:** (Cr Thomson/Cr van Oosten)

That the agenda is confirmed.

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

Cr Wilson declared a conflict in Item 9 (District Plan Update), in particular to Plan Change 9. He noted that he would not participate in the discussion on this matter.

Maangai Kana declared an interest in Tainui Group Holdings noted in Item 8 (Strategic Issues), Item 9 (District Plan Update) and Item 10 (General Updates). She noted that she was not conflicted and would take part in the discussion and vote on the matters.

4. **Public Forum – Aatea koorero**

No members of the public wished to speak in the Public Forum.

**5. Confirmation of the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee Open Minutes 11 April 2024**

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

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee confirms the Open Minutes of the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee Meeting held on 11 April 2024 as a true and correct record.

**6. Chair's Report**

The Chair spoke to her report, provided an update on the capex cost for the central city upgrade, a presentation by Tauranga City Council at the Local Government Infrastructure Funding and Financing Symposium noting the importance of deeper analysis of cost projections for significant projects. She responded to questions from Members concerning GST for councils, independence of analysis of cost projections, investment in the Southern Wastewater Treatment Plant and best value capture for projects.

**Staff Action:** *Staff undertook to organise an information Session on the business case for the Southern Wastewater Treatment Plant.*

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

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) requests staff report back to the relevant committee with the scope for the capex programme review requested through the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan deliberations meeting; and
- c) notes that a report will be made to this committee with details regarding with the implications of the Long-Term Plan capital programme for growth in the city.

*Cr Naidoo-Rauf joined the meeting (9.48am) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.*

*Deputy Mayor O'Leary joined the meeting (9.50am) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.*

**7. General Manager's Report**

The General Manager Strategy, Growth and Planning spoke to his report and provided an update on a recent meeting with MP Simon Court about the Resource Management Act reform. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning Council not putting a submission in on RMA Freshwater Farm Plans.

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

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

**8. Strategic Issues (Recommendation to the Council)**

The General Manager Strategy, Growth and Planning and staff spoke to the report in particular fast-track applications for the Pukete and Southern wastewater treatment plants, the Future Proof Strategy: Future Development Strategy, Eastern Transport Corridor, designation of a Northern River transport corridor, the Fonterra Private Plan Change, City Regional Deals and work with future proof partners. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning matters raised by mana whenua and iwi on fast-track applications, optics of a fast-track application being at odds to council's submission on the bill and other fast-track applications, Eastern Transport Corridor in relation to the Government Policy Statement, strategic importance of Tainui Group Holdings, City deals in relation to the Eastern Transport Corridor, investigation and funding of the northern river transport corridor, development contributions in relation to central government funding.

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr Macindoe)  
That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) recommends that the Council adopts the [Future Proof Strategy: Future Development Strategy](#) update.

*Cr Donovan joined the meeting (10.33am) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.*

*Deputy Mayor O'Leary left the meeting (10.54am) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.*

*Mayor Southgate joined the meeting (10.59am) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.*

**The meeting was adjourned 11.00am to 11.18am.**

*Cr Wilson declared a conflict in relation to the following item (District Plan Update - June 2024) in particular Plan Change 9. He did not take part in the discussion of that matter.*

#### **9. District Plan Update - June 2024**

The Urban & Spatial Planning Unit Manager spoke to the report, in particular Plan Change 9 which would be heard in September 2024 and progress of Plan Change 14 and flood zone mapping. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning infrastructure and funding requirements for stage one of the central city transformation plan, expected timeframe and prioritisation of Fairfield-Enderley infrastructure development, connections policy on smaller developments, obligations to te ture whai manawa, impact of flood zones to Civil Defence, impact of development of properties with flood depression areas.

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

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves delaying the notification of Plan Change 14 pending further assessment of options for managing Depression Area hazards (Option 2 of the staff report);
- c) notes that prior to requesting approval to notify Plan Change 14, a workshop with Elected Members will be organised to discuss proposed strategy options to manage the depression areas.

*Deputy Mayor O'Leary re-joined the meeting (11.59am) during the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.*

*Cr Casey-Cox left the meeting (11.40am) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.*

#### **10. General Updates**

The Urban & Spatial Planning Unit Manager took the report as read. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning levels of service in relation to developments and the opportunity to use renewal funding to improve central city streetscape.

**Staff Action:** *Staff undertook to provide Members with information concerning funding availability for renewing the central city streetscape.*

**Resolved:** (Cr Thomson/Maangai Kana)

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

**11. Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**Resolved:** (Cr van Oosten/Cr Wilson)

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 11 April 2024	) Good reason to withhold ) information exists under ) Section 7 Local Government ) Official Information and ) Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. 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 enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage to enable Council to carry out negotiations to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (h) Section 7 (2) (i) Section 7 (2) (j)

**The meeting moved into Public Excluded session at 12.11pm.**

**The meeting was declared closed at 2.56pm.**