
Council Kaunihera OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and audio visual link on Thursday 29 April 2021 at 9.31am.

PRESENT

Members

Mayor P Southgate
Cr M Bunting
Cr M Forsyth
Cr M Gallagher (via Audio Visual link)
Cr R Hamilton
Cr D Macpherson
Cr K Naidoo-Rauf (via Audio Visual link)
Cr A O'Leary
Cr R Pascoe
Cr S Thomson
Cr M van Oosten
Cr E Wilson

In attendance:

Richard Briggs - Chief Executive
Lance Vervoort - General Manager Community
Sean Murry - General Manager Venues, Tourism and Major Events
Eeva-Liisa Wright – General Manager Infrastructure Operations
Jen Baird – General Manager City Growth
Maire Porter – City Waters Manager
Paul Bowman – Team Leader City Planning
Lucy Ryan – City Centre Place Manager
Wendy O'Neil – Strategic Property Team Leader
Julie Clausen – Unit Manager Strategy and Corporate Planning
Clare Foster – Property Officer

Governance Staff:

Becca Brooke – Governance Manager
Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader
Tyler Gaukrodger, Carmen Fortin – Governance Advisors

Tame Pokaia opened the meeting with a karakia.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Thomson)

That Cr O'Leary be appointed as the Chair for the duration of the meeting noting both the Chair and Deputy Chair were apologies for the majority of the meeting.

1. Apologies – *Tono aroha*

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Van Oosten)

That the apologies for absences from Cr Forsyth, for partial attendance from Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor and Cr Gallagher are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Thomson)

That the agenda is confirmed noting that:

- a) Item 11 (Waikato Community Lands Trust – Funding Update) be deferred to allow further discussions with Waikato Community Lands Trust prior to the report being brought back to a future meeting of the Council; and
- b) Late item C12 (Judicial Review Verbal Update – 29 April 2021) is accepted. This was circulated as a late item to enable timely information to be distributed to Elected Members. Item 12 (Judicial Review Verbal Update – 29 April 2021) will be taken after Item C4 (Confirmation of the Elected Member Public Excluded Briefing Notes – 1 April 2021) to accommodate presenter availability.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga*

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum – *Aatea koorero*

John Heskett spoke to item C6 (Sky Gardens NZ Limited Request for Exclusivity Agreement – Arts Post Car Park Site, Victoria Street) and the work that he had undertaken. He responded to question from Elected Members concerning the process to date.

5. Confirmation of the Council Open Minutes of 18 March 2021

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Wilson)

That the Council confirm the Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 March 2021 as a true and correct record.

6. Confirmation of the Council Open Minutes of 1 April 2021

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Bunting)

That the Council confirm the Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 April 2021 as a true and correct record.

7. Confirmation of the Elected Member Open Briefing Notes - 10 March 2021

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Wilson)

That the Council confirm the Open Briefing Notes of the Elected Member Briefing held on 10 March 2021 as a true and correct record.

8. Confirmation of the Elected Member Open Briefing Notes - 17 March 2021

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Wilson)

That the Council confirm the Open Notes of the Elected Member Briefing held on 17 March 2021 as a true and correct record.

9. Chair's Report

The report was taken as read. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the appointment process for the Maangai vacancy.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) notes Maangai Hemi Rau's resignation and the subsequent reappointment process.

10. Central City Transformation Plan (CCTP) Refresh – Approval

The Team Leader City Planning outlined the staff report and noted that the Central City River Plan Advisory Group supported the approval of the Plan. He responded to questions from Elected Member concerning the proposed short term initiatives, the purpose and scope of the plan, public green space, event spaces and employment in the central city.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr van Oosten)

That the Council:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the Central City Transformation Plan Refresh document (**Attachment 1** of the staff report).

The meeting was adjourned from 10.39am to 10.54am.

- 11. Waikato Community Lands Trust - Funding Update** *this item was deferred to a future meeting of the Council during item 2 (Confirmation of the agenda).*

12. Approval of HCC's Submissions to the 2021-31 Draft Long Term Plans of Waipa District Council, Waikato Regional Council and Waikato District Council

The Unit Manager Strategy and Corporate Planning noted the change to the Draft submission and took the report as read. She responded to questions from Elected Members concerning request for Waikato District Council collaboration, ability to make minor changes, oversight of cost due to increases, roading and network connections, transport hubs, funding of Te Huia stations, rating of urban ratepayers, process of HCC being included in other Council's LTP Processes, discussions with Councils regarding responses to our submission, ability to bring responses of submissions back, emphasis of supporting certain projects, and speaking to submissions.

Resolved: (Cr Pascoe/Cr Bunting)

That the Council:

- a) receives the staff report;
- b) approves HCC's **DRAFT 2** (appendix 1 of the minutes) submissions to the 2021-31 Draft Long Term Plans of Waipa District Council, Waikato Regional Council and Waikato District Council;
- c) notes the approved submissions will be sent to the respective three councils by 30 April 2021, noting minor changes will be incorporated into the final submissions;
- d) notes that Council representatives will request to speak in support of the approved submissions at the hearings for the 2021-31 Draft Long Term Plans of the respective three councils; and

- e) notes that the three approved submissions will be uploaded to Hamilton City Council's website.

Mayor Southgate joined the meeting (11.05am) via Audio Visual link during the discussion of the above item.

13. Domain Endowment Lease - Freeholding - 5 Cotter Place

The Property Officer took the report as read and responded to questions from Elected Members concerning increase of current market valuation, market movement, improvement value of property, heritage status of land limiting value, purchase of housing and inclusion of the Domain Endowment Fund.

Item 13 (Domain Endowment Lease - Freeholding - 5 Cotter Place) was adjourned following the discussion to enable staff time to respond to matters raised by Elected Members.

Mayor Southgate retired from the meeting (11.40am) during discussion of the above item. She was not present when the item was voted on.

14. Three Waters Reform update

The City Waters Manager spoke to the report, noting much of the structure was not yet known but that further information was expected from Central Government and that this would be reported to Elected Members. She responded to questions from Elected Members concerning reasons for redactions in report and new water regulator reforms.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr O'Leary)

That the Council receives the report.

15. Recommendations from Open Committee Meetings

Financial Strategy Monitoring Report

Resolved: (Cr Pascoe/Cr van Oosten)

That the Council:

- a) approves the capital movement as identified in paragraph 20 and 21 of the 23 March 2021 Capital Portfolio Monitoring Report;
- b) approves the significant forecast adjustments as set out in paragraphs 19 and 20 of the staff report; and
- c) approves the revised Financial Strategy position for Debt to Revenue, Net Debt and Balancing the Books as set out in paragraphs 21 to 23 of the staff report.

Human Resources Information Services Contract Award

Resolved: (Cr Pascoe/Cr van Oosten)

That the Council:

- a) approves the direct appointment of Lagom Group as delivery consultant for the implementation of Council's HRIS solution noting the following:
 - i) that the project term is a period of eleven; and
 - ii) that the approved contract sum is set no greater than \$2,145,000;
- b) approves the direct appointment of Ceridian as HRIS software provider noting the following:

- i) that the contract term is a period of five years; and
- ii) that the approved contract sum is set no greater than \$1,895,000; and
- c) delegates authority to the General Manager People and Organisational Performance Group to finalise and execute contracts with Lagom Group and Ceridian.

Personal Hire Devices- End of Trial Review

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Gallagher)

That the Council approves the following fees and charges:

- a) \$300 annual permit fee;
- b) fee of \$0.13 per ride; and
- c) a \$10,000 education campaign fund per operator, noting that there may be future ongoing funding shared among all operators for Council and user education.

Korikori Green Proposal to Declare a Pedestrian Mall - Deliberation and Adoption Report

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Gallagher)

That the Council:

- a) approves that a section of Korikori Green be declared a Pedestrian Mall under Section 336(1) of the Local Government Act 1974;
- b) approves a public notice be issued stating the Council decision to declare a section of Korikori Green a Pedestrian Mall;
- c) notes that under section 336(3) of the Local Government Act 1974, any person may, within one month after making of a declaration of the pedestrian mall, or within such further time as the Environment Court may allow, appeal to the Environment Court against the declaration; and
- d) notes that if no appeals to the declaration of the Pedestrian Mall in Korikori Green are received or upheld that the Hamilton Traffic Bylaw Pedestrian Mall register will be updated to include this information.

Hamilton Stormwater Bylaw Review - Deliberations Report

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Gallagher)

That the Council:

- a) notes that, as part of this review, Council determined on 30 April 2020 that a Stormwater Bylaw is the most appropriate mechanism for addressing issues relating to stormwater management in Hamilton;
- b) notes that the Hamilton Stormwater Bylaw 2015 has been reviewed and consulted on as per the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002;
- c) notes that the revised Stormwater Bylaw 2021 is the most appropriate form of the bylaw, having regard to the issues identified in the review and consultation feedback;
- d) notes that the revised Hamilton Stormwater Bylaw 2021 does not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990; and adopts the revised Stormwater Bylaw 2021 effective from 1 October 2021.

Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2019

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Gallagher)

That the Council:

- a) approves the update minor changes to clause 9.2 of the Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2019 ; and
- b) notes that section 156(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2002 enables errors in a bylaw to be corrected by a publicly notified resolution.

16. Resolution to Exclude the Public**Resolved:** (Cr O'Leary/Cr Hamilton)**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 Council Public Excluded Minutes of 18 March 2021) Good reason to withhold) information exists under) Section 7 Local Government) Official Information and) Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Confirmation of the Elected Member Public Excluded Briefing Notes - 10 March 2021		
C3. Confirmation of the Elected Member Public Excluded Briefing Notes - 17 March 2021		
C4. Confirmation of the Elected Member Public Excluded Briefing Notes - 1 April 2021		
C5. Chair's Report (Public Excluded Matter)		
C6. Sky Gardens NZ Limited Request for Exclusivity Agreement - Arts Post Car Park Site, Victoria Street		
C7. Appointment of a new Independent Hearing Commissioners' Panel		
C8. External Funding Opportunities For Approval		
C9. Confirmation of the Council Public Excluded (CE Review Committee Matters) Minutes of 22 October 2020		

C10. Public Excluded
Recommendation from
the CE Review Committee
- Interim CE Performance
Review 2020/21

C11. Public Excluded
Recommendation from
the CE Review Committee
- CE Recruitment

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 prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C3.	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C4.	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C5.	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C6.	to avoid the unreasonably, likely prejudice to the commercial position of a person who supplied or is the subject of the information to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage	Section 7 (2) (b) (ii) Section 7 (2) (h)
Item C7.	to protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7 (2) (a)
Item C8.	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)
Item C9.	to protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7 (2) (a)
Item C10.	to protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7 (2) (a)
Item C11.	to avoid the unreasonably, likely prejudice to the commercial position of a person who supplied or is the subject of the information to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage	Section 7 (2) (b) (ii) Section 7 (2) (h)
	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)

The meeting moved into a public excluded session at 11.49am.

The meeting went into an open session at 2.24pm.

16. Domain Endowment Lease - Freeholding - 5 Cotter Place

This item was moved to the public excluded section of the meeting to enable discussions concerning matters of commercial sensitivity (Section 7 (2) (h)).

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Bunting)

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

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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
13. Domain Endowment Lease - Freeholding - 5 Cotter Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none">) Good reason to withhold) information exists under) Section 7 Local Government) Official Information and) Meetings Act 1987 	Section 48(1)(a)

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 13.	to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage	Section 7 (2) (h)
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The meeting moved into a public excluded session at 2.26pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 3.53pm.

Minute Note 26/06/2021:

On 25/06/2021 the following resolutions were determined to be released to the public via these minutes and the quarterly update.

Appointment of a new Independent Hearing Commissioners' Panel**Resolved:**

That the Council:

- a) receives the report;*
- b) terminates the current appointments to the Independent Hearings Commissioners' Panel and replaces those individuals with the following appointments:*
 - i. Alistair Black;*

- ii. *Bill Wasley;*
 - iii. *Cherie Lane;*
 - iv. *Chris Mitchell;*
 - v. *David Hill;*
 - vi. *David McMahon;*
 - vii. *Gerry Kessels;*
 - viii. *Gina Sweetman;*
 - ix. *Glenda Fryer;*
 - x. *Heike Lutz;*
 - xi. *Jan Caunter;*
 - xii. *Jan Sedgewick;*
 - xiii. *Judith Makinson;*
 - xiv. *Justine Bray;*
 - xv. *Kate McArthur;*
 - xvi. *Linda Te Aho;*
 - xvii. *Loretta Lovell;*
 - xviii. *Mark Farnsworth;*
 - xix. *Peter Kensington;*
 - xx. *Richard Knott;*
 - xxi. *Robert Schofield;*
 - xxii. *Steven Wilson;*
 - xxiii. *Tracie Dean-Speirs;*
 - xxiv. *Tracy Ogden-Cork;*
 - xxv. *Vicki Morrison-Shaw;*
 - xxvi. *Vishal Chandra; and*
 - xxvii. *any Hamilton city councillor or Maangai Maaori who is a Ministry for the Environment accredited RMA Commissioner; and*
- c) *delegates authority to the new Independent Hearings Commissioners' Panel to hear and decide certain Resource Management matters as contained in the Panel's Terms of Reference; and*
 - d) *notes that the decision and information in relation to the matter be released at the appropriate time, the report to be released at a time to be determined by the General Manager City Growth.*

External Funding Opportunities for Approval

Resolved:

That the Council

- a) *receives the report.*
- b) *approves the submission of external funding applications from:*
 - i. *Ministry of Business Innovation & Employment Tourism Infrastructure Fund – Hamilton Gardens;*
 - ii. *Ministry of Business Innovation & Employment Tourism Infrastructure Fund – Hamilton Zoo-Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park; and*
- c) *notes that the decision and information in relation to this matter be released at the appropriate time, to be determined by the Chief Executive.*

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DRAFT 2

Submission by

Hamilton City Council

WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL – DRAFT 2021-31 LONG TERM PLAN

29 April 2021

1.0 SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 Support the overall intent and direction of Waikato District Council's draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan.
- 1.2 Hamilton City Council requests Waikato District Council makes provision in its draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan budget for operational contributions to facilities that are used by residents of Waikato District.
- 1.3 Hamilton City Council supports Waikato District Council's provision in its draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan budget for the development of alternative transport options, in particular funding of rail services and rail stations.
- 1.4 Hamilton City Council requests Waikato District Council makes provision in its draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan budget for a contribution towards safety improvements at the Gordonton Road/Puketaha Road intersection.
- 1.5 Hamilton City Council requests Waikato District Council makes provision in its draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan budget for the funding of the Waikato Community Lands Trust and inclusionary zoning planning mechanisms.
- 1.6 Hamilton City Council notes Waikato District Council's unbudgeted provision of \$4 million in their draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan to signal a contribution toward land purchase, designation and consenting processes for a new southern plant.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Hamilton City Council supports the direction of Waikato District Council's draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan in its vision of building livable, thriving and connected communities, and aligning the budget to focus on community and Blueprint initiatives to deliver to this vision.
- 2.2 Hamilton City Council requests Waikato District Council considers the following points in the deliberation of their draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

3.0 FACILITIES USED BY OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

- 3.1 A large number of Waikato District residents are regular users of facilities and services within Hamilton City Council boundaries. Hamilton City Council requests that Waikato District Council takes account of this fact and provides contributions for operational costs of these services. This includes access both to existing services and facilities, as well as those that will be newly built or redeveloped as a result of Hamilton City Council's 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.

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3.2 These include but are not limited to:

- Hamilton Gardens – a nationally and internationally recognised visitor destination that the wider Waikato region benefits from. Ongoing development will ensure that it remains a key destination into the future that will attract visitors to the Waikato region, acting as a gateway to other visitor experiences in the region.
- Recreation Centres – there is a growing demand for indoor recreation centres to accommodate sports and recreational activities. These include volleyball, basketball, futsal and others. The success of “The Peak” – the Rototuna Indoor Recreation Centre shows a strong demand for facilities, and residents both within Hamilton City boundaries and outside of it are benefitting from it. Hamilton City Council plans to continue to develop indoor recreation centres to meet local and regional needs and to meet the recommendations of the Waikato Sports Facilities Plan. Waikato residents are likely to use these facilities in the future despite their location within Hamilton City boundaries.
- Hillcrest library upgrade – and upgrade to Hillcrest Library will increase capacity and enable a growing community in the East of Hamilton to have better access to library services and benefit from a developing “Community Hub” approach to libraries. Given the close proximity to both Waipa and Waikato District Councils, it is likely that residents from these areas will benefit from the improved facility and services offered.

3.3 Hamilton City Council supports the continuation of the library arrangement with Waikato District Council.

3.4 As a part of the committed investment to re-establish a conservation destination at Hamilton Zoo-Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park, Hamilton City Council wishes to work with Waikato District Council to:

- change the zoning to bring the back area of the Zoo from rural into the designated Zoo zone; and
- lower the speed limit on Brymer Road.

4.0 ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT Networks

4.1 Hamilton City Council supports Waikato District Council’s vision of liveable communities, thriving communities and connected communities.

4.2 Hamilton City Council is encouraged that Waikato District Council has committed to working with its partners - Waikato Regional Council, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Auckland Transport, Auckland Council, KiwiRail and central government, on improving the Te Huia passenger train service over the coming years by committing \$220,000 per year to support the operation of the service for the first three years and \$750,000 for the further upgrade of the Raahui-Pookeka Huntly Railway Station, as well as budgeting \$100,000 for a business case for investigating Te Kauwhata as a potential future station.

4.3 Hamilton City Council would like Waikato District Council to bring forward the establishment of a rail station at Te Kauwhata from Year 3 to Year 1 (or as soon as possible) given the project logistics, including business case work.

5.0 SAFER COMMUNITIES

5.1 Hamilton City Council has received feedback from the community in regard to their concerns about the safety of the Gordonton Road/Puketaha Road intersection.

5.2 The Gordonton Road is currently classed as a rural road and Hamilton City Council has implement several projects to improve safety along this road.

5.3 In Hamilton City Council’s 2021-2031 Long Term Plan Council is proposing a small roundabout at the intersection of Gordonton Road/Puketaha Road. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has indicated this project is not seen as a priority and therefore there will be not funding available. The cost of the project is estimated at \$3 million.

5.4 Hamilton City Council requests Waikato District Council considers the funding of a contribution for

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this intersection.

6.0 WAIKATO COMMUNITY LANDS TRUST AND INCLUSIONARY ZONING

- 6.1 In 2019 Hamilton City Council supported the establishment of the Waikato Community Lands Trust with the aim to assist working families into affordable housing with security of tenure.
- 6.2 The Trust has been established with legal, charitable status and is independent of Hamilton City Council. It has a Waikato region focus and is administered by independent and appropriately skilled volunteer Trustees.
- 6.3 The Trust is based on a successful Queenstown model that has enabled the delivery of over 170 homes in the Queenstown Lakes District, with more than 300 sites still to develop.
- 6.4 Hamilton City Council contributed \$2 million dollars of seed funding with the intention that other community Trusts, philanthropic organisations and councils would also contribute similar amounts to get it established.
- 6.5 Hamilton City Council has also contributed \$50,000, matching the WEL Energy Trust Vital Impact (Housing) grant, towards the Trust's operating costs and employment of a Trust Administrator.
- 6.6 Hamilton City Council asks that you consider matching our initial \$2 million-dollar funding to this very worthwhile cause that facilitates affordable housing in perpetuity for communities in the Waikato.
- 6.7 Through Hamilton City Council's district plan review council is also considering the use of Inclusionary Zoning policies to enable a sustainable pipeline of sites to be provided to the Trust. Inclusionary Zoning refers to policies that require a portion of developments to be retained for affordable housing, often in return for greater density.
- 6.8 This is a powerful tool that Hamilton City Council suggests you may also consider in your planning frameworks to enable the delivery of more affordable housing in the Waikato.

7.0 BUDGETARY PROVISION REQUEST FOR NEW SOUTHERN WASTEWATER PLANT

- 7.1 The Hamilton-Waikato Metro Wastewater Detailed Business Case (DBC) Project is being delivered through a partnership between Hamilton City Council, Waikato District Council, Waipa District Council, Waikato-Tainui and Mana Whenua.
- 7.2 The preferred wastewater servicing option for the Southern Metro area was confirmed by the Project Governance Group (made up of elected representatives from the partner organisations) on 16 April 2021. The preferred option includes the development of a new wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) located south of Hamilton as well as significant upgrades at Pukete and Cambridge wastewater treatment plants. Upgrades to the Matangi and Tauwhare Pa systems will also be needed in the short term. Timing to deliver and implement the new southern plant is being considered as part of finalising the Southern Metro Wastewater detailed business case.
- 7.3 One of the benefits of the new southern treatment plant is the ability to divert flow away from the Pukete WWTP and enabling Northern Metro area communities (i.e., Taupiri, Hopuhopu, Ngaruawahia, Horotiu, Te Kowhai) to be serviced via an upgraded and expanded Pukete WWTP in the long term. The preferred solution for the Northern Metro area will be confirmed via the Northern Metro detailed business case.
- 7.4 Successful implementation of the new southern plant included in the preferred option requires financial contribution and multi-partner co-ordination to complete land acquisition and (potentially) designation and consenting processes over the next three years and beyond. This financial contribution is needed in addition to the significant investment needed at the Cambridge and Pukete plants and the investments needed at Matangi and Tauwhare Pa.
- 7.5 In addition to confirming the preferred option for the Southern Metro area on 16 April 2021, the Project Governance Group agreed to the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (or other similar mechanism) to secure commitments to implement the preferred option from the detailed business case. Specifically, the Governance Group directed the Project Team to provide advice on:

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- A Memorandum of Understanding or other similar mechanism to secure commitments to implement the preferred option from the detailed business case;
 - How to reflect the preferred option in 2021-2031 Long Term Plans; and
 - Growth thresholds and triggers that will match the sequence of growth with the staged development of the new Southern Wastewater Plant.
- 7.6 Hamilton City Council endorses the decisions of the Governance Group and is encouraged by the direction to enter into an agreement to secure commitments to implementing the business case recommendations. Hamilton City Council, as part of the project collective, is focused on the successful conclusion of the Southern Metro Area Wastewater detailed business case and commencing the Northern Metro Area detailed business case.
- 7.7 Hamilton City Council has funded \$9 million in years 1 – 3 of its draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan as a contribution toward land purchase, designation and consenting processes for a new southern plant. Hamilton City Council has also noted significant (unfunded) investment to commence construction of a new southern plant from Year 10 of its draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan.
- 7.8 Hamilton City Council support Waikato District Council's unbudgeted provision of \$4 million in their draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan to signal a contribution toward land purchase, designation and consenting processes for a new southern plant. Noting an unbudgeted provision will inform the Waikato community of future funding needed to implement the new southern treatment plant, and reinforce the decision made to formulate a MOU (or other mechanism) as a clear recognition that all partners are committed to delivering the sub-regional solutions the detailed business case is indicating.
- 7.9 Hamilton City Council would like Waikato District Council to not it has prepared a submission to the Waipa District Council to encourage the Waipa District Council to include the necessary budgetary provision or note an unbudgeted provision in its final approved 2021-31 Long Term Plan to support an equitable contribution to future-proof the delivery of a new southern wastewater plant and recommend Waikato District Council makes a similar submission to Waipa District Council's draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

8.0 CAPACITY FOR JOINT INFRASTRUCTURE/PROJECTS

- 8.1 Hamilton City Council notes that Waikato District Council has indicated that their debt level will peak in 2028/29 at \$393 million and Council will have limited capacity to borrow more debt if needed.
- 8.2 Hamilton City Council requests if Waikato District Council can indicate if their forecast debt provides capacity to provide for joint funding projects into the future.

9.0 FURTHER INFORMATION AND HEARINGS

- 9.1 Should Waikato District Council require clarification of Hamilton City Council's submission, or additional information, please contact **Liz Tuck** (Corporate Planning Manager, Strategy and Research) on 07 8585775, email liz.tuck@hcc.govt.nz in the first instance.
- 9.2 Hamilton City Council **does wish to speak** in support of this submission at the hearings for Waikato District Council's 2021-31 Draft Long Term Plan.

Yours faithfully

Richard Briggs

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Submission by

Hamilton City Council

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL – DRAFT 2021-31 LONG TERM PLAN

29 April 2021

10.0 SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.7 Support the overall intent and direction of Waikato Regional Council's draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan.
- 1.8 Hamilton City Council requests Waikato Regional Council makes provision in its draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan for the funding of the Waikato Community Lands Trust.
- 1.9 Hamilton City Council supports the sustainable homes programme to assist homeowners to make sustainable home improvements.
- 1.10 Hamilton City Council supports the Biodiversity Accord and requests the increase in resourcing to assist restoration efforts is directed to the Hamilton City gully network.
- 1.11 Hamilton City Council requests Waikato Regional Council makes provision in its draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan for collaboration on aligned regional visitor destinations.
- 1.12 Hamilton City Council supports the Waikato Regional Council's increased investment in Te Waka.
- 1.13 Hamilton City Council requests clarification of the treatment of the \$5 million passenger rail credit collected from Hamilton City ratepayers.
- 1.14 Hamilton City Council supports the proposal to extend the services operation for the passenger rail service.

11.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.3 Hamilton City Council supports the overall intent and direction of the Waikato Regional Council's draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan.
- 2.4 Hamilton City Council would like to acknowledge the value of our close working relationship with Waikato Regional Council through various regional partnerships such as Futureproof Te Tau Tiitoki, The Waikato Plan, the Regional Passenger Transport Committee, and the Waikato Civil Defence Emergency Management Group as we collectively work to improve the wellbeing of our communities and region.
- 2.5 Hamilton City Council look forward to further strengthening the collaborative interactions of our teams when they relocate close to Hamilton City Council in the CBD.
- 2.6 Hamilton City Council requests Waikato Regional Council considers the following in their deliberations on their draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

12.0 WAIKATO COMMUNITY LANDS TRUST

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13.0 SUSTAINABLE HOMES SCHEME

- 13.1 Hamilton City Council supports the outcome of everyone in the Waikato region to have a healthy home to live in by the creation of a sustainable homes programme for the region. This programme will assist homeowners with loans to make sustainable improvements like water tank installation, insulation, double-glazing, heating, ventilation and solar power and septic tank upgrades. Hamilton City Council also recommends the Waikato Regional Council investigates how the sustainable homes programme could further benefit residents experiencing housing stress and lower income households.
- ### PROTECTING OUR BIODIVERSITY
- 14.1 Hamilton City Council supports developing a biodiversity accord with key partners in the region including Hamilton City. This will assist with the delivery of the City's Nature in the City Strategy and Local Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy.
 - 14.2 Hamilton City Council supports the investment of almost \$11 million over the 10 years for biodiversity outcomes and support Waikato Regional Councils proposal **option 1 – to start the work in year 1.**
 - 14.3 Hamilton City Council commends that you are proposing to continue to take a collective impact approach with ongoing partnership work that ranges from informing through to co-design to meet stated stakeholder needs. We would like to identify how Hamilton City Council and Waikato Regional Council can partner to deliver the Nature in the City work programme.
 - 14.4 Hamilton City Council agrees this increase in resourcing will assist the restoration efforts of communities and landowners, and we would like to understand more fully how the assistance will deliver 'on the ground' restoration efforts.
 - 14.5 Hamilton City Council requests that an allocation of these resources are set aside for the Hamilton City gully network and the re-establishment of a conservation destination at the Hamilton Zoo-Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park.

15.0 REGIONAL VISITOR DESTINATIONS

- 15.1 Hamilton City Council is interested in working with Waikato Regional Council and neighbouring Councils to explore the potential for aligned visitor and tourist information and collateral through structured collaboration via I-SITES, museums and libraries as well as Hamilton-Waikato Tourism. This increased collaboration can take visitors through river journey experiences, land wars journey experiences and conservation trail experiences unique to our region.

16.0 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

- 16.1 Hamilton City Council supports Waikato Regional Council's proposal to invest more in Te Waka, our

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regional economic development agency, lifting the investment from \$300,000 per annum to \$750,000 per annum.

- 16.2 Waikato's economic development ecosystem extends across many boundaries and is a truly regional collection of businesses, government entities, and communities. As such, an appropriately funded regional economic development agency such as Te Waka is a critical component to strengthening and growing a culture of collaboration and shared economic success in the Waikato.
- 16.3 The boundaryless, regional approach taken by Te Waka is also reflected in Hamilton City Council's economic development agenda, which supports the Future Proof Te Tau Tiitoki strategy of a diverse and vibrant metropolitan centre strongly tied to distinctive, thriving towns and rural communities.
- 16.4 Importantly, Te Waka is also a vital resource that supports Hamilton City Council's work to contribute to Maaori wellbeings in Hamilton through the Waikato Region Maaori Economic Development Plan, increasing Maaori employment and career pathways through partnerships and projects.
- 16.5 Increased funding for Te Waka will support Hamilton City Council's work enabling our economic development success with initiatives that include sector-based action planning, partnerships with education providers, economic intelligence, a regional labour market strategy, employment initiatives, and the aggressive promotion of our value proposition for regional, national, and international investment opportunities.
- 16.6 Properly resourcing Te Waka will strengthen their partnership with Hamilton City Council's as we both work to create economic conditions that are conducive to growth, investment, and new employment while providing the data, insights, tools and connections to support the needs of a wide range of organisations.
- 16.7 Without sufficient funding, Hamilton City Council is concerned that Waikato's economic development ecosystem will be unable to meet the moment and we could fail to bring the transformational investments and economic growth that would otherwise be possible.

17.0 PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE

- 17.1 Hamilton City Council supports Waikato Regional Council's proposal to extend the services operation from 2023/24 to an additional interpeak service on weekdays and to investigate the opportunities to extend the service from Papakura further into Auckland.
- 17.2 Hamilton City Council notes the proposed impact on Hamilton City ratepayers will be:
 - 2021/22 - 53 cents per \$100,000 capital value.
 - 2022/23 – 13 cents per \$100,000 capital value.
 - 2023/24 – 1.61 cents per \$100,000 capital value
- 17.3 Hamilton City Council requests clarification on the treatment of the \$5m targeted rate collected from Hamilton City ratepayers for the passenger rail service. In particular, the application of the credit held over, and if this will be applied to the rates of Hamilton City ratepayers in 2021/22.
- 17.4 Hamilton City Council supports the submission from the Hamilton-Auckland Passenger Rail Project Governance Working Group for Regional Council to add two new projects for Year 1 (2021/22) of the 2021-31 Draft Long Term Plan. The projects are:
 - Te Huia Push-Pull Safety Assessment; estimated cost \$250,000.
 - Te Huia European Train Control System (ETCS) Retrofit; estimated cost \$2,200,000.
- 17.5 Both projects are essential requirements to allow the Te Huia Service to have the flexibility to use alternative timetable slots that assist with the service stopping at further Auckland metro stops such as Puhinui and the Strand. Hamilton City Council understands that discussions are ongoing in regard to a substantive Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency subsidy for these two projects.
- 17.6 Hamilton City Council also supports the submission from the Hamilton-Auckland Passenger Rail Project Governance Working Group to bring forward the Waikato Regional Council operational

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funding in Year 3 of the 2021-31 Draft Long Term Plan to Year 1 (2021/22) to allow an interpeak service to commence.

18.0 FURTHER INFORMATION AND HEARINGS

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WAIPA DISTRICT COUNCIL – DRAFT 2021-31 LONG TERM PLAN

29 April 2021

19.0 SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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- 1.17 Hamilton City Council requests Waipa District Council makes provision in its draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan budget for the funding of the Waikato Community Lands Trust and inclusionary zoning planning mechanisms.
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- 1.19 Hamilton City Council encourages the Waipa District Council to include the necessary budgetary provision or note an unbudgeted provision in its final approved 2021-31 Long Term Plan to support an equitable contribution to future-proof the delivery of a new southern wastewater plant.

20.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.7 Hamilton City Council supports the direction of Waipa District Council's draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan in focusing on the outcomes of socially resilient, cultural champions, environmental champions and economically progressive.
- 2.8 Hamilton City Council requests Waipa District Council considers the following points in the deliberation of their draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

21.0 ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT AND MOBILITY NETWORKS

- 21.1 Hamilton City Council supports Waipa District Council commitment to the investment in the Pirongia-Ngā Roto-Te Awamutu cycling connection and the investment in urban mobility network.
- 21.2 Hamilton City Council notes that Waipa District Council has identified that *"population growth may create more transport movements on key routes leading to congestion or safety issues. Greater population density provides opportunities to transition to transport modes other than private cars. The Hamilton to Auckland passenger train service is one such opportunity"*. Hamilton City Council would like to understand if Waipa District Council has provided any funding or capacity for the development of this project.

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- 22.8 This is a powerful tool that Hamilton City Council suggests you may also consider in your planning frameworks to enable the delivery of more affordable housing in the Waikato.

23.0 FACILITIES USED BY OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

- 23.1 A large number of Waipa District Council residents are regular users of facilities and services within Hamilton City Council boundaries. Hamilton City Council requests that Waipa District Council takes account of this fact and provides contributions for operational costs of these services. This includes access both to existing services and facilities, as well as those that will be newly built or redeveloped as a result of Hamilton City Council's 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.
- 23.2 These include but are not limited to:
- Hamilton Gardens – a nationally and internationally recognised visitor destination that the wider Waikato region benefits from. Ongoing development will ensure that it remains a key destination into the future that will attract visitors to the Waikato region, acting as a gateway to other visitor experiences in the region.
 - Recreation Centres – there is a growing demand for indoor recreation centres to accommodate sports and recreational activities. These include volleyball, basketball, futsal and others. The success of "The Peak" – the Rototuna Indoor Recreation Centre shows a strong demand for facilities, and residents both within Hamilton City boundaries and outside of it are benefitting from it. Hamilton City Council plans to continue to develop indoor recreation centres to meet local and regional needs and to meet the recommendations of the Waikato Sports Facilities Plan. Waipa residents are likely to use these facilities in the future despite their location within Hamilton City boundaries.
 - Hillcrest library upgrade – and upgrade to Hillcrest Library will increase capacity and enable a growing community in the East of Hamilton to have better access to library services and benefit from a developing "Community Hub" approach to libraries. Given the close proximity to both Waipa and Waikato District Councils, it is likely that residents from these areas will benefit from the improved facility and services offered.

24.0 BUDGET PROVISION REQUIRED FOR SOUTHERN WASTEWATER PLANT

- 24.1 The Hamilton-Waikato Metro Wastewater Detailed Business Case (DBC) Project is being delivered through a partnership between Hamilton City Council, Waikato District Council, Waipa District Council, Waikato-Tainui and Mana Whenua.
- 24.2 The preferred wastewater servicing option for the Southern Metro area was confirmed by the Project Governance Group (made up of elected representatives from the partner organisations) on 16th April 2021. The preferred option includes the development of a new wastewater treatment plant located south of Hamilton as well as significant upgrades at Pukete and Cambridge wastewater

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treatment plants. Timing to deliver and implement the new southern plant is being considered as part of finalising the Southern Metro Wastewater detailed business case.

- 24.3 Successful implementation of the new southern plant included in the preferred option requires financial contribution and multi-partner co-ordination to complete land acquisition and (potentially) designation and consenting processes over the next three years and beyond. This financial contribution is needed in addition to the significant investment needed at the Cambridge and Pukete plants.
- 24.4 In addition to confirming the preferred option for the Southern Metro area on 16 April 2021, the Project Governance Group agreed to the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (or other similar mechanism) to secure commitments to implement the preferred option from the detailed business case. Specifically, the Governance Group directed the Project Team to provide advice on:
- A Memorandum of Understanding or other similar mechanism to secure commitments to implement the preferred option from the detailed business case;
 - How to reflect the preferred option in 2021 - 2031 Long Term Plans; and
 - Growth thresholds and triggers that will match the sequence of growth with the staged development of the new Southern Wastewater Plant.
- 24.5 Hamilton City Council endorses the decisions of the Governance Group and is encouraged by the direction to enter into an agreement to secure commitments to implementing the business case recommendations.
- 24.6 Hamilton City Council has funded \$9 million in years 1 – 3 of its draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan as a contribution toward land purchase, designation and consenting processes for a new southern plant. Hamilton City Council has also noted significant (unfunded) investment to commence construction of a new southern plant from Year 10 of its draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan. Waikato District Council has noted an unbudgeted provision of \$4 million in their draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan to signal a contribution toward land purchase, designation and consenting processes for a new southern plant.
- 24.7 While details of a MOU are being worked through, Hamilton City Council encourages Waipa District Council to include the necessary budgetary provision or note an unbudgeted provision in its final approved 2021-31 Long Term Plan to support an equitable contribution to future-proof the delivery of a new southern wastewater plant. Including a budget provision or noting an unbudgeted provision will inform the Waipa community of future funding needed to implement the new southern treatment plant, and reinforce the decision made to formulate a MOU (or other mechanism) as a clear recognition that all partners are committed to delivering the subregional solutions the detailed business case is indicating.
- 24.8 Hamilton City Council, as part of the project collective, is focused on the successful conclusion of the Southern Metro Area Wastewater detailed business case and commencing the Northern Metro Area detailed business case.

25.0 CAPACITY FOR JOINT INFRASTRUCTURE/PROJECTS

- 5.1 Hamilton City Council notes that Waipa District Council has indicated that their debt level will peak in 2027/28 at \$304 million but reduce to \$252.2 million by year 10 of the draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan.
- 5.2 Hamilton City Council requests that if Waipa District Council can indicate if their forecast debt provides capacity to provide for joint funding projects into the future.

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