

Economic Development Committee

Komiti Oohanga Whakatupu

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Economic Development Committee held in Council Chamber and Audio-Visual Link, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Tuesday 3 December 2024 at 9:30 am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr Ewan Wilson
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr Mark Donovan (via audio visual link)
Heamana Tuarua

Members Mayor Paula Southgate
Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary
Cr Anna Casey-Cox
Cr Maxine van Oosten
Cr Moko Tauariki (via audio visual link)
Cr Maria Huata
Cr Louise Hutt
Cr Andrew Bydder
Cr Geoff Taylor
Cr Sarah Thomson
Cr Emma Pike
Cr Tim Macindoe

External Presenters Representatives for Puaawai Whenua Limited Partnership, David Heald and Brian
In Attendance Henry
Representatives for Hamilton City Business Association, Vanessa Williams and
Mike Neale

Cr Huata opened the meeting with a karakia.

1. Apologies – *Tono aroha*

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Thomson)

That the Economic Development Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Cr Naidoo-Rauf, and for partial attendance from Cr Donovan, Mayor Southgate and Cr Huata (Council Business) and for lateness from Cr Taylor.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Pike)

That the Economic Development Committee confirms the agenda.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga*

Prior to the discussion of Item C2 (Strategic Property Update – December 2024) Cr Taylor declared an interest in the matter. He noted that he was not conflicted and would take part in the discussion and vote on the matter.

4. Public Forum – Aatea koorero

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

5. Confirmation of the Economic Development Committee Open Minutes of 24 October 2024

Resolved: (Cr van Oosten/Cr Macindoe)

That the Economic Development Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Economic and Development Meeting held on 24 October 2024 as a true and correct record.

Cr Donovan joined the meeting (9.33) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

6. Chair's Report

The Chair spoke to their report in particular efforts to establish a Medical school for the city and region. The Deputy Chair Donovan provided a verbal update on the great opportunity to showcase itself on the world stage with welcoming the Barmy Army, a group of British Cricket fans that follow the team. He noted the increase in tourism and hospitality as a result of this big Economic win for the committee and city.

David Heald and Brian Henry of Puaawai Whenua Limited Partnership provided a presentation (Appendix 1) on their proposed project to develop a multimodal freight hub at the airport. They responded to questions from Members concerning engagement, government support, iwi collaboration, representation, environmental impacts, risks, investment, and funding.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Pike)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

Mayor Southgate joined the meeting (9.42) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

7. External Agencies and CCO Reporting

The Central City Transformation Manager highlighted the work that had taken place in the Central City including cleaning, repairing and repainting assets. Vanessa Williams and Mike Neale from Hamilton City Business Association spoke to their report and highlighted the introduction of the new central city website and the recent business awards. They responded to questions from Members concerning responses to business surveys, central city events, parking, partnership and collaboration opportunities.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to provide the Members with information on Hamilton's funding for central city events compared to other surrounding cities.*

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Hutt)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

Cr Donovan retired from the meeting (10.15am) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

Cr Tauariki retired from the meeting (10.21am) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

Cr Taylor joined the meeting (10.43am) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

8. General Manager's Report

The General Manager of Strategy, Growth & Planning took their report as read.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to provide Members with more information on Airport runway requirements for electric planes.*

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Taylor)
That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

The meeting was adjourned from 10.55am to 11.05am.

9. Strategic and General Update

Data Analytics, Economics and Policy

The Programme Manager of Economics & Policy spoke to the report and provided the latest economic data update. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the rental market, concerns and inflation.

Economic Development Programme

The Economic Development Programme Manager spoke to the report in particular regional development, business engagement, Tech in the Tron and workforce development. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning collaboration, future steps, declaring conflict of interests and economic growth.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Macindoe)
That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

10. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Resolved: (Cr Wilson /Cr Taylor)
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 |
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| C1. Confirmation of the Economic Development Committee Public Excluded Minutes 24 October 2024 |) Good reason to withhold) information exists under) Section 7 Local Government) Official Information and) Meetings Act 1987 | Section 48(1)(a) |
| C2. Strategic Property Update - December 2024 | | |

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:

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| Item C1. | to protect the privacy of natural persons | Section 7 (2) (a) |
| 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 in the public excluded session at 11.46am.

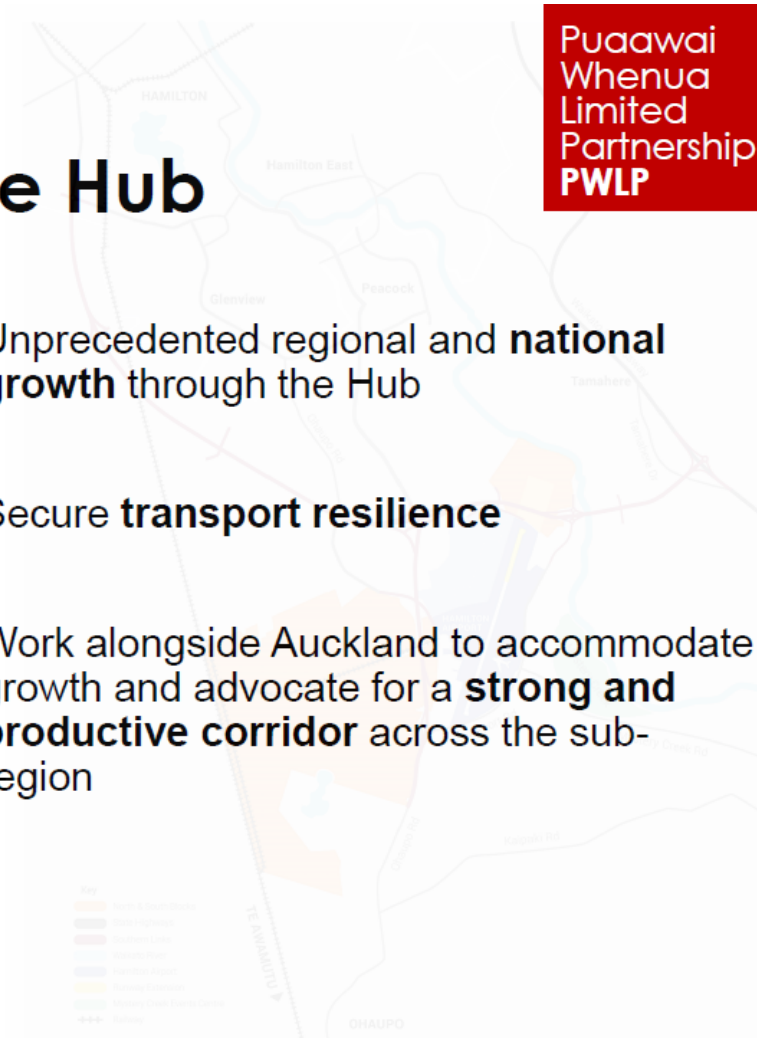
The meeting was declared closed at 12.55pm.

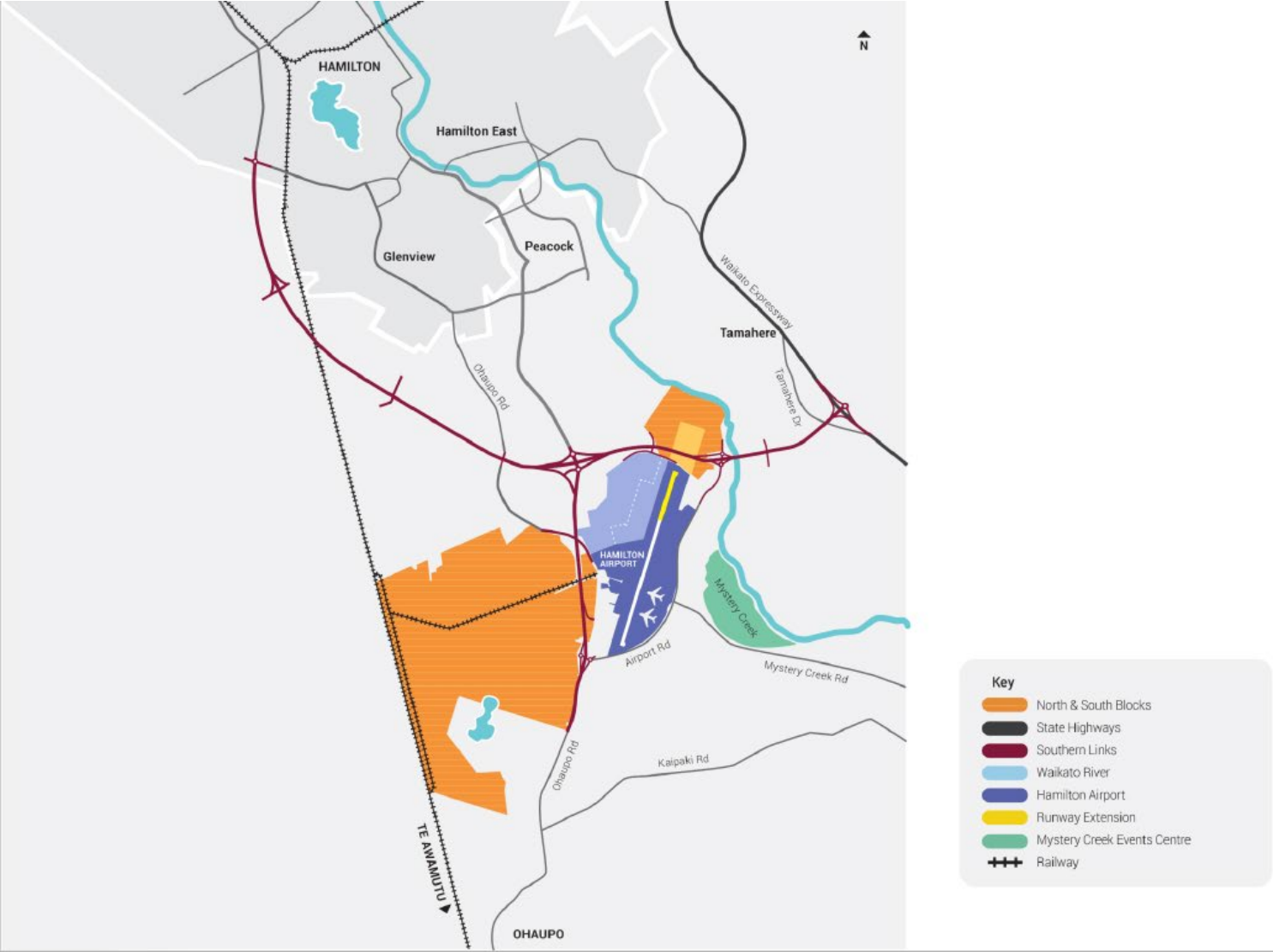
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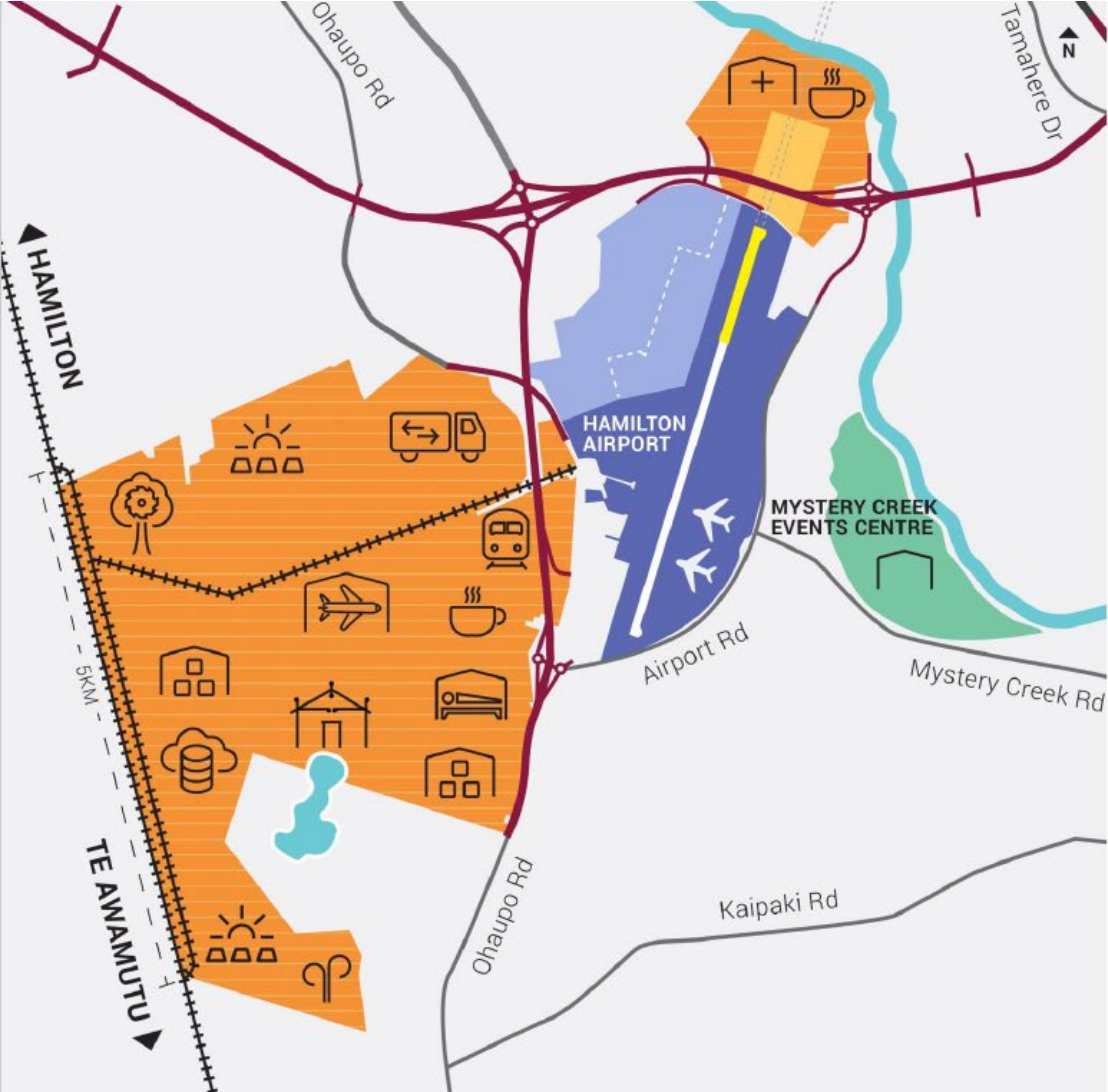


PWLP's Long Term Strategy - The Hub

- Develop a **multimodal freight hub**
- Rail to runway airport precinct with a **road of national significance** in between
- Aligned aspirational goals - **Waikato Regional Development**
- Central, regional & local government
- Unprecedented regional and **national growth** through the Hub
- Secure **transport resilience**
- Work alongside Auckland to accommodate growth and advocate for a **strong and productive corridor** across the sub-region







Key

- North & South Blocks
- State Highways
- Southern Links
- Waikato River
- Hamilton Airport
- Runway Extension
- Mystery Creek Events Centre
- Railway

PWLP. What we do . . .

Effective partnership, leadership and implementation through existing relationships:

- Mana whenua
- Central and local government
- International partners including construction and commercial
- Funding

A team with funding, resourcing, and expertise.

WRAL's Runway Extension Project

- This is a new business case
- PWLP brings both the funding and land
- Ring fence the financial risks
- Leverage off our international expertise to develop HLZ as a global gateway
- PWLP can develop, project manage and the build the runway extension and Hub
- Support WRAL to attract long-haul passenger and freight carriers
- Increase value for shareholders with managed risk

Securing the runway extension is critical.



Benefits

- Financial boost to the local **economy**
- Global **interconnection**, more travel, more goods equals more jobs, more rates - sharing the load
- **Sustainability** and help NZ's climate change aspirations
- Maximise shareholder **value**

Questions

