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## **Economic Development Committee**

### ***Komiti Oohanga Whakatupu***

### **OPEN MINUTES**

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**Minutes of a meeting of the Economic Development Committee held in the Council Chamber and via Audio Visual Link , Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Wednesday 28 June 2023 at 9.30am.**

#### **PRESENT**

**Chairperson** Cr Ewan Wilson  
***Heamana***

**Deputy Chairperson** Cr Mark Donovan  
***Heamana Tuarua***

**Members**  
Mayor Paula Southgate  
Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary  
Cr Anna Casey-Cox  
Cr Maxine van Oosten (via Audio Visual Link)  
Cr Melaina Huaki (via Audio Visual Link)  
Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf (via Audio Visual Link)  
Cr Andrew Bydder  
Cr Sarah Thomson  
Cr Emma Pike

**In Attendance:**  
Blair Bowcott – Growth General Manager  
Mike Bennett – Economic Development Programme Manager  
Tiki Mossop – Economic and Policy Programme Manager  
Nicholas Wells – Strategic Property Manager  
Charlie Howe – Civic Finance Services Chief Executive  
Fiona Carrick – Te Waka Chief Executive

**Governance Team:**  
Amy Viggers - Governance Lead  
Chantal Jansen and Arnold Andrews - Governance Advisors

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#### **1. Apologies – *Tono aroha***

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

That the apologies for absence from Cr Tauariki (Council Business), Cr Taylor, Cr Hamilton, Cr Hutt (Council Business) and the partial attendance from Mayor Southgate, Cr Huaki, and Cr van Oosten are accepted.

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

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

That the agenda is confirmed.

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

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

**4. Public Forum – *Aatea koorero***

No members of public wished to speak.

**5. Confirmation of the Economic Development Committee Open Minutes of 11 May 2023**

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

That the Economic Development Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Economic Development Meeting held on 11 May 2023 as a true and correct record.

**6. Chair's Report**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved:** (Cr Donovan/Cr Bydder)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

**7. General Manager's Report**

The General Manager Growth and Economic Development Programme Manager spoke to the report. They responded to questions from Members regarding hotel strategies, Hamilton Airport Statement of Intent progress, Municipal Endowment Fund (MEF) initiatives and overall growth sustainability and development within the city.

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

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

*Cr Naidoo-Rauf joined the meeting (9.46am) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.*

*Mayor Southgate joined the meeting (09.42am) during discussion of the above item.*

*Mayor Southgate left the meeting (10.02am) during discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.*

## 8. External Agencies and CCO Reporting

### Te Waka

The Chief Executive Te Waka spoke to the report and provided a summary of Te Waka's key focus areas. She responded to questions from Elected Members concerning climate change challenges and initiatives, sustainable energy actions and collaborations, and long term future opportunities.

### Civic Finance Services

The Civic Finance Services Chief Executive spoke to the report, noting the key focus points relating to responsibilities, services, and the super annulation superannuation innovations and he outlined business and scheme initiatives relating to a refreshed Statement of Intent.

He responded to questions from Elected Members concerning key areas of focus relating to the new business plan, internal digital and communication resources and innovation pathways for new joining members, business expansion, the role Council could play in terms of partnership initiatives, and their ethical nature of investments and funds process.

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

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

**The meeting was adjourned from 11.02am to 11.21am.**

## 9. Strategic and General Update

The Economic Development Programme Manager spoke to the report. He provided an update on the current work in progress (WIP) and future focus points, noting the main focus point of concern was transport solutions, and the logistics relating to economic contribution. He responded to questions from Elected Members regarding employer public transport barriers, ideas and initiatives, water services and partnership between the employers and Council empowering these key factors, green growth challenges, development and research across other Councils in New Zealand for relationship building and support to Council.

The Economic and Policy Programme Manager spoke to the report, noting the comparisons between Hamilton with other cities related to consents data and timeframe levels, and the increased demand in investment and building space. She responded to questions from Elected Members regarding housing market demands, building consent concerns, metrics costs, investment and green space sustainability opportunities.

**Staff Action:** *Staff undertook to investigate and report back to the Committee on Greenspace climate sustainability and transport networking opportunities and initiatives.*

**Staff Action:** *Staff undertook to provide and report back to the Committee information related to the cost per m2 affordability, construction cost per bedroom information for duplexes, apartments and houses to better understand the housing affordability issues.*

**Staff Action:** *Staff undertook to provide and report back to the Committee on land cost per m2 to better understand the housing affordability or samples spread across the City.*

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

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

*Cr Huaki retired from the meeting (11.32am) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.*

*Mayor Southgate re-joined the meeting (11.39am) during discussion of the above item.*

*Mayor Southgate left the meeting (11.57am) during discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.*

**10. Strategic Property Update - June 2023**

The Strategic Property Manager spoke to the report, noting a comprehensive update on the Celebrating Age project would follow in the next few months. He responded to questions from Elected Members concerning building considerations, climate impacts and assessments to achieve the objective of the brief.

**Staff Action:** Governance to invite all Elected Members to any Celebrating Age related workshops, agendas and meetings.

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

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

**11. Resolution to Exclude the Public**

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

**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 |
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| C1. Confirmation of the Economic Development Committee Public Excluded Minutes of 11 May 2023 | ) 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   | )  |  |
| C3. Strategic and General 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:

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| Item C1. | to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage | Section 7 (2) (j) |
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| Item C2. | to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage   | Section 7 (2) (h)<br>Section 7 (2) (i) |
| Item C3. | to enable Council to carry out negotiations<br>to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage<br>to enable Council to carry out negotiations | Section 7 (2) (h)<br>Section 7 (2) (i) |

**The Meeting moved into Public Excluded at 12.15 pm.**

**The Meeting was declared closed at 1.03 pm.**