
Growth and Infrastructure Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Growth and Infrastructure Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Tuesday 9 May 2017 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr D Macpherson
Deputy Chairperson	Cr G Taylor
Members	Mayor A King
	Deputy Mayor M Gallagher
	Cr M Bunting
	Cr J R Casson
	Cr S Henry
	Cr G Mallett
	Cr A O’Leary
	Cr R Pascoe
	Cr P Southgate
	Cr L Tooman
	Cr P Yeung

In Attendance:	Chris Allen - General Manager City Infrastructure
	Kelvyn Eglinton - General Manager City Growth
	Jason Harrison – City Transportation Manager
	Alice Morris – City Planning Policy Team Leader
	Nigel Ward – Communications Team Leader
	Andrew Parsons - City Development Team Leader
	Nathaniel Savage – Principal Planner
	Greg Carstens – Team Leader Growth and Funding Analysis
	Katie Batley – Senior Strategic Policy Analyst
	Helen Paki – Community Business Manager
	Nicola Walsh – Communications Advisor
	Renee McMillan – Team Leader Planning and Assets
	Julie Clausen – Strategy Programme Manager
	Jolie Humphreys – Strategic Policy Analyst
	Lachlan Muldowney – City Solicitor, Tompkins Wake

Governance Advisors: Lee-Ann Jordan – Governance Manager
Becca Brooke – Governance Team Leader
Amy Viggers – Committee Advisor

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Tooman)

That the apologies from Mayor King and Cr Yeung are received and accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Casson)

That the agenda is confirmed noting the following:

- That Item C1 (Development Contributions Remissions Report) included in the public excluded agenda is to be taken in the open section of the agenda. The report in relation to this item will be made available to the public as appendix 1 attached to the minutes.
- There was a replacement report containing further information for Item 6 (Chair's Report) which has been circulated under separate cover.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum

Peter H Bos (resident) – Spoke to Item 7 (General Managers Report) specifically in relation to Access Hamilton. He stated he would like the objective outlined on p41 of the Access Hamilton Programme of Work to say 'eliminate' rather than 'reduce' road fatalities. Mr Bos responded to questions from Elected Members concerning how he thought Council could practically eliminate all fatalities on the road given the number of factors outside of Council's control, and whether he had been in contact with NZTA concerning the National Policy in relation to this matter.

5. Growth and Infrastructure Committee - Open Minutes - 28 February 2017

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Taylor)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Growth and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 28 March 2017 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report - 9 May 2017

The Chair introduced the Item and took the report as read, noting staff would speak to some aspects of the report.

The Chair and staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning:

- Hamilton-Auckland Passenger Rail Proposal, noting that at this stage, Council had not resolved to carry out any work on progressing passenger rail, but staff were actively investigating options and proposals for future consideration. Regional Council were looking at a process to develop a business case for passenger rail to be reported back to the Growth and

Infrastructure Committee later in the year.

- Concerns around the population projection data used by the Government to plan for growth and the inaccuracy of past projections. Staff advised that the Future Proof Implementation Committee were working on obtaining better growth projections to enable more accurate growth planning for the future.
- Complaints Process, noting further information on the process would be coming to an upcoming Elected Members Briefing for Elected Members' input and feedback.

Ministry of Education's plans for Richmond Park School. Staff advised that there was currently no proposal or application for a plan change or resource consent regarding possible subdivision of the school. It was noted that Council may have some interest in the Hall on the site as it had financially contributed to it in the past. The General Manager City Growth was in contact with the Ministry of Education regarding this issue and would update the Committee with any information he received.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Mallett)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee receives the report.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Casson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) requests the Minister of Education halts any moves towards the sale of the Richmond Park School until such time as a genuine community consultation and forward planning process can be held and all significant future uses of the site considered; and
- b) authorises Council Management and West Ward Councillors to co-ordinate a consultation process with the Hamilton West MP, the Ministry of Education and Te Whare Kokonga (the Melville Community House).

7. General Managers' Report

The Chair advised that the report would be discussed in parts.

Paving Costs for Footpaths and Roadways:

The City Transportation Manager introduced the paving costs section of the report, requested by Elected Members at a previous committee meeting.

Staff provided clarification and responded to questions concerning:

- the costs of paving for footpaths and roadways as outlined in the report
- the factors that determined which material would be best for a particular environment such as cost, tree species, ground movements, traffic numbers, and noise levels for residents
- Council's policy to help determine the appropriate type of material to be used in roading in line with the NZTA guidelines.
- cobblestone use.

Number of Fatal Crashes in Hamilton:

The City Transport Manager took this section of the report as read. Staff responded to questions concerning:

- the practicality of the Access Hamilton objective being changed from 'reducing' roading fatalities to 'eliminating' them given the number of factors outside of Council control.
- alignment between Council and NZTA's national and regional objectives to reduce the number of roading deaths by promoting safe vehicles, safe drivers, and safe roads.

- Council's liability regarding fatal crashes (staff noted this was unlikely Council was negligent in its roading responsibilities).

Action:

Staff were asked to provide further information to Committee Members outside the meeting concerning the number of serious injuries resulting from crashes on Council roads, and the number of roading deaths that occurred on Council owned roads compared to NZTA owned roads.

Central City Parking Control and Access Hamilton Taskforces:

These sections of the report were taken as read. A site visit for Elected Members to potential parking site options around the city was organised for the lunch break of the Committee meeting.

Hamilton to Auckland Passenger Rail:

A report on the assessment of a Hamilton to Auckland passenger rail service had been prepared by Waikato Regional Council (WRC) and would be presented to the Waikato Regional Transport Committee Meeting on 3 July 2017. It was noted that there would be an Elected Member briefing to discuss future proofing options, including Park'n ride, for passenger rail.

Action:

Staff were asked to circulate previous reports and projection figures in relation to passenger rail to Committee Members.

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor Gallagher/Cr Pascoe)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee receives the report.

The meeting adjourned (10.50am-11.00am) during the discussion of the above Item.

8. Growth and Infrastructure Committee 2017 Schedule of Reports

The Governance Manager introduced the report, noting the purpose of the schedule of reports was to provide Committee Members with oversight of the planned and upcoming activities for which they were responsible for as members of the committee.

The process for updating the t was explained that the schedule of reports would be updated when new items arose or when timing or circumstances changed as agreed by the Chair and Principal Advisor of the committee. . The schedules would not be reported back to the Committee as an item in future agendas; any changes would be notified to Elected Members via email at the same time as agenda distribution.

Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning individual reports/items on the schedule

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Henry)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the draft 2017 Report Schedule; and
- b) notes that the Report Schedule is intended to be a living document to be updated as necessary with changes notified to Committee Members.

Item 10 (Hamilton City Council's Draft 1 Submission to the MBIE's Discussion Document on Urban Development Authorities) was taken after Item 8 (Growth and Infrastructure Committee 2017 Schedule of Reports) to accommodate timing of the lunch break.

9. Hamilton City Council's Draft 1 Submission to the MBIE's Discussion Document on Urban Development Authorities

The General Manager City Growth introduced the report, noting that this was the first round of consultation with the Government concerning MBIE's discussion document on Urban Development Authorities. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning the intent of an Urban Development Authority and whether it would allow Council to do things they could not currently do under existing legislation.

Staff advised that the Urban Development Authority proposal touched on a wide range of legislation with the aim to override a number of barriers to development, and to enable and promote urban regeneration on a large scale. It would give Council much more flexibility and was a way of giving effect to the District Plan and other legislation such as Special Housing Areas.

Committee Members raised a number of points to be incorporated in Council's submission. The submission would be re-circulated to Elected Members for approval prior to being submitted to Central Government.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Casson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves Hamilton City Council's **Draft 1** submission to MBIE's February 2017 Discussion Document on Urban Development Authorities; subject to the changes discussed at the 9 May 2017 Growth and Infrastructure Committee.;
- c) notes the approved submission will be sent to MBIE by the 19 May 2017 submission closing date; and
- d) notes the approved submission will be uploaded to Hamilton City Council's website.

Cr O'Leary Dissenting.

The meeting adjourned (12.30pm – 1.35pm) during the discussion of the above Item.

Cr Gallagher left the meeting during the above adjournment and re-joined the meeting (1.55pm) during the discussion of the above Item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

10. Rototuna Growth Cell

The City Planning Policy Team Leader introduced the item, noting that this was one in a series of growth cell reports to be discussed at the Committee. She provided a summary on the development of the Rototuna Growth Cell as outlined in the report and responded to questions from Committee Members concerning:

- various aspects of the Rototuna Growth Cell development, including clarification on areas and zones as outlined in the District Plan.
- future plans for recreational facilities and other amenities for the area (noting staff indicated these would be part of the 10 Year Plan process).
- monitoring for compliance of the District Plan and how this occurs.
- increasing traffic issues resulting from increasing development around Hamilton and what

measures had been put in place to promote alternate transport modes.

It was noted that Council carried out and that staff would respond to any need for a plan change in response to the outcome of regular monitoring. Committee Members noted that the Rototuna community were keen to engage with Council on this topic. The General Manager City Growth advised that he would raise this matter at an upcoming Elected Member Briefing.

Action:

Committee Members asked that information be provided outside of the meeting regarding District Plan zone allocation to community and recreational facilities in the Rototuna area.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Mallett)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee receives the report.

11. 2015-25 10-Year Plan Service Performance Exceptions Report - Year 2, Quarter 3

Programme Manager Strategy introduced the report, noting that the non-financial performance measures previously came to the Finance Committee as part of the 10 Year Plan Monitoring Report. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning the methodology, measurement and reporting of KPIs. In response to a question regarding how KPIs were set, staff advised this happened through the 10 Year Plan process. Council would get an opportunity to review and agree KPIs for the 2018-28 10 Year Plan, noting that a number of KPIs were required by legislation.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Mallett)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee receives the report.

It was noted in the Confirmation of the Agenda that Item C1 (Development Contributions Remissions Report) in the public excluded agenda, would be taken in the open section of the agenda. The report in relation to this item will be made available to the public as appendix 1 attached to these minutes.

C1. Development Contributions Remissions Report - Three Months to 31 March 2017

The Team Leader Growth and Funding Analytics introduced the item, noting that further discussion around the Development Contributions Policy would be covered at an upcoming briefing.

The City Solicitor provided advice on the process that would need to be followed in making any changes to the Development Contributions Policy and responded to questions concerning the legality of rescinding remissions in response to a plan or consent change.

Action:

Committee Members asked that information be circulated offline concerning previous remissions granted.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Bunting)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee receives the report.

The meeting was declared closed at 3.17pm