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## Regulatory and Hearings Committee

### *Komiti Whiriwhiri Kaupapa*

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory and Hearings Committee held in Council Chamber and Audio-Visual Link, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 21 March 2024 at 9:31 am.

#### PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Cr Mark Donovan
<b><i>Heamana</i></b>	
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Cr Ewan Wilson
<b><i>Heamana Tuarua</i></b>	
<b>Members</b>	Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary Cr Maxine van Oosten Cr Louise Hutt Cr Anna Casey-Cox Cr Melaina Huaki (Via Audio-Visual) Cr Geoff Taylor Cr Andrew Bydder

**In Attendance:** Tania Hermann – Unit Director Resource Recovery & Sustainability  
Michelle Hawthorne – Governance & Assurance Manager  
Greg Morton – Policy Bylaw Lead  
Raewyn Simpson – Senior Planner, Infrastructure Operations

**Governance Team:** Arnold Andrews and Keryn Phillips – Governance Advisors  
Corey Bruntlett – Governance & Elected Member Support Coordinator  
Charlotte Mitchell – Governance and Assurance Graduate

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#### 1. **Apologies – *Tono aroha***

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

That the apologies for absence from Cr Tauariki and partial attendance from Crs Huaki, Casey-Cox, Hutt and Macindoe are accepted.

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

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

The Committee to confirm the agenda

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

Cr Hutt declared an interest in a submission in Item 6 *Waste Management and Minimisation Strategy 2024-2030 Engagement Report*. She noted that she was not conflicted and would take part in the discussion on the matter.

Cr Macindoe declared an interest in a submission in Item 7 *Ashurst Park Reclassification (Sportdrome Option) Hearings Report*. He noted that he was not conflicted and would take part in the discussion on the matter.

**4. Confirmation of the Regulatory and Hearings Open Minutes of 20 September 2023**

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

That the Regulatory and Hearings Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Regulatory and Hearings Committee Meeting held on 20 September 2023 as a true and correct record.

**5. Water Supply Bylaw Review - Engagement Report**

Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the use of plain English in the Bylaw and the Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice.

**Staff Action:** *Staff undertook to look into the use Plain English in the Water Supply Bylaw.*

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

That the Regulatory and Hearings Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) hears and considers submissions to the draft Water Supply Bylaw; and
- c) notes that the Deliberations Report will be considered at the 2 May 2024 Infrastructure and Transport Committee.

**6. Waste Management and Minimisation Strategy 2024-2030 Engagement Report**

[Jo Wrigley](#) (Waikato Environment Centre Trust) spoke in support of the proposed strategy noting that the Trust encouraged the Council to embrace the zero waste initiative using community-led hubs and move away from the use of landfills.

[Jane Landman](#) (Waimarie: Hamilton East Community House) spoke in support of the proposed strategy noting that the strategy needed more specific and diverse actions to discourage high landfill users and encourage alternative waste streams.

[Michelle Howie](#) (Xtreme Zero Waste Ltd) (via audio-visual) spoke in support of the proposed strategy and talked about the Zero Waste initiative and how it could be successfully implemented in Hamilton using Resource Recovery Centres and education.

[Robin Johnson](#) spoke against the proposed strategy noting that strategy did not address the direction the council wanted to go and that private organisations that recycle and reuse product were not taken into account.

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

That the Regulatory and Hearings Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) hears and considers submissions to the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Strategy Rautaki Whakataaharahara Para 2024-30; and
- c) notes that the Deliberations and adoption report will be considered at the 2 May 2024 Infrastructure and Transport Committee.

**The meeting was adjourned during the above item from 10.02am to 10.21am**

*Cr Macindoe left the meeting during the adjournment and re-joined the meeting (10.31am) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.*

*Cr Huaki retired from the meeting (10.02am) during the adjournment. She was not present when the matter was voted on.*

**7. Ashurst Park Reclassification (Sportsdrome Option) Hearings Report**

[Melissa Smith](#) (via Audio-Visual) spoke against the proposed reclassification as the proposed location was not easily accessible, doesn't encourage micro mobility and is not fit for purpose.

[Gordon Speirs](#) spoke against the proposed reclassification noting that the location was not fit for purpose and would be better redeveloped into a recreation and sport facility to complement the use of the park.

[Scott Tiffany](#) (Pukete Neighbourhood House) spoke in support of the proposed reclassification noting that the proposed location addressed all concerns raised by residents about the previous location and received greater support.

[Martin Gallagher](#) (via Audio-Visual) spoke in support of the proposed reclassification noting there was an advantage to have the Pukete Neighbourhood House attached to the sports complex in the park.

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

That the Regulatory and Hearings Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) hears and considers submissions to the reclassify a section of Ashurst Park near the Sportsdrome; and
- c) notes that a deliberations and decision report will be brought to the 9 April 2024 Community and Natural Environments Committee.

*Cr Casey-Cox and Cr Hutt retired from the meeting (10.41am) during the above item. They were not present when the matter was voted on.*

**The meeting was declared closed at 10.59am.**