
Strategic Growth Committee

Komiti Rautaki

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Strategic Growth Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and via Audio Visual link on Thursday 19 May 2022 at 9.31am.

PRESENT

Chairperson <i>Heamana</i>	Cr D Macpherson
Deputy Chairperson <i>Heamana Tuarua</i>	Cr R Hamilton
Members	Mayor P Southgate Deputy Mayor G Taylor (partially via Audio Visual link) Cr M Bunting (partially via Audio Visual link) Cr M Gallagher Cr K Naidoo-Rauf (exclusively via Audio Visual link) Cr A O'Leary (exclusively via Audio Visual link) Cr R Pascoe Cr S Thomson (partially via Audio Visual link) Cr M van Oosten Cr E Wilson Maangai J Whetu (exclusively via Audio Visual link) Maangai O Te Ua

In Attendance	Blair Bowcott – General Manager Growth Chris Allen – General Manager Development Andrew Parsons - Executive Director - Strategic Infrastructure Jackie Colliar - Strategic Manager Infrastructure Phil Haizelden - Transport Strategy Principal Peter Winder – Consultant Robert Brodnax - Future Proof Transport Project Director James Tinnion - Morgan - Aurecon Technical Lead
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Governance Team	Amy Viggers- Governance Lead Narelle Waite and Tyler Gaukrodger – Governance Advisors
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- 1. Apologies – Tono aroha**
Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)
That the apologies for absence from Cr Donovan, and for partial attendance from Mayor Southgate, Crs Thomson and Naidoo-Rauf are accepted.
- 2. Confirmation of Agenda – Whakatau raarangi take**
Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr van Oosten)
That the agenda is confirmed noting that the late item 6 (Chair's Report) is accepted. The report

was circulated under separate cover to enable the most up to date information to be included.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga*

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum – *Aatea koorero*

A written submission from Peter H Bos was circulated to Elected Members prior to the meeting and attached to the minutes as **Appendix 1**.

5. Confirmation of the Strategic Growth Committee Open Minutes of 31 March 2022

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Strategic Growth Committee Meeting held on 31 March 2022 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report

The Chair took the report as read, noting additional meeting dates, and the Future Proof discussion regarding the proposed industrial area in Ruakura. Along with staff, he responded to questions from Members concerning land acquisition south of Hamilton from Waipa District Council, previous land acquisitions, future city expansion locations, Future Proof's position on Southern Links 1 (SL1), SL1 development topography and cost challenges, and developing infrastructure in growth areas.

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor Taylor/Cr Hamilton)

That the Strategic Growth Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves in principle the signing of a Strategic Land Agreement with Waipa District Council that encompasses the entirety of the SL1 area contiguous with the south-west of the current city boundary, noting:
 - i. that our delegates to the Joint HCC/Waipā DC Committee are authorised to progress this matter;
 - ii. that staff report to the 26 July Strategic Growth Committee meeting on the outcome of discussions on that matter held at the meeting of the two Councils on 10 June 2022, and any other discussions with Waipa DC on this matter; and
 - iii. that final wording of the Agreement will be presented to either Council or the Strategic Growth Committee for approval prior to the end of the term of the current Council.

Mayor Southgate joined the meeting (9.44am) during the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was adjourned from 10.28am to 10.44am during the discussion of the above item.

7. Metro Spatial Plan (MSP) Transport Programme Business Case

The Transport Strategy Principal, Peter Winder (Consultant) and Robert Brodnax (Future Proof Transport Project Director) spoke to the report, noting the business case will be discussed further at an upcoming Future Proof workshop and that there was indication of a need to invest in infrastructure to facilitate intensification. They responded to questions from Members concerning public transport use, funding, the timeline, engagement with the public, future technologies increasing public transport use, climate change initiatives, relationship to the Hamilton Urban Growth Strategy, risks to the Council, and long term transport planning examples.

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr O'Leary)

That the Strategic Growth Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) supports in principle the key recommendations in the Hamilton-Waikato Metro Spatial Plan Transport Programme Business Case, which include:
 - i. direction around corridor protection for future bus rapid transit;
 - ii. direction about mode choice for future rapid transit and the role of heavy rail in the future;
 - iii. land use requirements and the need for increased densities in planned greenfield developments;
 - iv. early focus on an acceleration and completion of bus priority and walking & cycling networks;
 - v. investigations into rural access and new river connections;
 - vi. focus on demand management measures and reallocation of roadspace as part of future investigations;
 - vii. the staged and sequenced approach required to implement these measures;
- c) notes the matter is to be reported to the Future Proof Implementation Committee on 16 June 2022 for wider Future Proof partner agreement; and
- d) notes that future transport modes and solutions are likely to be impacted by technological advancements over the period covered by the business case.

Deputy Mayor Taylor Dissenting.

The meeting was adjourned from 12.13pm to 12.20pm.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf left the meeting during the above adjournment.

8. Hamilton-Waikato Metro Wastewater Detailed Business Case Update

The Strategic Manager Infrastructure and Peter Winder (Consultant) introduced the report, noting the business case progress made to date, collaboration with other local authorities, the timeline to adopt the document, development of the document, performance standards, governance structures, the northern business case, comparative cost estimates, Pukete investment considerations, and the timeline to reach a memorandum of understanding. They responded to questions from Members concerning Hamilton City Council taking leadership of the project, revenue generation from the use of Hamilton infrastructure by other Councils, financial contributions to projects by local councils, Long Term Plan funding, the speed of implementation, consenting timeline and requirements, Co-Management requirements, representation and expertise in the governance structure, remuneration for governance members, risk mitigation, and collaboration with Mana Whenua.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Macpherson)

That the Strategic Growth Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the final Southern Metro Wastewater Detailed Business Case (SM DBC);
- e) delegates authority to the Chief Executive to commence negotiation on multi-party funding agreements for relevant wastewater projects (including the Southern Sub-Regional Wastewater Project); and

f) notes that:

- i. a supplementary assessment will be completed to evaluate the impacts of accelerated development of the Southern Sub-Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant (SS WWTP) (i.e. more capacity earlier than assumed for the Southern WW DBC and MoU). The assessment will be completed in parallel with the Northern WW DBC.
- ii. on completion of the Northern DBC the relevant Councils will need to integrate the findings of the Northern and Southern WW DBCs, including further consideration of WW system investment timing and triggers, and development and implementation of the sub-regional WW consenting strategy.
- iii. planning and investigations to support the delivery of the SS WWTP have commenced using allocated funding in the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Macpherson)

That the Strategic Growth Committee:

- c) approves the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in respect of Hamilton-Waikato-Waipā Metro Area Wastewater Projects; and
- d) subject to approval of the above resolution, delegates authority to the Chief Executive to finalise the MoU with other parties (including agreeing any minor changes requested by other parties that are consistent with the overall direction of the DBC and MoU);

Deputy Mayor Taylor, Crs Wilson and Pascoe Dissenting.

9. Rotokauri Arterial Designation and Infrastructure Delivery

The General Manager Development and Executive Director Strategic Infrastructure introduced the report, noting the emerging opportunity to work with the development community to develop the Central Green Drainage Corridor and the increase in housing yield. They responded to questions from Members concerning cost increases caused by market demand.

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Mayor Southgate)

That the Strategic Growth Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the submission of the Detailed Business Case for the Rotokauri Arterial Network Designation to Waka Kotahi for endorsement (**Attachment 4** of the staff report);
- c) approves the lodgement of the Notice of Requirement for the Rotokauri Arterial Network, based on the project objectives and macro-scope approvals provided by Committee at its 12 November 2020 meeting and subsequent engagement outcomes set out in Attachment 3 of this report;
- d) notes that the General Manager of Development has delegated approval to lodge the Notice of Requirement which will include minor drafting edits and staging to match expected delivery timeframes;
- e) notes that there is funding in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan to complete the design of the Central Green Drainage Corridor in 2022-2024;
- f) notes that there will potentially be significant cost and time efficiency if the design of the Central Green Drainage Corridor can be integrated with the development process of adjacent land and affected sections of the Rotokauri north-south arterial network;

- g) delegates the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Strategic Growth Committee, to negotiate and enter into a design Private Development Agreement with interested landowners and developers in the Rotokauri Stage 1 area that secures a partnership approach to an integrated design and consenting package within existing Chief Executive's financial delegations for any Council contribution; and
- h) notes that entering into a design Private Development Agreement will not obligate Council to commit to any aspects of construction but requests staff to explore the opportunities during the design phase Private Development Agreement for a further construction phase Private Development Agreement (or Agreements) that takes a partnership approach to funding and constructing strategic infrastructure, for future full consideration by the Strategic Growth Committee and/or Council.

10. Open Information Only Reports

The Chair took the report as read.

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Strategic Growth Committee receives the following information only reports:

- i. General Manager's Report;
- ii. Growth Programmes Update;
- iii. HUGS Review –May 2022 update; and
- iv. Development Contributions Remissions Quarter 3 2021/22.

11. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Pascoe)

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 Strategic Growth Committee Public Excluded Minutes of 31 March 2022) Good reason to withhold) information exists under) Section 7 Local Government	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Draft Future Proof Strategy – Hearings Deliberation Report) Official Information and) Meetings Act 1987	
C3. Waikato Community Lands Trust Implementation Plan)	

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) |
| Item C2. | to enable Council to carry out negotiations | Section 7 (2) (i) |
| Item C3. | to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where disclosure would likely damage the public interest | Section 7 (2) (c) (ii)
Section 7 (2) (i) |
| | to enable Council to carry out negotiations | Section 7 (2) (j) |
| | to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage | |

The meeting went into a Public Excluded session at 1.29pm.

The meeting was declared Closed at 4.12pm.

Minute Note 17/08/2022:

On 17/08/2022 the following resolutions were determined to be released to the public via these minutes and the quarterly update.

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Resolved:

That the Strategic Growth Committee recommends that the Council:

- a) receives the report, which includes the presentation from the Waikato Community Lands Trust on the Implementation Plan (**Attachment 1** of the staff report);*
- b) approves the amendment to the funding agreement (**Attachment 2** of the staff report) with the Waikato Community Lands Trust (**Option A**) that:
 - i. clarify the intended use of the funding from Hamilton City; and*
 - ii. enable the funding to be used by the Waikato Community Lands Trust to achieve its purpose through the purchase and development or redevelopment of property within the wider Hamilton metro Area;**
- c) endorses the strategic direction of the Waikato Community Lands Trust and its role in the housing ecosystem as a special purpose vehicle to increase the supply of retained affordable homes and deliver affordable housing outcomes for the Waikato region (Option B);*
- d) requests staff reconvene the Appointments Panel to undertake a process to fill vacancies on the Trust Board;*
- e) notes that the Waikato Community Lands Trust reports to the Council by 31 March 2023 on progress regarding a specific proposal or proposals for the use of the \$2 Million grant by Council to the Trust; and*
- f) notes that the decision and information in relation to this matter be released at the appropriate time, to be determined by the Chief Executive.*

Appendix 1:

Peter Bos Written Submission:

Item 7 (page 11) Metro Spatial Plan (MSP) Transport Programme Business Case

I support this report/plan – I do ask that the Metro Spatial Plan include

- 1.) Increase frequency in years 1-3 for Te Huia service between ... Huntly – Rotokauri - Frankton, and plan for future Hamilton central and Ruakura stations in years 10-20
- 2.) In years 6-10 Grade separation of Grey St & Peachgrove rail crossing – Note: once the inland port is at full capacity the barrier arms will be down for at least ~8 minutes every hour (for ~48 trains per day) making it impossible to have a high frequent bus route along Peachgrove Rd without grade separation.

Note: existing Rotokauri - Frankton travel time is 8 minutes which is faster than any of the planned travel times on page 19.

Regards

Peter H Bos