
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 20 May 2021 at 9.31am.

PRESENT

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

In Attendance	Jen Baird – General Manager City Growth Chris Allen – General Manager Development Blair Bowcott – Executive Director Special Projects Luke O'Dwyer – City Planning Manager Tilly Murcott – Programme Manager Hannah Windle – Programme Manager - Special Projects Nathan Dalgety – Programme Manager - Analytics Mark Roberts - Senior Planner Greg Carstens - Growth, Funding and Analytics Unit Manager Karen Saunders - Growth Programmes Manager Stafford Hodgson - Programme Manager; Economics and Policy
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Governance Staff	Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader Carmen Fortin and Tyler Gaukrodger – Governance Advisors
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1. Apologies – *Tono aroha*

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)

That apologies for absence from Maangai Whetu, for lateness from Cr O'Leary and for partial attendance from Cr Thomson and Cr Pascoe are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)

That the agenda is confirmed noting the following:

- a) that the late attachment for item 6 (Chair's Report) is accepted. This was circulated as a late item to enable staff the time needed provide additional information;
- b) that the item 10 (Open Information only reports) Peacocke Programme Update Attachment 3 - Peacocke Bikes on Pipes was updated after the agenda was circulated to remove information that was included in error by staff; and
- c) that item 9 (NIDEA 2021 Growth projections and peer review) is to be taken after item 6 (Chair's Report) to accommodate member availability.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipanga*

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

3. Public Forum – *Aatea koorero*

Roger Stratford provided a written submission to item 8 (Hamilton Urban Growth Strategy Review - Proposed Principles for Out-of-Boundary Growth). This was circulated to Members prior to the meeting and is attached to the minutes as **appendix 1**.

4. Confirmation of the Strategic Growth Committee Open Minutes of 30 March 2021

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)

That the Strategic Growth Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Strategic Growth Committee Meeting held on 30 March 2021 as a true and correct record.

5. Chair's Report

The Chair took the report as read. He acknowledged that this was the final meeting with the General Manager City Growth prior to her starting a new role with REINZ and thanked her for her work over the last 18 months. Along with staff, the Chair responded to questions from Members concerning strategic boundary agreements, the Hamilton Urban Growth Strategy, the opportunity to prioritize currently sequenced growth, the proposed new southern growth cell, Long Term Plan funding for Rotokauri growth, the Committee ability to determine growth areas, Kainga Ora land ownership and intensification opportunities, and the Housing Acceleration Fund.

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Gallagher)

That the Strategic Growth Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) requests the Chief Executive to report to the July meeting of the Strategic Growth Committee on the UNISA work plan for the Whangarei – Tauranga transport links project;
- c) requests the Waikato Connections Committee via Hamilton City Council Elected Members to consider the Tauranga free school student bus project, and its applicability to Hamilton;
- d) requests a staff report to the July meeting of the Strategic Growth Committee on the proposed new southern growth cell and the implications for Hamilton city; and
- e) requests a staff report to the July meeting of the Strategic Growth Committee on the Housing Acceleration Fund with outline proposals for HCC's application to the fund, noting that a workshop with Members will be required prior to the report coming to the Committee.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf joined the meeting via Audio Visual link (9.38am) during the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

Cr O'Leary joined the meeting (10.27am) at the conclusion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Gallagher)

That the Strategic Growth Committee delegates the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Strategic Growth Committee and Cr Bunting, Cr O'Leary and Cr Thomson to work with key staff to develop a submission to the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission's consultation document 'Infrastructure for a Better Future: Aotearoa New Zealand Infrastructure Strategy' by the 24 June 2021 submission closing date noting:

- i. that the draft submission and a link to the Strategy document, will be circulated to Members for feedback prior to the submission closing date; and
- ii. that the final submission uploaded to the Hamilton City Council website.

Item 9 (NIDEA 2021 Growth projections and peer review) was taken after item 6 (Chair's Report) to accommodate availability.

6. NIDEA 2021 Growth projections and peer review

The Programme Manager, Analytics, introduced the report noting that a dwellings projections model would be created by staff in the future in response to the review. He responded to questions from Members concerning the potential impact on future Annual Plans, rates and development plans, neighbouring district development, growth projection peer review, accuracy of results, timeline of dwelling projection model and ability for the Council to amend plans based on projection results.

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Strategic Growth Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the use of the NIDEA High 2021 demographic projections for the purposes of planning and development of the 2022-23 Annual Plan;
- c) requests staff investigate and develop a 'dwelling' projection model (as described in paragraphs 55-59 of the staff report) to support the planning and development of the 2022-23 Annual Plan and 2023-24 Annual Plan, with the results to be presented to Members at a briefing in November 2021; and
- d) notes that NIDEA Low 2020 remains as the Council's 2021-31 Long Term Plan growth projections, as adopted at the 12 November 2020 Strategic Growth Committee and subsequent Council Long Term Plan meetings.

The meeting was adjourned from 11.06am to 11.31am.

Deputy Mayor Taylor left the meeting during the above adjournment.

7. Ruakura and East Programme Update

The City Planning Manager and Programme Manager took the report as read, noting that the Waikato Metro Spatial plan and a collaborative approach with the community will be fundamental to this programme. They responded to questions from Members concerning the timeline of infrastructure development, the Waikato Metro Spatial plan, infrastructure requirements, eastern transport corridor development, natural habitat biodiversity, land use, industrial zoning, the Hamilton Urban Growth Strategy, scope of the programme, and Enderley housing strategies.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to work with Waka Kotahi to align the Eastern Transport Corridor work programme with the Waikato Expressway development.*

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to provide a regular update to Members on progress on biodiversity objectives within the Ruakura and East Programme.*

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Strategic Growth Committee receives the report.

Cr Pascoe retired from the meeting (11.47am) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

Deputy Mayor Taylor re-joined the meeting (12.10pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

8. Hamilton Urban Growth Strategy Review - Proposed Principles for Out-of-Boundary Growth

The Growth Programmes Manager and the Programme Manager, Special Projects, introduced the report noting the principles of the strategy. They responded to questions from Members concerning developer collaboration, timeline of principle development, strategy review funding, scope of the review, staff capacity to complete review, community development, cross boundary collaboration, out of boundary development, and District plan provisions.

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Strategic Growth Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes the growth principles HCC Council has in place for out of sequence development in its existing Growth Funding Policy;
- c) approves the process for finalising the growth principles as part of the full Hamilton Urban Growth Strategy review; and
- d) approves the draft principles for out-of-boundary development (subject to changes raised at the Committee meeting) to be used to communicate expectations to landowners, noting the principles may be refined through the duration of the Hamilton Urban Growth Strategy review; and
- e) notes the Hamilton Urban Growth Strategy review project budget detail as outlined in the staff report.

Mayor Southgate retired from the meeting (12.51pm) at the conclusion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

9. 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:

- a) General Manager's Report;
- b) Future Proof Update Report;
- c) Peacocke Programme Update;
- d) Hamilton-Waikato Wastewater Detailed Business Case Project Update; and

e) Development contributions Remissions Quarter 3.

11. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

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 30 March 2021) Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Plan Change 5 - Peacocke Structure Plan)	
C3. Public Excluded Information only reports		

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:

Item C1.	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C2.	to maintain legal professional privilege	Section 7 (2) (g)
	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)
	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C3.	to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (j)

Cr Wilson left the meeting (12.54pm) at the conclusion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting went into a public excluded session at 12.55pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 12.58pm.

Roger Stratford Written Public Forum Submission:

Strategic Growth Committee;

Re: #8.: HUGS - out of boundary conditions review.

My directive to council relates to the proposed draft guide outlaying conditions for landowners seeking permission to develop in out-of-boundary areas.

Further to the given list guide, include: 'RESTORE the family to it's pre-woke preeminence by providing for Christian worship venues and ironically favouring 'pale, male and stale'; instill an entrepreneurial spirit, by fostering private ownership based on accumulated capital, rather than on affirmative action to overindulged minorities'.

The developmental impact on family values will determine whether any proposed new housing areas on Hamilton's boundary yield desirable human communities.

Roger Stratford