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## Strategic Growth Committee

### OPEN MINUTES

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**Minutes of a meeting of the Strategic Growth Committee held via an Audio Visual Link on Thursday 14 May 2020 at 10.01am.**

#### **PRESENT**

Chairperson	Cr D Macpherson
Deputy Chairperson	Cr R Hamilton
Members	Mayor P Southgate
	Deputy Mayor G Taylor
	Cr M Bunting
	Cr M Gallagher
	Cr K Naidoo-Rauf
	Cr A O'Leary
	Cr R Pascoe
	Cr S Thomson
	Cr M van Oosten
	Cr E Wilson
	Maangai J Whetu

In Attendance	Jen Baird – General Manager City Growth
	Chris Allen – General Manager Development
	Eeva-Liisa Wright – General Manager Infrastructure Operations
	Blair Bowcott – Executive Director Special Projects
	Andrew Parsons - Strategic Development Manager
	Jackie Colliar - Strategic Manager - Infrastructure
	Luke O'Dwyer - City Planning Manager
	Lucie Robinson - Project Manager
	Karen Saunders - Growth Programmes Manager
	James Clarke – Director of the Mayor's Office
	Greg Carstens - Growth, Funding and Analytics Unit Manager
	Melissa Clark - Strategic Transport Manager
	Robyn Denton – Network Use and Operations Manager
	Amanda Hema – Senior Project Manager, Waikato Regional Council

Governance Staff	Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader
	Rebecca Watson – Governance Advisor

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#### **1. Apologies**

**Resolved:** (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)

That the apologies for lateness from Mayor Southgate, Cr O'Leary and for absence from Cr Forsyth are accepted.

**2. Confirmation of Agenda**

**Resolved:** (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)

That the agenda is confirmed noting the following:

- a) that the late item 11(Chair's Report) be accepted and taken following item 5 (Confirmation of Open Minutes – 13 February 2020). This item was late to enable timely information to be included;
- b) that the late item 13 (Future Proof Update) be accepted and taken following item 9 (Infrastructure Funding and Finance Workstream Update). This item is late due to the timing of information received by staff;
- c) that the late item 12 (Hamilton Waikato Metro Area Waste Water Project Hamilton Waikato Metro Area Waste Water Project) be accepted and taken following Item 13 (Future Proof Update). This item is late due to the timing of information received by staff.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

No members of the Committee declared a Conflict of Interest.

**4. Public Forum**

No members of the public wished to speak.

**5. Confirmation of the Open Strategic Growth Committee Minutes - 13 February 2020**

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

That the Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Strategic Growth Committee meeting held on 13 February 2020 as a true and correct record.

*Item 11 (Strategic Growth Committee Chairs Report - 13 February 2020) was taken following item 5 (Confirmation of the Open Strategic Growth Committee Minutes - 13 February 2020) at the request of the Chair.*

**11. Strategic Growth Committee Chairs Report - 13 February 2020**

The Chair spoke to his report and responded to questions from Committee Members concerning staff workloads and mechanisms for discussion of agenda items.

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

That the Strategic Growth Committee receives the report.

**6. General Manager's Report**

The report was taken in parts.

The General Manager City Growth spoke to the report, providing Committee Members with an overview of projects.

The Executive Director Special Projects spoke to the report sections concerning Waikato Plan, Mayoral Forum and cross boundary discussions. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning the economic stimulus package, focus on employment in the mayoral forum, climate action plan, and the proposed inland port project.

Mayor Southgate provided an overview of recent discussions as part of UNISA.

**Staff Action:** *Staff undertook to provide a scope of the Streetscape Policy to Elected Members.*

**Staff Action:** *Staff undertook to circulate a brief history of the Waikato Plan, including information concerning public funding to Elected Members.*

**Resolved:** (Cr Macpherson/Cr O'Leary)

That the Strategic Growth Committee;

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the review of the Gateways Policy be delegated to the Infrastructure Operations Committee, to be considered in conjunction with the Streetscape Beautification and Verge Maintenance Policy

*Mayor Southgate joined the meeting (10.34am) during the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.*

*Cr O'Leary joined the meeting (10.37am) during the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.*

## **7. Ruakura Road Transport Corridors**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved:** (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)

That the Strategic Growth Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) requests staff to organise a briefing to discuss the macroscope prior to the next Strategic Growth Committee; and
- c) requests staff to bring the report back to the 18 June 2020 Strategic Growth Committee seeking approval of the macroscope.

## **8. Hamilton City Council's Draft 1 Submissions to the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2021 and the draft New Zealand Rail Plan**

The General Manager Development spoke to the report, and provided Committee Members with an overview of further changes that had been made to the submission to strengthen feedback received concerning rail.

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

That the Strategic Growth Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves Hamilton City Council's **Draft 2** submission (Attachment 1) to the *draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2021* subject to the following additions (noting minor submission wording changes required to accommodate additions):
  - i. "HCC is concerned that the amount of funding allocated to the Walking and Cycling Improvements activity class is inadequate and does not align with the strategic direction of the draft GPS, including supporting better travel choices. The current draft proposes allocating approximately 2% of funding to walking and cycling. Consideration needs to be given to significantly increasing the share of the transport budget that is allocated to Walking and Cycling Improvements. Without a step

change in the way the transport budget allocated, it is unlikely that cities such as Hamilton will be able to achieve significant mode shift”.; and

- ii. “HCC further notes that increasing the funding assistance rates for Walking and Cycling Improvements would both encourage and assist cities to invest in mode shift. HCC asks that the Ministry and NZTA give consideration to increasing funding assistance rates for walking and cycling projects and ensure that the GPS funding allocation accounts for this.”
- c) approves Hamilton City Councils **Draft 2** submission (Attachment 2) to the draft New Zealand Rail Plan subject to the addition of a request for the Minister to name by Gazette the Waikato Regional Land Transport Committee as a named Committee for the purposes of the Land Transport (Rail) Legislation Bill; and
- d) notes that following the Strategic Growth Committee’s approval of the draft submissions, the final submissions be sent to the Ministry of Transport by 15 May 2020 (noting that the Ministry of Transport has provided HCC an extension to the official 11 May submission closing date through to 15 May 2020).

**The meeting adjourned 11.33am to 11.46am.**

#### **9. Infrastructure Funding and Financing (IFF) Workstream Update**

The Project Manager spoke to the report, and provided Committee Members with an overview of current Infrastructure Funding and Financing project work. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning potential impact of Infrastructure Funding and Financing on section prices, Elected Member involvement in risk workshop and potential solutions to identified risks, Development Contribution charges, knowledge of the Structure Plan, impact of Government shovel ready projects and use of Infrastructure Funding and Financing for brown fields developments.

**Resolved:** (Cr Hamilton/Cr Macpherson)

That the Strategic Growth Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes that the Infrastructure Funding and Financing workstream is still a high priority for Government despite the COVID-19 outbreak and there has been no significant delay to the proposed anticipated enactment date of the Infrastructure Funding and Financing legislation;
- c) notes that the Rotokauri Detailed Business Case is still being progressed but that other opportunities for the Infrastructure Funding and Financing model may be explored when the economic stimulus packages put forward by Council have been considered by the Government;
- d) approves the continued development of the Detailed Business Case for Rotokauri Stage 1, as referred to in points 25-28 of this report; and
- e) requests staff to report back at the completion of the Detailed Business Case for Rotokauri no later than the end of Quarter 3 2020 (September 2020), noting that these timeframes may be affected by COVID-19, but that the Council will be kept fully informed of any changes to key milestones or deliverables.

*Item 13 (Future Proof Update) was taken following item 9 (Infrastructure Funding and Financing (IFF) Workstream Update) to accommodate availability.*

#### **13. Future Proof Update**

The City Planning Manager spoke to the report, and provided an overview of the Hamilton Waikato Metro Spatial Plan.

**Resolved:** (Cr Macpherson/Mayor Southgate)

That the Strategic Growth Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) endorses the direction and approach as outlined for the Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Spatial Plan (and subsequent transport investigations) and the Waikato Sub-Regional Three-Waters Project contained in this report and its attachments;
- c) notes that the Chair consults with the Mayor to provide opportunities for Elected Member discussion of, and decision-making around details within the Metro Spatial Plan and related work.

**The meeting adjourned 1.00pm to 1.46pm.**

**12. Hamilton-Waikato Metro Area Wastewater Project (Recommendation to Council)**

The Strategic Manager Infrastructure spoke to the report, and provided an overview of Hamilton-Waikato sub-regional project, noting that a governance group was being established. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning percentage of contribution of funds by Hamilton City Council, energy and carbon neutrality as part of the project, buy in from other councils, and discharge methods and locations into the river and waterways.

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

1. That the Strategic Growth Committee receives the report.
2. That the Strategic Growth Committee recommends to Council:
  - a) that authority is delegated to the Chief Executive to commit up to \$660,000 (based on 50% contribution) to deliver the detailed business case for the Southern Metro Wastewater solution in partnership with neighbouring local authorities;
  - b) notes that operating budget availability in FY19/20 will be used to fund the HCC financial contribution and unspent 2019/20 budget will be transferred across into the FY20/21 Annual Plan using the Chief Executive annual plan submission process;
  - c) that authority is delegated to the Chief Executive to determine the timing of the detailed business case for the Northern Metro Wastewater Solution and a funding plan for that work and report back to the Strategic Growth Committee;
  - d) approves the governance structure and roles and responsibilities described in the Hamilton-Waikato Metro Wastewater Project Terms of Reference;
  - e) approves the current Future Proof representatives as the governance group representatives for HCC (currently the Mayor and Chair of the Strategic Growth Committee); and
  - f) delegates authority to the HCC governance group representatives to approve the terms of reference upon establishment of the governance group and including amendments resulting from feedback from other partners.

**10. Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**Resolved:** (Cr Macpherson/Cr Hamilton)

## 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 Public Excluded Strategic Growth Committee Minutes - 13 February 2020	) Good reason to withhold ) information exists under ) Section 7 Local Government ) Official Information and ) Meetings Act 1987 )	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Rotokauri Detailed Business Case (IFF)	)	

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 enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage	Section 7 (2) (h)

**The meeting went into a public excluded session at 2.36pm.**

**The meeting was declared closed at 2.57pm.**