
Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee

Te Komiti Rautaki Tipu me Maahere Rautaki aa Rohe

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee held in the Council Chamber and via Audio Visual Link , Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 20 April 2023 at 9.31am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr Ryan Hamilton
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr Sarah Thomson
Heamana Tuarua

Members: Mayor Paula Southgate
Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary
Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf (via audio visual link)
Cr Anna Casey-Cox
Cr Maxine van Oosten (via audio visual link)
Cr Ewan Wilson (via audio visual link)
Cr Louise Hutt
Cr Andrew Bydder
Cr Emma Pike (via audio visual link)

In Attendance: Blair Bowcott – General Manager Growth
Julie Clausen – General Manager Strategy
Chris Allen – General Manager Development
Eeva-Liisa Wright – General Manager Infrastructure Operations
Mark Davies – City Planning Unit Manager
Jackie Colliar – Strategic Waters Unit Manager
Natasha Hansen – IAF Infrastructure Programme – Delivery Manager
Karen Saunders – Growth Programmes Manager
Phil Haizelden – Transport Strategy Principal
Stafford Hodgson – Project Manager
David Spiers and Jessica Andrews – Waka Kotahi representatives

Governance Staff: Amy Viggers – Governance Lead
Carmen Fookes – Senior Governance Advisor
Nicholas Hawtin – Governance Advisor

The Chair opened the meeting with a karakia.

1. Apologies – Tono aroha

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Thomson)

That the apologies for absence from Cr Donovan, Cr Taylor, and Cr Huaki, and for partial attendance from Mayor Southgate, Cr Hutt, and Cr Pike are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Thomson)

That the agenda is confirmed.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga*

Cr Wilson declared an interest in Item 9 (District Plan Update - April 2023). He noted he would not participate in the decision or vote on the matter.

4. Public Forum – *Aatea koorero*

Mark Morgan (Hamilton Airport Limited) spoke to Item 8 (Strategic Issues) in support of Southern Links and noted that it would provide a key transport link. He responded to questions from Members concerning growth risks to airport due to delays, employee transport links and current proposals being discussed, and Government investment return.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf joined the meeting (9.37am) during the above discussion.

5. Confirmation of the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee Open Minutes for 23 February 2023

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Bydder)

That the Strategic Growth Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee Meeting held on 23 February 2023 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report

The Chair introduced his report, noting Council's transparency regarding community development restraints.

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Thomson)

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee receives the Chair's report.

7. General Manager's Report

The General Manager Growth introduced the report noting the economic situation was leading to developers looking for solutions from Council, the implementation focus of Future Proof and co-investment opportunities. He responded to questions from Members concerning resourcing, collaboration and alignment with other Councils regarding transport services and infrastructure, advocacy with Reserve Banks regarding the economic recession, partnerships in housing within Long-Term Plan, and preparedness for next economic boom despite recession.

Resolved: (Cr Bydder/Cr Casey-Cox)

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee receives the report.

8. Strategic Issues

The General Manager Development introduced the report and outlined Southern Links transport corridors and the history of Southern Links corridors. Waka Kotahi representatives discussed key findings of the Form and Functions Review, in particular the prioritisation of the East-West connections, proposed programmes and development. They responded to questions from Members concerning Government officials understanding of growth, budget constraints in programme delivery, Metro-Spatial Plan Transport Business Case consideration in the Form and Function Review, role and design of rapid transit route, land ownership impact on designation planning, multi-modal improvement opportunities, Long-Term Plan funding and funding risks, advocacy within Future Proof Committee, freight traffic and impact on multi-modal transport,

funding opportunities, climate emission consideration, and mechanisms for additional advocacy.

The City Planning Unit Manager took his section of the report as read, noting that Hamilton City Council entered their submission on the Airport Plan Change supporting the draft plan change and the impact of the Airport Plan Change on Hamilton City boundaries.

The General Manager Growth introduced his part of the report, noting the purpose of the Public Transport Committee, the proposed terms of reference, and connection to Future Proof. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning formation of the agenda for Future Proof partners, operational decision impacts of the Committee, appropriate membership, and previous action overview.

The Strategic Waters Unit Manager and General Manager Development introduced their part of the report, noting the investment in growth networks and timing, and Long-Term Plan collaboration with developers. They responded to questions from Members concerning developer issues and query contacts at Council, funding constraints and investment requirements including within the Long-Term Plan, funding impact of Water Reform changes, and enabling resilience in the water network.

The Transport Strategy Principal introduced his part of his report, noting the impact of the MetroSpatial Plan.

The IAF Infrastructure Programme Delivery Manager introduced her part of the report. She responded to questions from Members concerning Sonning Car Park developments, timeframe for housing development, and Municipal Endowment Fund discussions with developers.

The Growth Programmes Manager took her portion of the report as read. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning development of Eastern Transport Corridor Business Case and timeframe, and future plans for the Central City including Garden Place.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to facilitate a combined Waikato Mayoral meeting with Central Government concerning advocating for the needs of each Council in relation southern links and other related matters.*

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to report to the Infrastructure and Transport Committee on the work happening in the water infrastructure space.*

Resolved: (Mayor Southgate/Cr Thomson)

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) recommends that the Council:
 - i. approves the amended Future Proof Implementation Committee Agreement and Terms of Reference; and
 - ii. delegates to the Chief Executive to sign the updated Agreement (**Attachment 1**), which will give effect to the updated Terms of Reference (**Attachment 2**);
 - iii. approves Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary and Cr Maxine van Oosten to be Hamilton City Council’s representatives on the Future Proof Public Transport Subcommittee, with Cr Sarah Thomson as alternate; and
- c) delegates the Chair and Deputy Chair of Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee to work with staff to agree a list of external parties to invite to the next Southern Links Working Party meeting to receive a presentation on the emerging issues arising from the Form and Function review of Southern Links and to receive their feedback for consideration

prior to finalising the Form and Function review.

Mayor Southgate joined the meeting (10.01am) during the above item. She was present when the item was voted on.

The meeting was adjourned during the above discussion from 11.03 to 11.23am.

Cr Hutt left the meeting (10.31am) during the above item. She was not present when the Item was voted on.

9. District Plan Update - April 2023

The City Planning Unit Manager introduced the report, noting the timeframes for the various plan changes and where they were in the process. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the purpose of the Plan Change 12 Working Group, staff inclusion in Working Group, Inclusionary Zoning Plan Change timeframes and resource requirements including budget, consultation regarding intensification, social infrastructure within intensification areas, Plan Change completion timeframes, Fairfield-Enderley Kaainga Ora partnership, inclusionary zoning alignment and partnerships, and tools and outcomes for capture value uplift and developers.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to seek endorsement and alignment from neighbouring Councils regarding matters such as inclusionary zoning.*

Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr Thomson)

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the formation of a Plan Change 12 Working Group, comprising of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee; and the Chair or Deputy Chair of Infrastructure and Transport Committee; and the Chair or Deputy Chair of the Community and Natural Environment Committee; and
- c) approves the Terms of Reference for the Plan Change 12 Working Group as outlined in the staff report.

10. Hamilton Urban Growth Strategy Adoption Report

The Growth Programmes Manager and Project Manager took the report as read.

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Cr Thomson)

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) adopts the Hamilton Urban Growth Strategy (**Attachment 1**).

11. General Updates

The General Manager Growth took the report as read.

Resolved: (Deputy Mayor O'Leary/Cr Bydder)

That the Strategic Growth and District Plan Committee receives the report.

12. Resolution to Exclude the Public**Resolved:** (Cr Hamilton/Cr Thomson)**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 and District Plan Committee Public Excluded Minutes 23 February 2023) Good reason to withhold) information exists under) Section 7 Local Government) Official Information and) Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Scoping Studies for WA, R2 and SL1		
C3. Central City Memorandum of Understanding		
C4. Strategic Issues (Public Excluded)		

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 to enable Council to carry out negotiations to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	Section 7 (2) (h) Section 7 (2) (i) Section 7 (2) (j)
Item C3.	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)
Item C4.	to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting persons from improper pressure or harassment to maintain legal professional privilege to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage	Section 7 (2) (f) (ii) Section 7 (2) (g) Section 7 (2) (h) Section 7 (2) (i) Section 7 (2) (j)

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The meeting moved into public excluded session of the meeting at 12.29pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 2.09pm.