
Strategy & Policy Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy & Policy Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Tuesday 7 July 2015 at 1.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr A O’Leary
Deputy Chairperson	Cr A King
Members	Her Worship the Mayor J Hardaker
	Cr G Chesterman
	Cr M Forsyth
	Cr M Gallagher
	Cr K Green
	Cr D Macpherson
	Cr G Mallett
	Cr L Tooman
	Cr E Wilson
	Cr P Yeung

In attendance	Richard Briggs - Chief Executive
	Blair Bowcott - General Manager Performance,
	Chris Allen - General Manager Infrastructure,
	Lance Vervoort - General Manager Community,
	Aaron Fleming - Unit Manager, Strategy & Research
	Tegan McIntyre - Programme Manager - Policy and Bylaws,
	Sally Sheedy - Parks & Open Spaces Manager,
	Renee McMillan - Team Leader Planning and Assets,
	Michelle Rivers - Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager,
	Ihsana Ageel - Acting Programme Manager, Strategy & Relationship Management,
	Nick Johnston - Strategic Policy Analyst,
	Fraser McNutt - Applications Team Leader,
	Susan Henderson - Principal Planner,
	Robyn Denton - Network Operations Team Leader,
	Christopher Barton - Project Development Manager,
	Mark Brougham - Programme Manager Strategic Analysis and Business Intelligence

Also in attendance: Mike Garrett – Chief Financial Officer, Waikato Regional Council,
Andrew Wilson – Public Transport Operations Manager, Waikato Regional Council,
Kaye Clark – State Highways Manager, New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA)

Committee Advisors Mr B Stringer and Mrs J Pani

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Forsyth)

That the apologies from Councillor Pascoe be received and accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The Chairperson referred to the Late Report circulated to Elected Members prior to the Meeting in relation to the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting's remits and noted that:

- the subject matter of that report was only received by the Chief Executive on 6 July 2015; and
- the report could not be delayed as the AGM was to take place on 19 July 2015 and there was not another opportunity to consider the matters raised.

The Chairperson recommended that the Late Report be considered at the end of the Meeting.

Resolved: (Crs O'Leary/Chesterman)

The Committee to confirm the Agenda with the inclusion of the Late Report.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum

There was no Public Forum.

5. Strategy and Policy Committee Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson noted the following:

- She had attended the recent meetings for some of the Advisory Panels and that she would catch up with the respective Chairs of each Panel twice a year;
- Each Panel's Chairperson would present their annual report to the Strategy and Policy Committee at the August or September 2015 Strategy and Policy Committee meetings;
- The Committee's Work Programme would be presented to Advisory Panels in order that they would assess whether they, respectively, needed to review an issue in further detail.

Elected Members were reminded that they could attend the meetings of Advisory Panels even if they were not current members of a Panel.

Resolved: (Crs O'Leary/Gallagher)

That the Report be received.

6. Strategy and Policy Committee Open Minutes 26 May 2015

Resolved: (Crs O'Leary/Wilson)

That the Committee confirm and adopt as a true and correct record the Open Minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting of 26 May 2015.

7. Policy Review Programme – Update

The Chairperson provided an overview of where the programme was positioned.

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Forsyth)

Recommendation to Council

That:

- a) the Report be received;
- b) the Playgrounds, Cellular Network Sites, Graffiti Management and Asset Management Policies be deleted;
- c) the key content of the Asset Management Policy (in particular around roles) and Graffiti Management Policy be captured in Management Policies; and
- d) the 'Playgrounds of the Future' document be updated to capture key policy direction and adopted as Council's Playgrounds Plan.

8. Hamilton Cemeteries Management Plan 2015 Adoption Report

The Parks & Open Spaces Manager, supported by the Team Leader Planning and Assets and Cemeteries and Crematorium Manager ('CC Manager'), responded to the following questions:

- **Presentation of Plan**

Staff agreed that they would incorporate an action list in the Plan to clearly record the objectives and the estimated timeframes to achieve them, together with any budget allocated. It was also suggested that the Plan could be presented in an easier-to-read format.

- **Reception Lounge**

Staff had originally drafted the Plan based on the review of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964 ('Act') that was in progress in order to scope for future developments. Legal advice signaled that construction of a lounge/reception building at Hamilton Park Cemetery was not authorised under the Act. The Team Leader advised an alternative option was to change the classification of the land to enable the development to proceed.

Following discussion, it was noted that the proposed building would only become an issue under the Act at the point it was constructed. As staff had confirmed there was no budget to progress this matter under the 10-Year Plan and therefore did not have funding to progress during that period, staff were requested to reinsert reference to the prospective development in the Plan.

- **Cost recovery**
Hamilton cemeteries adopted a 100% cost recovery approach to burial plot fees. The CC Manager stated that compared to some other local authorities, Hamilton City Council did not receive subsidies from rates in relation to plot costs.

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker)

Recommendation to Council

That:

- a) the Report be received.
- b) the Hamilton Cemeteries Management Plan 2015 ('the Plan'), including the option to construct a building at Hamilton Park Cemetery to house a lounge and administration/reception area, as proposed in the draft Plan that went out to public consultation, is adopted;
- c) staff reformat the Plan to an easy-to-read format; and
- d) staff report back to the 11 August 2015 Strategy and Policy Committee meeting with an action list to be included in the Plan that includes a timeline of when actions will be completed.

Councillors Mallett and King dissenting.

Minute Note: In relation to the Resolution 8(d) above, subsequent to the Meeting it was agreed that staff would report back to the 27 August Council Meeting instead of the 11 August 2015 Strategy and Policy Committee meeting.

The Meeting adjourned from 2:55pm to 3:05pm during debate on Item 8.

9. **Public Art Sub-Committee**

The Acting Programme Manager Strategy & Relationship Management and Strategic Policy Analyst responded to the following questions:

- **Public Art Support Fund**
The Fund had a budget of \$30,000 for 2015/16. The approved Public Art Plan and Development Guide ('the Plan') authorised the Subcommittee to approve funding from that Fund.
- **Development Process**
The Subcommittee would oversee the first two stages for proposed permanent public artworks in the development process.

Staff were requested to review and revise the draft Terms of Reference to reflect the specific role of the Public Art Subcommittee as outlined in the Plan.

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Gallagher)

Recommendation to Council

That:

- a) the Report be received;
- b) the revised Public Art Plan and Development Guide Appendix 3 amendments be adopted; and
- c) the Terms of Reference and appointment of members to the Public Art Subcommittee come back to the 11 August 2015 Strategy and Policy Committee meeting.

Minute note: In relation to the Resolution 9(c) above, the Terms of Reference and appointment of members to the Public Art Subcommittee were adopted at the 30 July 2015 Council Meeting instead of the 11 August 2015 Strategy and Policy Committee meeting.

10. Draft Hamilton Alcohol Control Bylaw 2015 for Public Engagement

The Chair noted that due to a printing error only part of Attachment 2 to the staff report (*Outline of changes to the bylaw*) appeared in the printed Agenda. A completed version was circulated to Elected Members at the Meeting.

The Unit Manager Strategy & Research spoke to the Report and highlighted the changes to the bylaw. Supported by the Acting Programme Manager Strategy & Relationship Management, the following points were discussed:

- **Central Business District Plan**

The CBD Plan (identified in Attachment 1 of the staff report) had not been amended to reflect the CBD boundaries detailed in the Proposed District Plan as that would constitute an adverse change to individuals' rights. The boundaries reflected the operative District Plan at the time of the 2007 bylaw.

- **Definition of 'public place'**

The definition had changed to incorporate a legislative amendment. The Acting Programme Manager noted a school hall was an example that fell within the revised meaning.

Resolved: (Crs Forsyth/Tooman)

Recommendation to Council

That:

- a) the Report be received;
- b) Council determine that the proposed draft Hamilton Alcohol Control Bylaw 2015 is the most appropriate form of bylaw;
- c) Council determine that the proposed draft Hamilton Alcohol Control Bylaw 2015 does not give rise to implications under the New Zealand Bills of Rights Act 1990;
- d) the proposed draft Hamilton Alcohol Control Bylaw 2015 be adopted by Council for public engagement;
- e) an Alcohol Control Bylaw Hearing Subcommittee (comprising of Councillors Tooman (Chairperson), Mallett and O’Leary) be established to hear and deliberate on submissions made to the Proposed Hamilton Alcohol Control Bylaw 2015, and that the subcommittee be disestablished at the completion of the hearing process; and
- f) the Subcommittee reports a summary of the oral submissions and evidence presented on the Proposed Hamilton Alcohol Control Bylaw 2015, including recommendations, to the 3 November 2015 Strategy and Policy Committee meeting as part of the staff report for deliberation and adoption.

11. **Gambling Polices Review**

The Programme Manager – Policy and Bylaws, supported by the Applications Team Leader, highlighted the proposed changes to the Gambling Policies and confirmed that staff were seeking direction from the Committee in order to finalise a Statement of Proposal for public consultation.

The Programme Manager and Team Leader responded to the following questions:

- **Relocation**

If the relocation clause was removed from the Gambling Venue Policy (‘GV Policy’), gambling establishments would not be permitted to move their pokie machines to another location.

The GV Policy intended to incentivise those establishments situated in lower socio-economic areas to move into gambling permitted areas. There were seven such venues trading, none of which had relocated under the existing policy. Option 3 in the staff report would permit such relocations, whereas Option 2 would not. The Programme Manager advised that since 2010, four venues had relocated; all of which were from permitted areas to other permitted areas.

- **Merger of clubs**

Merger of clubs to an existing site was not considered a relocation under the GV Policy. Ministerial approval would be required for merged clubs to transfer to a new venue.

- **Pokie Machines**

In the 10 year period up to December 2014, the number of authorised pokie machines had decreased from 650 to 451. The Programme Manager suggested this was due, in part, to the previous relocation policy.

Staff would report back to the 11 August Strategy and Policy Committee meeting with a tracked-changed version of the GV Policy to consider for public consultation.

Motion: (Crs King/Macpherson)

That:

- a) the Report be received;
- b) for the Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy, Council support Option 2 – without a relocation clause, gambling venues could not move from their existing locations. This would result in a true sinking lid;
- c) Council support the general updating of the Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy including simplifying the layout and language of the policy, ensuring the clause on merging clubs appropriately reflects legislative requirements and the removal of detailed information on fees;
- d) for the TAB Board Venues Policy, Council agrees to a ‘no new TAB Board venues’ approach and this be tested through the public consultation process; and
- e) a Statement of Proposal reflecting Council’s decisions be brought back to the 11 August Strategy and Policy Committee meeting for approval to commence public consultation.

Amendment: (Crs Chesterman/Forsyth)

- a) That the Report be received;
- b) That for the Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy, Council support Option 3 (to retain the ability for gaming venues to relocate but under more prescribed circumstance) in response to the requirement in section 97A of the Gambling Amendment Act 2013 and this be tested through the public consultation process;
- c) That Council support the general updating of the Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy including simplifying the layout and language of the policy, ensuring the clause on merging clubs appropriately reflects legislative requirements and the removal of detailed information on fees;
- d) That for the TAB Board Venues Policy, Council agrees to a ‘no new TAB Board venues’ approach and this be tested through the public consultation process; and
- e) That a Statement of Proposal reflecting Councils decisions be brought back to the 11 August Strategy and Policy Committee meeting for approval to commence public consultation.

The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment:

Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker,
Councillors Mallett, Forsyth, Yeung,
Chesterman and O’Leary

Those against the Amendment:

Councillors King, Gallagher, Green,
Wilson, Macpherson and Tooman

The Chairperson elected not to exercise her casting vote. The status quo therefore remained and the Amendment was not carried.

Prior to the Motion being put, a further amendment was moved:

Amendment: (Crs Gallagher/Wilson)

- a) That the Report be received;
- b) That Council support the general updating of the Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy including simplifying the layout and language of the policy, ensuring the clause on merging clubs appropriately reflects legislative requirements and the removal of detailed information on fees
- c) That for the TAB Board Venues Policy, Council agrees to a 'no new TAB Board venues' approach and this be tested through the public consultation process; and
- d) That staff are instructed to prepare a Statement of Proposal reflecting options 2 and 3, and the decisions made in (b) and (c), to be brought back to the 11 August Strategy and Policy Committee meeting for approval to commence public consultation.

The Mover and Seconder agreed to withdraw the Motion, which was replaced by the second Amendment as the substituted motion in accordance with Standing Order 3.7.6.

Resolved: (Crs King/Macpherson)

Recommendation to Council

That:

- a) the Report be received;
- b) Council support the general updating of the Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy including simplifying the layout and language of the policy, ensuring the clause on merging clubs appropriately reflects legislative requirements and the removal of detailed information on fees
- c) for the TAB Board Venues Policy, Council agrees to a 'no new TAB Board venues' approach and this be tested through the public consultation process; and
- d) staff are instructed to prepare a Statement of Proposal reflecting Options 2 and 3 (from the staff report), and the decisions made in (b) and (c), to be brought back to the 11 August Strategy and Policy Committee meeting for approval to commence public consultation.

The Meeting adjourned from 4:15pm to 4:25pm

12. Strategic Round Up Report

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Chesterman)

Recommendation to Council

That:

- a) the Report be received
- b) Council adopt the Future Proof Implementation Committee Agreement and Terms of Reference as contained in Attachment 2 and are signed on behalf of HCC.

Councillors Gallagher, Macpherson and Wilson returned to the Meeting (4:26pm) after Item 12 and did not take part in voting on that matter.

13. Regional Operations Roundup Report

The General Manager City Infrastructure ('the GM') introduced Mr Mike Garrett and Mr Andrew Wilson, both representatives of the Waikato Regional Council. The following matters were discussed in response to questions:

Hamilton Public Transport Joint Committee:

- **Patronage Data Correction**

The error in calculating passenger numbers for local bus services had no impact on revenue, or the overall analysis completed for bus routes. The correct patronage increase for 2013/14 was 1.2% (compared to 2.2% as originally reported); the 2014/15 data was still to be collated.

- **Regional Public Transport Plan**

The network changes would take effect during 2017 and 2018, to coincide with the expiry of existing supplier contracts and a tender for new arrangements. A business case to advocate additional bus routes in the northern suburbs commencing at an earlier stage was to be presented at the Joint Committee's September meeting; the intention was to have such services in place before the 2016 school year commenced.

- **Service Performance**

The performance across the public transport network was constantly reviewed to achieve the most efficient plan possible. Changes to the Regional Public Transport Plan reflected a move to provide demand-driven services.

Councillor Tooman, as Council's representative on the Regional Speed Management Governance Group, noted the following:

- It was important that speed limits were set to adequately reflect the road's environment and safety; and
- Action was needed to make it safer for children to cycle to schools.

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Chesterman)

That the Report be received.

14. Waikato Expressway

The GM introduced Miss Kaye Clark (NZTA) and summarised the next stages of the Expressway project and the scope of the draft Memorandum of Understanding attached to the staff report.

The GM and Miss Clark discussed and responded to questions in relation to the following matters:

- **Resolution Drive Connections**

Kay Road/Borman Road

The GM stated that following further public consultation after the 8 April 2015 Committee meeting, staff advocated that the completion of the Borman Road extension would provide a better strategic benefit than the proposed connection between Kay Road and Resolution Drive. It was recommended that that connection did not proceed.

The GM also explained that to resolve the topographical issues that affected Kay Road would involve substantial expenditure. It would not be financially prudent as such works would likely need to be removed as part of the proposed Northern River Crossing development.

Horsham Downs

The focus for the community was provision of safe pedestrian passage for school children along Resolution Drive, which formed part of the plans for the extension.

- **Osborne Road Overbridge**

The GM confirmed that the issue of Osborne Road's connection to the Expressway was within Waikato District Council's jurisdiction. Public consultation through the planning process was being progressed by NZTA. Staff would investigate options available to Council to actively participate in consultation processes outside its territory – a joint committee with Waikato District Council was briefly explored as an example.

The retention of the proposed Osborne Road overbridge could result in the loss of the Horsham Downs Road link to the Expressway. The GM advised it was in Council's interests to ensure the Horsham Downs connection was completed.

NZTA ideally wanted the hearings in relation to Osborne Road to be completed before the Hamilton section tender was awarded. Miss Clarke noted NZTA needed to obtain further data to inform its decision-making and for public consultation on that matter. Elected Members were invited to attend the additional NZTA public session on these matters.

A cycle/pedestrian bridge had been considered as an alternative by NZTA but it did not believe that would address the community's concerns.

- **Resolution Interchange Ramps**

NZTA were aware of Council's preference to have both north and south-facing ramps constructed. However, NZTA did not believe south-facing ramps were required immediately, though the groundworks would be completed. Funding would also need to be discussed should that position change. Concern was expressed by some Elected Members that not providing both ramps could result in higher traffic volumes through Hamilton streets by vehicles seeking an entrance to the Expressway.

- **Expressway Ramps**

Lessons had been learned from Auckland's experience and ramps for the Expressway were situated at a more desirable spacing of two to three kilometres.

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr Forsyth)

Recommendation to Council

That:

- a) the Report be received;
- b) Council delegates approval to the Chief Executive to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), Waikato District Council (WDC) and Tainui Group Holdings Ltd (TGH) for the development of the Hamilton section of the Waikato Expressway as set out in this report and included as Attachment 2 to the staff report;
- c) Council agrees to revise the macro scope of its Resolution Drive project to exclude a vehicular connection between Resolution Drive and Kay Road west, and to complete the Borman Road west extension to Kay Road instead, as shown on Attachment 3 to the staff report;
- d) Council approves in principle NZTA undertaking the construction of HCC's Resolution Drive extension project subject to reporting back on the financial details in the form of a Multi-Party Funding Agreement to the 23 July 2015 Finance Committee meeting; and
- e) Council confirms its support for the Horsham Downs link and the full interchange, with both north and south facing ramps being constructed as part of the Waikato Expressway.

15. Wairere Drive - Cambridge to Cobham Drive Section

The GM, supported by the Project Development Manager, responded to questions on the following matters:

- **Overbridge Design**
Staff acknowledged that the overbridge would constitute an important piece of infrastructure and appropriate urban design advice would be obtained when proposals were collated.
- **Future-proofing Roundabout**
The GM advised that the roundabout design was expected to deal with increased capacity, though other opportunities would be considered at the design stage. It was also noted Council had already asked staff to consider future-proofing the connection between Cobham Drive and Ruakura, which would be considered as part of the management of the East Town belt.
- **Speed Issues**
Staff would work with NZTA, and through the formal processes in place, to consider the appropriate speed limits for this section of road.

Resolved: (Crs Forsyth/Gallagher)

Recommendation to Council

That:

- a) the Report be received;
- b) the revised macro scope for the section of Wairere Drive from Cambridge Road to Cobham Drive is approved as shown on Attachment 2 of the staff report; and
- c) staff report back to Council on options for the pedestrian/cycle over bridge prior to committing to any particular design.

16. Integrated Transport Initiative Programme

The GM responded to questions on the following points:

- **Minor Improvement and Bus Stop Infrastructure programme**
‘Minor’ was defined as being under \$300,000. The programme’s focus was more related to safety issues.
- **Discretionary Transport Working Group**
Staff agreed to circulate papers for Working Group meetings to all Elected Members for their consideration.

Resolved: (Cr Forsyth/Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker)

Recommendation to Council

That:

- a) the Report be received
- b) Council approves the following broad allocations for the Integrated Transport Initiative programme over the next 10 years

Integrated Transport Initiatives	Year 1 2015-16 \$	Year 2 2016-17 \$	Year 3 2017-18 \$	Years 4-10 2018-2025 \$	10-year total \$
- Biking	600,000	600,000	500,000	2,100,000	3,800,000
- Walking	53,000	100,000	100,000	700,000	953,000
- Public Transport	100,000	200,000	300,000	3,500,000	4,100,000
- Gallagher Intersection	147,000	0	0	0	147,000
Total	900,000	900,000	900,000	6,300,000	9,000,000

- c) staff work with the Discretionary Transport Working Group to prioritise projects within the Discretionary Transport programmes and the broad allocations approved for the Integrated Transport Initiative programme.

Councillors Mallett and Wilson dissenting.

17. Consideration and Retrospective Approval of HCC's Submission to the Rules Reduction Taskforce/Options for Earlier Approval of Council Submissions

The Unit Manager Strategy & Research and Programme Manager Strategic Analysis and Business Intelligence responded to questions on the following matters:

- **Rules Reduction Taskforce Submission**

Clarification was provided by staff through some examples to support the position outlined in the second bullet point under paragraph 2.3 of that Submission. It was noted this was not a critical point of the submission.

- **Notification timeframes for submissions**

The timeframe for staff to respond to an issue that required a submission varied; one month was standard.

- **Councillor feedback**

It was explained that Elected Member feedback on submissions was considered by the appropriate business areas and, if time permitted, would be reconciled in a second draft. Staff advised the number of Members that provided feedback generally ranged from none to four.

The General Manager Performance highlighted the options noted in paragraph 10 of the staff report to enable submissions to be endorsed by Council prior to being sent. He elaborated on what would be required in terms of meeting timeframes should such an approach be adopted.

With Government requesting submissions on new policies, it was not possible for staff to align draft submissions with Council's policy position as there was no formal Council position established. Currently, if there was no policy position staff would send the submission to Elected Members for comment prior to preparing a draft submission.

- **Nature of submissions**

There were three type of submissions considered by staff:

- i. Submissions that were sent to the Committee for retrospective approval;
- ii. Technical submissions that staff completed; and
- iii. Submissions that staff had decided not to progress.

It was estimated that, in aggregate, staff would work on 50-60 submissions per year.

- **Retrospective approval**

Under the existing process, submissions were qualified that Council could make additional comments once a particular matter was circulated for retrospective approval. Such additional comments or instructions were then issued to the relevant organisation to which the submission was sent.

It was agreed that the current system was not working well, but there was not an easy solution. Council had delegated to the Strategy and Policy Committee to allow for retrospective approvals and also staff submissions.

Motion: (Crs King/Gallagher)

That:

- a) the Report be received;
- b) the 15 June 2015 submission to the Rules Reduction Taskforce be considered and retrospectively approved;
- c) the Rules Reduction Taskforce be advised of any changes made to HCC's submission at the 7 July 2015 Strategy and Policy Committee meeting;
- d) subsequent to the Strategy and Policy Committee's approval, HCC's final submission to the Rules Reduction Taskforce be uploaded to HCC's website;
- e) local Members of Parliament be advised of HCC's submission to the Rules Reduction Taskforce adopted at the 7 July 2015 Strategy and Policy Committee meeting;
- f) all submissions, prior to being sent from and on behalf of Council, must always comply with the following process:
 - i. An open briefing meeting with Elected Members to consider whether a submission is to be made and, if so, identify the key messages to be included in that submission; and
 - ii. A formal open meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee (or the Council) to approve the submission.

Amendment: (Crs Chesterman/Forsyth)

- a) That the Report be received.
- b) That the 15 June 2015 submission to the Rules Reduction Taskforce be considered and retrospectively approved.
- c) That the Rules Reduction Taskforce be advised of any changes made to HCC's submission at the 7 July 2015 Strategy and Policy Committee meeting.
- d) That subsequent to the Strategy and Policy Committee's approval, HCC's final submission to the Rules Reduction Taskforce be uploaded to HCC's website.
- e) That local Members of Parliament be advised of HCC's submission to the Rules Reduction Taskforce adopted at the 7 July 2015 Strategy and Policy Committee meeting.
- f) That all submissions, prior to being sent from and on behalf of Council, must always comply with the following process:
 - i. An open briefing meeting with Elected Members to consider whether a submission is to be made and, if so, identify the key messages to be included in that submission.
 - ii. As well as an open briefing, Councillors can submit by email or any other form of communication.

Those for the Amendment:

Councillors Forsyth and Chesterman

Those against the Amendment:

Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker,
Councillors Mallett, King, Gallagher,
Green, Wilson, Macpherson, Yeung,
O'Leary, and Tooman

The Amendment was declared lost.

Resolved: (Crs King/Gallagher)

That:

- g) the Report be received.
- h) the 15 June 2015 submission to the Rules Reduction Taskforce be considered and retrospectively approved.
- i) the Rules Reduction Taskforce be advised of any changes made to HCC's submission at the 7 July 2015 Strategy and Policy Committee meeting.
- j) subsequent to the Strategy and Policy Committee's approval, HCC's final submission to the Rules Reduction Taskforce be uploaded to HCC's website.
- k) local Members of Parliament be advised of HCC's submission to the Rules Reduction Taskforce adopted at the 7 July 2015 Strategy and Policy Committee meeting.
- l) all submissions, prior to being sent from and on behalf of Council, must always comply with the following process:
 - iii. An open briefing meeting with Elected Members to consider whether a submission is to be made and, if so, identify the key messages to be included in that submission; and
 - iv. A formal open meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee (or the Council) to approve the submission.

Councillors Chesterman and Forsyth dissenting.

18. Action List for 7 July 2015; Actions Still Underway or Pending for HCC submissions to External Organisations; and Policy & Bylaw Review Scheduling

It was confirmed that the Hamilton Lake Domain Review would be presented to a Council briefing session in August.

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker/Cr O'Leary)

That the Report be received.

19. Local Government New Zealand AGM 2015 - Remits (Late Report)

The Chief Executive presented this late report for the Committee to consider a number of remits submitted for consideration at the Local Government New Zealand AGM to be held on 19 July 2015.

Each Remit was put to the Committee by way of a separate vote.

Resolved:

That Council provide directions to its delegate in relation to each of the 2015 Remits, as set out in Attachment 1 of this Report, as follows:

- a. Remit 1:
That LGNZ requests that the government develops and implements legislation to prohibit smoking outside cafes, restaurants and bars.

There was no motion to support the Remit.

- b. Remit 2: (Crs Forsyth/Chesterman)
That LGNZ ask the government to impose a compulsory levy on plastic shopping bags at point of sale.

Those for the Motion: Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker,
Councillors Gallagher, Green, Wilson,
Forsyth, Macpherson, Yeung and
Chesterman

Those against the Motion: Councillors Mallett, King, O'Leary, and
Tooman

The Remit was supported.

- c. Remit 3: (Crs Forsyth/Macpherson)
i. That LGNZ urgently engages with government to have the water and wastewater subsidy schemes re-introduced; and
ii. That LGNZ proposes that the funding available be \$20 million per annum for water supply schemes and \$20 million per annum for wastewater schemes.

Those for the Motion: Councillors Gallagher, Green, Wilson,
Forsyth, Macpherson, Yeung and
Chesterman

Those against the Motion: Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker,
Councillors Mallett, King, O'Leary, and
Tooman

The Remit was supported.

- d. Remit 4: (Crs Wilson/Chesterman)
That LGNZ investigate the possibility, practicality and principle of territorial authorities charging rates against Crown-owned properties.

Councillor King dissenting.

The Remit was supported.

The Meeting was declared closed at 7.05pm.

Completed by:

Chairperson

Date