WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

MINUTES

Strategy & Policy Committee Meeting

28 November 2024

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MINUTES OF THE STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 101 GUYTON STREET, WHANGANUI ON 28 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 9:30 AM

PRESENT: Cr Kate Joblin, Cr Charlotte Melser, Cr Glenda Brown, Mayor Andrew Tripe, Deputy Mayor Helen Craig (via zoom), Cr Philippa Baker-Hogan, Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay, Cr Ross Fallen, Cr Michael Law, Cr Peter Oskam, Cr Rob Vinsen, Cr Jenny Duncan

APOLOGIES: Cr Charlie Anderson

Mayor Andrew Tripe, apology for early departure at 11:30 am

Councillor Jenny Duncan, apologies for lateness

IN ATTENDANCE: Judd Bailey (Whanganui Rural Community Board member), David Langford (Chief Executive), Lance Kennedy (Deputy Chief Executive), Mike Fermor (Chief Financial Officer), Sarah O'Hagan (General Manager Community and Open Spaces), Rob Goldsbury (General Counsel, via Zoom), Kathryn Stewart (Three Waters Transition Manager), Elise Broadbent (Policy Manager), Claire Williamson (Projects Manager), Sarah Pomeroy (Communications & Marketing Manager), Lauren Tamehana (Community Wellbeing Manager), Kellie Brougham (Executive Support Manager), Rosemary Fletcher (Capital Works Manager), Tony Hooper (Senior Wastewater Engineer), Justin Walters (Principal Policy Planner), Leayne Huirua (Policy Planner), Scott Flutey (Heritage Planner), Hannah Rodgers (Policy Advisor), Diane Paterson (Democracy Advisor), Ariel Jeffcoat (Executive Support Officer).

1 OPENING PRAYER / KARAKIA

Whanganui Rural Community Board member Judd Bailey read the opening karakia at 9:33 am.

The meeting observed a moment of silence in memory of former Member of Parliament, Nikki Kaye.

The meeting sang He Honore.

2 APOLOGIES

Apology

Committee Resolution SAPCC/2024/42

Moved: Cr Kate Joblin
Seconded: Cr Glenda Brown

That the Strategy & Policy Committee accepts the apology of Cr Charlie Anderson and grants leave of absence for this meeting.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay noted a potential interest with regard to item 5.7 and Age Concern.

Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay and Cr Glenda Brown noted with their involvement with the Pākaitore Reserve Board with regard to item 5.5.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE STRATEGY & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2024

Author: Diane Paterson - Democracy Advisor

Authoriser: Anna Palamountain - Democracy Services Manager

Significance: not significant

Date: 28 November 2024

Committee Resolution SAPCC/2024/43

Moved: Cr Charlotte Melser
Seconded: Cr Peter Oskam

That the minutes of the Strategy & Policy Committee Meeting held on 26 September 2024 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Cr Rob Vinsen arrived at 9:42 am.

5 REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

5.1 SECTION 17A SERVICE DELIVERY REVIEWS - PROPOSED APPROACH AND FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Author: Claire Williamson - Projects Manager

Authoriser: Mike Fermor - Chief Financial Officer

Committee Resolution SAPCC/2024/44

Moved: Cr Ross Fallen
Seconded: Cr Peter Oskam

That the Strategy & Policy Committee receive the report – Section 17A Service Delivery Reviews - proposed approach and forward work programme.

CARRIED

5.2 RATING REVIEW

Author: **Mike Fermor - Chief Financial Officer**

Authoriser: **David Langford - Chief Executive**

Committee Resolution SAPCC/2024/45

Moved: Cr Philippa Baker-Hogan
Seconded: Cr Glenda Brown

That the Strategy & Policy Committee receive the report – Rating Review.

CARRIED

5.3 REVIEW OF THE TRADE WASTE BYLAW 2018

Author: **Hannah Rodgers - Policy Advisor**

Authoriser: **Elise Broadbent - Policy Manager**

Lance Kennedy - Deputy Chief Executive

Significance: **not significant**

Date: **28 November 2024**

Committee Resolution SAPCC/2024/46

Moved: Cr Peter Oskam
Seconded: Cr Charlotte Melser

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

(a) Determines that:

(i) A bylaw is the most appropriate way of managing trade wastes within the district, and

(ii) The draft Trade Waste Bylaw 2025 is the most appropriate form of bylaw, and

(b) Adopts the Statement of Proposal for the Trade Waste Bylaw review;

(c) Approves the draft Trade Waste Bylaw 2025 for consultation starting no later than 16 December and running for two months; and

(d) Instructs officers to send the proposed Trade Waste Bylaw 2025 to the Minister of Health no later than 16 December 2024 for their comment prior to adoption of the Bylaw.

CARRIED

5.4 PLAN CHANGE 63 - HERITAGE - NOTIFICATION

Author: **Leayne Huirua - Policy Planner**

Authoriser: **Justin Walters - Principal Policy Planner**

Lance Kennedy - Deputy Chief Executive

Significance: **not significant**

Date: **28 November 2024**

Committee Resolution SAPCC/2024/47

Moved: Cr Charlotte Melser
Seconded: Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

(a) Notes the Evaluation Report (s32) for proposed Plan Change 63 – Heritage.

(b) Approves Plan Change 63 (Heritage) for public notification in accordance with the requirements of the 1st Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

(c) Delegates to the Principal Policy Planner to make minor corrections and typographical edits to Plan Change 63 – Heritage.

CARRIED

Cr Jenny Duncan arrived at 10:07 am.

5.8 REVIEW OF THE LONG-TERM PLAN 2024-34 PROCESS

Author: **Elise Broadbent - Policy Manager**

Robyn Vickery - Programme Manager - Strategy & Partnership, Policy

Authoriser: **Lance Kennedy - Deputy Chief Executive**

This item was moved forward with the support of the meeting.

Committee Resolution SAPCC/2024/48

Moved: Cr Kate Joblin
Seconded: Mayor Andrew Tripe

That the Strategy & Policy Committee receive the report – Review of the Long-Term Plan 2024-34 process.

CARRIED

5.6 LOCAL WATER DONE WELL - UPDATE

Author: Kathryn Stewart - Three Waters Transition Manager
Authoriser: David Langford - Chief Executive
Lance Kennedy - Deputy Chief Executive

Committee Resolution SAPCC/2024/49

Moved: Cr Peter Oskam
Seconded: Cr Jenny Duncan

That the Strategy & Policy Committee receive the report – Local Water Done Well - Update.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for a break at 10:43 am. The meeting reconvened at 11:00 am.

5.5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON COLLABORATIVE WORK PLATFORM WITH TAKAPAU WHARIKI TRUST

Author: Kellie Brougham - Executive Support Manager
Rob Goldsbury - General Counsel
Elise Broadbent - Policy Manager
Authoriser: David Langford - Chief Executive
Significance: not significant
Date: 28 November 2024

Discussion:

Te Arawhiti - Office of Māori Crown Relations guests were Chief Crown Negotiator Rick Barker and Rachel Wikaira, Senior Analyst.

Guests from the Whanganui Land Settlement Negotiation Trust were Project Manager Tracey Waitokia and Trustee Des Canterbury.

At the request of Cr Rob Vinsen, element (c) in the resolution was taken separately.

Mayor Andrew Tripe and Deputy Mayor Helen Craig left the meeting at 11:33 am.

Committee Resolution SAPCC/2024/50

Moved: Cr Jenny Duncan
Seconded: Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay

That the committee:

(a) Notes the Whanganui Land Settlement Negotiations Trust (WLSNT's) settlement negotiations with the Crown are nearing their conclusion;

(b) Notes the WLSNT's settlement aspiration to enhance the wellbeing of Whanganui iwi/hapū and the wider Whanganui community which provides new opportunities for the council and the community;

(d) Notes the council will make its decisions on 13 February 2025 on adopting the collaborative work platform, specifically relating to:

(i) Adopting the relationship agreement - Te Tomokanga ki Te Matapihi;

(ii) The council's participation in the Statutory Board – Ngā Tutei a Maru (which will be established subject to the finalisation of the WLSNT settlement); and

(iii) Agreeing to the establishment of Toitū te Whānau charitable trust.

(e) Notes that following the meeting in February, the WLSNT and the Crown will finalise their treaty settlement process subject to hapū/iwi ratification, and if supported, the deed will be signed, and the legislation introduced into parliament to complete the settlement.

CARRIED

Cr Michael Law voted against the recommendation.

Committee Resolution SAPCC/2024/51

Moved: Cr Jenny Duncan
Seconded: Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay

(c) Approves community engagement on the three initiatives which make up the collaborative work platform with Takapau Whariki Trust (material attached at Appendix 1);

CARRIED

Cr Rob Vinsen voted against the recommendation.

The meeting adjourned for a break at 11:55 am. The meeting reconvened at 12:10 pm.

5.7 HOUSING ENTITY OPTIONS PAPER

Author: **Lauren Tamehana - Community Wellbeing Manager**
Rosemary Fletcher - Capital Works Manager
Authoriser: **Sarah O'Hagan - General Manager Community Property & Places**
Significance: **not significant**
Date: **28 November 2024**

Committee Resolution SAPCC/2024/52

Moved: Cr Kate Joblin
Seconded: Cr Charlotte Melser

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- Recommends that there is an agreement in principle that the preferred option is to establish a standalone entity with partners, and that the back-up option is to establish a community housing provider (subject to the business case).
- Notes that the business case will be brought to this committee in the New Year.
- Recommends that officers prepare for community consultation alongside the Annual Plan in 2025.

CARRIED

5.9 LEGISLATION AND CONSULTATION UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2024

Author: **Elise Broadbent - Policy Manager**
Louise Davies - Policy Officer
Authoriser: **Lance Kennedy - Deputy Chief Executive**
Significance: **not significant**
Date: **28 November 2024**

Committee Resolution SAPCC/2024/53

Moved: Cr Ross Fallen
Seconded: Cr Glenda Brown

That the Strategy and Policy Committee receive the report – Legislation and Consultation Update – November 2024.

CARRIED

5.10 STRATEGY & POLICY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2024

Author: **Samantha Solesbury - Executive Assistant**
Elise Broadbent - Policy Manager
Authoriser: **Lance Kennedy - Deputy Chief Executive**

Committee Resolution SAPCC/2024/54

Moved: Cr Rob Vinsen
Seconded: Cr Peter Oskam

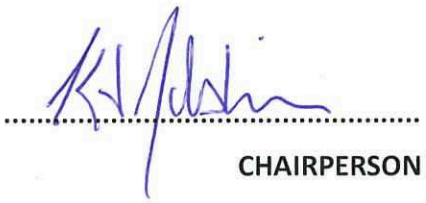
That the Strategy & Policy Committee receive the report – Strategy & Policy Committee Work Programme 2024.

CARRIED

Whanganui Rural Community Board member Judd Bailey read the closing karakia at 12:35 pm.

The meeting closed at 12:35 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting held on 18 February 2025.



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CHAIRPERSON