



Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy and Planning Committee
held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 12 May 2021,
commencing at 12:00 PM

Membership

Cr Gretchen Robertson *(Co-Chair)*
Cr Kate Wilson *(Co-Chair)*
Cr Hilary Calvert
Dr Lyn Carter
Cr Michael Deaker
Mr Edward Ellison
Cr Alexa Forbes
Hon Cr Marian Hobbs
Cr Carmen Hope
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Michael Laws
Cr Kevin Malcolm
Cr Andrew Noone
Cr Bryan Scott

Welcome

Chairperson Wilson welcomed Councillors, Dr Carter and Mr Ellison (via electronic link), members of the public and staff to the meeting at 1:03 pm. Staff present included Sarah Gardner (Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Richard Saunders (GM Regulatory & Communications), Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture & Customer), Dianne Railton (Governance Support), Anita Dawe (Manager Policy & Planning); Warren Hanley (Senior Resource Planner Liaison), Melanie Hardiman (Policy Analyst), Ben Mackey (Team Leader - Land), and Amir Levy (Scientist - Groundwater).

For our future

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Kelliher and Cr Robertson.

Resolution

That the apologies for Cr Kelliher and Cr Robertson be accepted.

Moved: Cr Calvert
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum was held.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Resolution

That the late paper Carbon Forestry be included in the public excluded agenda, and Mr Alistair Logan be present for this item to provide legal expertise.

Moved: Cr Wilson
Seconded: Cr Noone
CARRIED

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Hope noted a possible conflict of interest for Carbon Forestry paper.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution

That the minutes of the (public portion of the) meeting held on 14 April 2021 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cr Calvert
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

6. ACTIONS (STATUS OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS)

Status report on the resolutions of the Strategy & Planning Committee was reviewed. Cr Wilson noted that an action item should have been included on the Action Register from the 14 April 2021 meeting: Draft Regional Public Transport Plan, include 'Add in the consultation for request of trail units and routes that could be incorporated into the plan'.

7. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

7.1. Amendment 3 NPSFM 2020

The report informed Council on the amendment to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago (Amendment 3 to the Water Plan) to include one new objective and two new policies, as directed by the National Policy Statement Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM). Anita Dawe (Manager Policy & Planning) and Melanie Hardiman (Policy Analyst) were present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Ms Dawe advised that some of the provisions in the NPSFM 2020 came up in the contest of Plan Change 7, and ORC provided legal submissions during the course of that. Ms Dawe said the question was around what without unreasonable delay meant. ORC had originally intended to include the changes when notifying in 2023, but the inference of the court was that waiting until 2023 wasn't without undue delay. Ms Dawe advised that making an amendment to the Regional Plan falls within her delegation as Manager Policy and Planning.

Following discussion, Cr Deaker moved:

Resolution

That the Committee:

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) **Notes** that Amendment 3 to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago will become operative on Tuesday 1 June 2021.
- 3) **Notes** that Amendment 3 to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago will be publicly notified on Saturday 5 June 2021.

Moved: Cr Deaker

Seconded: Cr Hope

CARRIED

7.2. Building Code Update Consultation 2021

The report was to request that Council approve a submission from Otago Regional Council (ORC) on the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's (MBIE) consultation document 'Building Code Update 2021' ('the Code'). Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy & Science) and Warren Hanley (Senior Resource Planner Liaison) were present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Ms Elsum advised that the submission came about following discussions with Council last year around the NES Air Quality submission, where Councillors indicated a direction where they would like to see a more integrated approach at a Central Government level in terms of addressing air quality issues. Cr Wilson said that she was pleased to see the climate zone is in six categories rather than three, but was surprised that district boundaries have been used, opposed to temperature gradient maps.

Resolution

That the Committee:

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) **Approves** the attached submission on the proposed changes to the Building Code, subject to any changes required by the committee, and that it is signed under delegation by the ORC Chief Executive and lodged by 28 May 2021.
- 3) **Requests** in the submission consideration of using climate maps for boundaries as an alternative to district boundaries.

Moved: Cr Forbes
Seconded: Cr Calvert
CARRIED

Following further discussion, Cr Wilson moved:

Resolution

That the Committee:

- 1) **Requests** in the submission, that consideration be given to insulation standards in areas with a poor air shed for home heating.

Moved: Cr Wilson
Seconded: Cr Calvert
CARRIED

7.3. Groundwater SoE Recommendations Update

This report addresses the resolution passed at the Council meeting on 24 March 2021 pertaining to the presentation of the Groundwater State of the Environment (SoE) report to the Data and Information Committee on 10 March 2021: *“That Council refer the report on Groundwater State of Environment to Strategy and Planning for advice on where there are issues highlighted in the Discussions and Recommendations section of the report what action if any staff doing to rectify the situation.”* Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy & Planning) and Amir Levi (Scientist - Groundwater) were present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Following discussion, Cr Wilson moved:

Resolution

That the Committee:

- 1) **Receives** this report.

Moved: Cr Wilson
Seconded: Cr Calvert
CARRIED

8. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolution

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- *2GP Mediation Update*
- *Carbon Forestry Waitaki*

and that Mr Alistair Logan be permitted to remain at this meeting for the Carbon Forestry Waitaki paper because of his legal knowledge.

Moved: Cr Wilson

Seconded: Cr Noone

CARRIED

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 are as follows:


General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
<i>2.1 2GP Mediation Update</i>	<p>To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information— would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest – Section 7(2)(c)(ii)</p> <p>To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – Section 7(2)(i)</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a); Subject to subsection (3), a local authority may by resolution exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on 1 or more of the following grounds: (a) that the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.</p>
<i>2.2 Carbon Forestry Waitaki</i>		<p>Section 48(1)(a); Subject to subsection (3), a local authority may by resolution exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on 1 or more of the following grounds: (a) that the public conduct of the whole or the relevant</p>

		part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
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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 or [section 6](#) or [section 7](#) or [section 9](#) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

10. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chairperson Wilson declared the meeting closed at 3:50 pm.



Chairperson

7 July 2021

Date