

Environmental Implementation Committee MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Environmental Implementation Committee held in the Council Chamber, Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 9 August 2023, commencing at 9:00 AM.

PRESENT

Cr Bryan Scott *(Co-Chairperson)*
Cr Kate Wilson *(Co-Chairperson)*
Cr Alexa Forbes
Cr Gary Kelliher (online)
Cr Michael Laws (online)
Cr Kevin Malcolm
Cr Lloyd McCall
Cr Tim Mephram
Cr Andrew Noone
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Alan Somerville
Cr Elliot Weir

1. WELCOME

Chairperson Cr Kate Wilson welcomed Councillors and staff to the meeting at 9:00am and gave a karakia. Staff present included Richard Saunders, (Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly, online, (GM Corporate Services), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture and Customer), Tom Dyer (Manager, Science) Jo Gilroy (Acting GM, Regulatory) Libby Caldwell (Manager, Environmental Implementation) Anna Malloy (Principal Advisor, Environmental Implementation) Sophie Fern (Catchment Action Planner) Andrea Howard (Manager, Executive Advice) Murray Boardman, online, (Performance and Delivery Specialist),and Kylie Darragh (Governance Support).

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for this Committee meeting.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No requests to speak were received.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as published.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No changes to Councillor Declarations of Interests were noted.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Scott Seconded

That the minutes of the Environmental Implementation Committee on 5 May 2023 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

7. OPEN ACTIONS FROM RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The completed action from resolutions of the Committee was reviewed.

8. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1. Prioritisation of Projects

The purpose of this paper was to seek approval in principle for a process for prioritising waterbodies for water quality and biodiversity improvement. Anna Molloy, Libby Caldwell, and Gavin Palmer presented the report and responded to questions.

There was a wide range of discussions on this paper and Richard Saunders confirmed to Councillors that this was the first of three stages. Iwi and Mana whenua are still to be engaged and any substantial changes through consultation would need to come back to this Committee.

Cr Forbes left the meeting at 9:12 am.

Cr Forbes returned to the meeting at 9:14 am.

A procedural motion was called and Cr McCall Moved, Cr Malcolm Seconded:

That the Environmental Implementation Committee:

- 1) **lay** the paper on the table

For	Cr Kelliher, Cr Malcolm, Cr McCall
Against	Cr Forbes, Cr Laws, Cr Mepham, Cr Noone, Cr Robertson, Cr Scott, Cr Somerville, Cr Weir, Cr Wilson
Abstained	

MOTION FAILED

Resolution: Cr Weir Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded:

That the Environmental Implementation Committee:

- 1) **Recommends that Council adopts** the suggested prioritisation criteria in principle.

For	Cr Forbes, Cr Mepham, Cr Noone, Cr Scott, Cr Somerville
Against	Cr Kelliher, Cr Malcolm, Cr McCall, Cr Wilson, Cr Robertson
Abstained	Cr Weir

The vote was tied, Chair Cr Wilson used a casting vote Against.

MOTION FAILED

Resolution EIC23-108: Cr Weir Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded

That the Environmental Implementation Committee:

- 2) **Notes that** the suggested criteria, will be discussed with mana whenua (via Aukaha and Te Ao Marama) and applied to produce a draft list of ranked waterbodies for further development of actions.

MOTION CARRIED

8.2. Integrated Catchment Management Programme

This paper sought to approve the programme for rollout of Integrated Catchment Management across Otago, through the development of catchment action plans (CAPs). Anna Molloy, Sophie Fern, Libby Caldwell, and Gavin Palmer were present to answer questions.

Resolution EIC23-109: Cr McCall Moved, Cr Mepham Seconded:

That the Environmental Implementation Committee:

- 1) **Recommends** that Council approves the proposed Catchment programme, with Option 2.

MOTION CARRIED

8.3. Biosecurity Operational Plan Annual Report 2022-23

This paper reported on the implementation of the Biosecurity Operational Plan 2022-23 for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, as required under Section 100C(2) of the Biosecurity Act 1993. Libby Caldwell, Murray Boardman, and Gavin Palmer were available to answer questions. Libby Caldwell wished to acknowledge the huge amount of work that has gone into this report from staff and contractors with very specialised knowledge. After discussion and an amendment to the motion it was moved that:

Resolution EIC23-110: Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded:

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report and the range of work undertaken to give effect to Otago's Regional Pest Management Plan and the Biosecurity Act (1993).
- 2) **Notes** the lessons learnt from the 2022-23 Biosecurity Operational Plan (BOP) are being applied to the delivery of the 2023-24 BOP.
- 3) **Notes** that this report and the attached Biosecurity Operational Plan 2022-23 Report will be provided to the Minister for Biosecurity s as required under Section 100C(2) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 with congratulations on work on mycoplasma bovis.

MOTION CARRIED

9. CLOSURE

Chair Cr Wilson said a karakia to close the meeting at 11:12am.

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Chairperson

Date