

## OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 23 November 2016, commencing at 12:13pm**

**Membership:**

- Cr Gretchen Robertson (Chairperson)**
- Cr Michael Laws (Deputy Chairperson)**
- Cr Graeme Bell**
- Cr Doug Brown**
- Cr Michael Deaker**
- Cr Carmen Hope**
- Cr Trevor Kempton**
- Cr Maggie Lawton**
- Cr Sam Neill**
- Cr Andrew Noone**
- Cr Bryan Scott**
- Cr Stephen Woodhead**

A correction to the membership list was noted for the Committee Chair and Deputy Chair than that listed in the agenda.

*Cr Laws absent from the room.*

**Apologies:** No apologies noted.

**Leave of absence:** No leave of absence advised.

**In attendance:**

- Peter Bodeker
- Nick Donnelly
- Gavin Palmer
- Caroline Rowe
- Fraser McRae
- Scott MacLean
- Lauren McDonald (minute taker)

#### **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

The agenda as circulated was confirmed.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest were advised.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No Public Forum was held.

## PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS

### Item 1

2016/1139 **Terms of Reference for the Policy Committee.** DPPRM, 8/11/16

The report provided the Terms of Reference for consideration and recommendation to Council.

Cr Robertson advised that she was satisfied that no changes were required to the existing Terms of Reference for the Policy Committee as tabled.

*Crs Woodhead left the room at 12:15pm and returned at 12:17pm  
Cr Laws entered the room at 12:17pm*

Moved Cr Deaker  
Seconded Cr Lawton

*That the Terms of Reference for the Policy Committee be presented to Council on 7 December 2016 for adoption.*

**Motion carried**

## PART B - FOR NOTING

### Item 2

2016/1120 **Director's Report on Progress.** DPPRM, 4/11/16

The report provided an overview of significant activities undertaken by the Policy section for the period 20 August to 4 November 2016

A question was raised on the staffing resource needed to meet the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity (NPS-UDC) requirements which takes effect on 1 December 2016.

Mr McRae advised that the NPS-UDC was very specific in its requirements of both regional and district councils, particularly for high growth areas such as Queenstown. He commented that it would rely on QLDC and ORC liaising to address how to meet the new requirements efficiently and effectively. He confirmed that preliminary discussions with QLDC staff had taken place and that something like spatial planning, or similar was required and a mechanism for both councils to comply with the provisions of the NPS, RPS and District Plans.

A suggestion was made for information to be sought from other regional councils on their approach and practise for urban development in high growth areas.

Mr McRae advised that the strategic intent for urban development would occur through the RPS and would be implemented through the Queenstown Lakes District Plan. He commented that Council may need to amend the RPS, which lead the District Plan, and may have do some extra work around specificity and

projections of where urban development is preferred and this will need to be undertaken in concert with QLDC.

A question was asked in regard to the Wanaka and Cromwell areas being considered as high growth areas.

Mr McRae advised that no discussions have been held specifically with CODC as yet as these areas were deemed as medium growth areas, although Cromwell does act as a service centre to Queenstown.

The mediation date for the Proposed Plan Change 5A Lindis: Integrated water management appeal has been confirmed as 8 and 9 December 2016.

Moved Cr Brown  
Seconded Cr Scott

*That the report be noted*

The meeting was declared closed at 12:31pm.



Chairperson