

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 3 May 2017, commencing at 1:05pm

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 Sam Neill
- Cr Andrew Noone
- Cr Bryan Scott
- Cr Stephen Woodhead

Apologies: Nil.

In attendance:

- Nick Donnelly
- Scott MacLean
- Caroline Rowe
- Fraser McRae
- Lauren McDonald (Committee Secretary)
- Dale Meredith
- Marian Weaver
- Sylvie Leduc

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A correction was noted for Item 1 – Director’s report, advising of appendices to the report as there were no appendices for this item.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum was held.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2017, having been circulated were adopted on the motion of Crs Noone and Cr Hope.

Motion Carried

ACTIONS

Status report on the resolutions of the Policy Committee.

Report No.	Meeting	Resolution	Status
2016/1139 Terms of Reference for the Policy Committee	23/11/16	<i>That the Terms of Reference for the Policy Committee be considered a final version to be presented to the Council on 7 December 2016 for adoption</i>	Adopted at Council meeting 7/2/17. CLOSED
2017/0679 Director's report on policy progress to March 2017	22/3/17	<i>Request legal clarification of appropriate mediation reporting to councillors</i>	Agenda item 3 of Policy Committee – 3 May 2017 CLOSED

PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2017/0751 **Director's Report on policy progress to April 2017.** DPPRM, 13/04/17

The report provided an overview of significant activities undertaken by the Policy section for the period 10 March to 13 April 2017.

It was noted that section 5 of the report was duplicated in error and that the matter was addressed at the 22 March 2017 Policy Committee meeting.

Discussion was held on preparation of ORC's submission to the MBIE Urban Development Authority discussion document.

Action:

1. The ORC draft submission to be circulated to councillors for their review and feedback.
2. The Policy Committee Chair and Council Chair to review ORC's final submission, prior to 18 May 2017.

It was confirmed that a Council workshop on Residual Flows (proposed Plan Change 1D) to be held on 18 May 2017.

Mr McRae confirmed the outcomes from the Council workshop on the proposed plan change would then be taken to the community for further consultation, prior to any public notification of a plan change.

Moved Cr Woodhead
Seconded Cr Kempton

That this report is noted.

Motion carried

PART B - FOR NOTING

Item 2

2017/0759 **Resource Legislation Amendment Act 2017.** DPPRM, 19/4/17

The report summarised the main legislation changes to the Resource Legislation Amendment Act 2017, and their implications for Council, effective from 18 April 2017.

The full report entitled “*Checklist for councils: New Mandatory actions form the 2017 Resource Legislation Amendments*” was provided in support of the report.

Discussion was held on: a new National Policy Statement for Natural Hazard Management; new provisions for administrative charges for monitoring of permitted activities; the MfE Minister to set new National Environment Standards (NES); impact of new regulations for stock exclusion from waterways, and implementing iwi participation arrangements.

Moved Cr Hope
Seconded Cr Kempton

That the report is received.

Motion carried

Item 3

2017/0770 **Environment Court Mediation.** DPPRM, 20/4/17

The report provided a response to Council request for a legal clarification of appropriate mediation reporting to Councillors.

Moved Cr Neill
Seconded Cr Laws

That the report is noted.

Motion carried

The meeting was declared closed at 2:05pm.



Chairman