



Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber at Philip Laing House, Dunedin on Thursday 18 October 2018, commencing at 1:00 pm

Membership

Cr Gretchen Robertson	<i>(Chairperson)</i>
Cr Michael Laws	<i>(Deputy Chairperson)</i>
Cr Graeme Bell	
Cr Doug Brown	
Cr Michael Deaker	
Cr Carmen Hope	
Cr Trevor Kempton	
Cr Ella Lawton	
Cr Sam Neill	
Cr Andrew Noone	
Cr Bryan Scott	
Cr Stephen Woodhead	

Welcome

Cr Woodhead welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

NIL

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No Leave of Absence were advised.

3. ATTENDANCE

Sarah Gardner	<i>(Chief Executive)</i>
Nick Donnelly	<i>(Director Corporate Services)</i>
Tanya Winter	<i>(Director Policy, Planning and Resource Management)</i>
Sian Sutton	<i>(Director Stakeholder Engagement)</i>
Gavin Palmer	<i>(Director Engineering, Hazards and Science)</i>
Scott MacLean	<i>(Director Environmental Monitoring and Operations)</i>
Sally Giddens	<i>(Director People and Safety)</i>
Ian McCabe	<i>(Executive Officer)</i>
Lauren McDonald	<i>(Committee Secretary)</i>
Anita Dawe	<i>(Manager Policy) Items 10.1, 11.1</i>
Rachael Brown	<i>(Senior Policy Analyst) Item 10.1</i>

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4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as tabled.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum was held.

7. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were held.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2018 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record, with the correction noting Cr Kempton's vote against the motion.

Moved: Cr Hope
Seconded: Cr Kempton
CARRIED

9. ACTIONS

Status report on the resolutions of the Policy Committee.

Amendment 2 (National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago	13/06/2018	<i>b) Make Amendment 2 (NES Plantation Forestry) operative from 1 July 2018. c) Publicly notify Amendment 2 (NES Plantation Forestry) on Saturday 30 June 2018</i>	OPEN
Air Quality Strategy	13/06/2018	<i>c) That a paper on implementation be brought to the Policy Committee in the next 2-3 months</i>	OPEN
Draft Biodiversity Strategy - Feedback	13/6/2018	<i>c) That a paper on implementation be brought to the Policy Committee in the next 2-3 months</i>	
Director's Report on Progress to 13 June 2018: Minimum Flow Plan Change Manuherikia, Arrow and Upper Cardrona catchments	13/6/2018	<i>a) That 31 August is confirmed for notification subject to Minimum Flow figures and missing section 32 components being completed and brought to the Council and brought to the communities.</i>	
Minimum Flow Plan Change Update	1/8/18	That the CEO engage an appropriately qualified facilitator to help consultation associated with Priority Catchments Minimum Flows and Residual Flow Plan Change. (Mrs Gardner advised this action was in process, with a facilitator to be appointed.	

10. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DECISION

10.1. Biodiversity Action Plan

The report sort approval to discuss the Council's draft *Biodiversity Action Plan/ Te Mahi hei Tiaki i te Koiora* with Runaka and key stakeholders, to enable targeted feedback, ahead of the plan approval by the Council.

Mrs Anita Dawe, Manager Policy and Ms Rachael Brown, Senior Policy Analyst in attendance.

Ms Winter advised that the strategy was developed in consultation with Iwi, a wide range of agencies and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and communities. Consultation had indicated that there was widespread support for the Council taking a stronger role in strategic leadership, coordination and in active management to maintain, protect and enhance Otago's biodiversity. She advised that the strategy is largely intended to improve biodiversity outcomes through support for community-based programmes and by addressing gaps in areas of biodiversity work

Ms Brown outlined the Biodiversity Action Plan, its five key priorities and actions.

Resolution

That the Committee:

- a) **Approve** the draft *Biodiversity Action Plan in Attachment 2 for consultation with iwi and key stakeholders before a final draft is brought back to this committee for approval on 28 November 2018.*

Moved: Cr Woodhead

Seconded: Cr Scott

CARRIED

10.2. South Dunedin Collaboration

The report outlined the 2018/28 LTP provision for ORC to support Dunedin City Council (DCC) in the South Dunedin Future programme in the years 2018/19 to 2021/22, including technical work to assist inform of stormwater management, climate change and natural hazards adaptation decisions for South Dunedin and Harbourside.

Discussion was held on governance partnership with the DCC to establish a vision and foundation for a pathway forward on technical investigations.

Motion:

That through the Chairperson and the CE, we initiate discussion around forming a governance group on South Dunedin including councillors.

Moved: Cr Kempton

Seconded: Cr Deaker

Discussion on the motion:

- Formation of a governance group to include the Mayor, Chairperson together with one councillor and one staff member from each council.

- That ORC take a leadership role rather than a partnership role to advance.
- For ORC to have clarity on its vision, timetable and role for addressing the groundwater and sea level rise issues for South Dunedin.
- Improved liaison with DCC re infrastructure.

Cr Kempton (Right of Reply) sought for the motion to replace report recommendation (b) and that recommendation (c) be removed, as below:

- (a) This report is received and noted.
- (b) The commitment of ORC to work collaboratively with DCC on the management of natural hazards and the effects of future climate change for South Dunedin/Harbourside is reaffirmed.
- (c) The Chairperson, Chief Executive and relevant staff engage with the Mayor, Chief Executive and relevant staff of DCC to discuss and agree the basis for continued collaboration including the process and timeframe for developing a joint vision and programme of work, and community and stakeholder engagement

Resolution

That the Committee:

- a. *This report is received and noted.*
- b. *That through the Chairperson and Chief Executive that ORC initiate discussion around forming a governance group on South Dunedin, including councillors.*

Moved: Cr Woodhead

Seconded: Cr Deaker

CARRIED

A request was made for Dr Palmer and Ms Winter to provide a report on ORC's legal responsibilities for South Dunedin in regard to policy, climate change and hazards to the Policy Committee as soon as possible.

11. MATTERS FOR NOTING

11.1. Director's Report on Progress

The report detailed policy responses, ORC: Policy, Plans and Strategies, and Water Quantity Plan Changes.

Ms Winter provided feedback from the recent Lower Waitaki Plains Aquifer meeting and advised that group had engaged Aqualinc to undertake technical work on containment loads and irrigation.

Ms Winter advised that a report would be provided to the next Policy Committee meeting around the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) guidance on the implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPSFM).

Waste Plan

Ms Winter advised staff were undertaking a review of the Waste Plan to connect with the review of the Water Plan to identify gaps.

It was agreed the need for clarity of the Waste Plan rules with the public and how this fitted in with attributes of other plans, e.g. Water, Air.

Resolution

That a paper be brought to this table detailing issues or gaps of the Waste Plan that need to be addressed. The report to include comment on the statutory responsibility as regard to waste for ORC.

Moved: Cr Scott
Seconded: Cr Brown
CARRIED

Resolution

a) *That this report be noted.*

Moved: Cr Woodhead
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

11.2. Government's New "Essential Water" Policy Framework

The report outlined the Government's new "Essential Water" policy framework announced on 8 October 2018.

Resolution:

- a) *That Council note this report; and*
b) *That Council ask the Director Policy, Planning and Resource Management to provide an analysis of the impacts of this new policy framework for Otago and this Council to its Policy Committee in November 2018.*

Moved: Cr Neill
Seconded: Cr Deaker
CARRIED

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were advised.

13. CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 03:15 pm.

Chairperson

