



Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy and Planning Committee  
held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday, 22 January 2020 at  
1:00 pm

**Membership**

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

**Welcome**

Cr Hobbs welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 01:11 pm.

*For our future*

## **1. APOLOGIES**

### **Resolution**

*That the apologies for Edward Ellison be accepted.*

Moved: Cr Kelliher

Seconded: Cr Hope

CARRIED

Cr Scott was attending the meeting remotely via telephone.

Cr Laws joined the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

## **2. ATTENDANCE**

Sarah Gardner *(Chief Executive)*

Nick Donnelly *(General Manager Corporate Services and CFO)*

Gavin Palmer *(General Manager Operations)*

Sally Giddens *(General Manager People, Culture and Communications)*

Richard Saunders *(General Manager Regulatory)*

Gwyneth Elsum *(General Manager Policy, Strategy and Science)*

Amanda Vercoe *(Executive Advisor)*

Liz Spector *(Committee Secretary)*

Also in attendance were: Anita Dawe (Acting Manager Policy), Tom de Pelsemaeker (Team Leader Freshwater), Lisa Hawkins (Team Leader RPS, Air and Coast), Joanna Gilroy (Manager Consents), Simon Wilson (Manager Consent Systems and Administration), Ryan Tippet (Media Communications Lead), Eleanor Ross (Manager Communications Channels) and Andrea Howard (Manager Good Water Programme). Neale Hudson, Manager Freshwater & Estuaries NIWA was also present.

## **3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was confirmed as circulated.

## **4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest were advised.

## **5. PUBLIC FORUM**

No public forum was held.

## **6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **Resolution**

*That the public portion of the minutes of the Strategy and Planning Committee meeting held on 27 November 2019 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

Moved: Cr Hope

Seconded: Cr Noone

CARRIED

## Resolution

*That the public-excluded portion of the minutes of the Strategy and Planning Committee meeting held on 27 November 2019 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

Moved: Cr Deaker  
Seconded: Cr Hope  
CARRIED

## 7. ACTIONS

### Status report on the resolutions of the Strategy and Planning Committee

There are no outstanding actions.

## 8. MATTERS FOR NOTING

### 8.1. Manuherehia River Resource Assessment report

Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science), Julie Everett-Hinks (Manager Science), Rachel Ozanne (Environmental Resource Scientist) and Dr Neale Hudson (NIWA Manager Freshwater and Estuaries) were present to answer questions about the Manuherehia River Resource Assessment staff report and NIWA water quality review. Cr Hobbs noted the report had been presented to Council as part of a previous agenda but was withdrawn prior to consideration due to some concerns over possible errors in the report. Mr Hudson said the errors were not scientific in nature and involved transposing two columns of information in a table in the report. He noted the errors had been corrected and the study resubmitted to the ORC.

Cr Laws noted elevated levels of *e. coli* reported at some of the sites and asked what was going to be done with the results of the study. Chief Executive Sarah Gardner said when dealing with catchments that provide drinking water, ORC would respond immediately to work with the community to find the source of the contamination. She noted in this particular case, the *e. coli* contamination is taking place over time. She said assumptions as to the source of the contamination can be made based on the activities occurring in particular catchments, notably animal effluent and birds. Cr Laws said if a particular issue had been identified, ORC should determine remedial actions to be taken on clear breaches of consent conditions. Cr Malcolm said the ORC should have a consistent approach to consent breaches and continue discussions with the community to inform and educate. Cr Hobbs moved the report be accepted.

## Resolution

*That the Council:*

1) **Notes** this report.

Moved: Cr Hobbs  
Seconded: Cr Robertson  
CARRIED

Cr Laws then moved the following:

### **Resolution**

*That the Council:*

- 1) **Notes** significant diversions or risks revealed in the current report and seeks options for potential remedial actions from the Chief Executive, e.g. Thomsons Creek (*e.coli*), where appropriate.

Moved: Cr Laws

Seconded: Cr Calvert

CARRIED

### **8.2. Regional Policy Statement Review - Programme for 2020**

Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science) and Anita Dawe (Acting Manager Policy) were present to answer questions about the proposed RPS Review Programme for 2020. After a general discussion, the Councillors noted the Communications and Engagement Plan was comprehensive and workable but requested staff to include information in newspapers other than the Dunedin papers to reach more of the wider Otago community. Cr Forbes stressed that a full range of communications channels be used, including print, online consultation, and in person. After further discussions, Cr Hobbs made a motion.

### **Resolution**

*That the Council:*

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) **Notes** the attached work programme for 2020.
- 3) **Notes** the attached Communications and Engagement Plan.

Moved: Cr Hobbs

Seconded: Cr Forbes

CARRIED

Cr Laws moved a secondary motion.

### **Resolution**

*That the Council:*

- 1) **Requests** staff to present a revised communications and engagement plan to the 29 January 2020 Council Meeting for approval.

Moved: Cr Laws

Seconded: Cr Kelliher

CARRIED

## 9. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Cr Hobbs declared the meeting closed at 02:53 pm.



Councillor Marian Hobbs

8 July 2020

Date