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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
held  
**9.30 am, Thursday, 8 July 2021**  
at  
**Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond**

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**Present:** Cr C Hill (Deputy Chair), Mayor T King, Crs D McNamara, S Bryant, D Ogilvie, C Butler, T Tuffnell, A Turley, B Dowler, T Walker, C Mackenzie, D Wensley

**In Attendance:** Group Manager – Service & Strategy (S Edwards), Executive Assistant (T Fifield), Executive Support Officer (G Drummond)

**Part Attendance:** Group Manager – Community Infrastructure (R Kirby), Activity Planning Programme Leader (W Woortman), Strategic Policy Manager (D Fletcher), Environmental Policy Manager (B Johnson), Senior Policy Advisor (B Wayman), Group Manager – Finance (M Drummond), Community & Reserves Policy Advisor (A Gerraty), Urban Growth Coordinator (J Deans), Senior Policy Advisor (A Bywater), Graduate Policy Advisor (J Nguyen), Communications Officer (T O’Connell) (via Zoom)

**1 OPENING, WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone. Motueka Community Board Member Armstrong was invited to sit at the table.

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Moved Cr Walker/Cr Turley**  
**SPC21-07-1**

**That apologies for absence from Crs Maling and Greening and for lateness for Mayor King be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

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### **3 PUBLIC FORUM**

#### **3.1 Brian Halstead**

Mr Halstead, from Waimea Irrigators and Water Users Society, spoke about the nitrate issues in the wells on the Waimea Plains. He is frustrated that nothing is being done until the new water legislation comes into effect in 2025. He said Council needs to act now regardless of cost.

#### **3.2 Sue Brown**

Ms Brown spoke on behalf of the Golden Bay and Nelson Provinces of Federated Farmers. She expressed support for Point 4 of the resolution in the Strategic Policy, Environmental Policy & Activity Planning Report that states Council agrees to pause policy work for the Tasman Environment Plan in relation to Significant Natural Areas until the forthcoming National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity has been gazetted.

She said the staff current approach to working with landowners with SNA's is commendable and Federated Farmers strongly support that the status quo for Tasman is the right approach for now.

### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

### **5 LATE ITEMS**

Nil

### **6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Cr Wensley/Cr Ogilvie  
SPC21-07-2**

**That the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting held on Thursday, 27 May 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### **7 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

Nil

### **8 REPORTS**

#### **8.1 Chair's Report**

Cr Hill presented the Chair's report which was taken as read.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Cr Tuffnell  
SPC21-07-3**

**That the Strategy and Policy Committee receives the Chair's Report RSPC21-07-2**

**CARRIED**

## **8.2 National Policy Statement on Urban Development: Tasman Housing and Business Assessment and Combined Urban Environment Housing and Business Assessment**

Urban Growth Co-ordinator, Jacqui Deans and Senior Policy Advisor, Brylee Wayman, were in attendance and took the report as read.

Ms Deans outlined changes to the report:

- in paragraph 4.9 the words “prior to August 2020” should be taken out; and
- paragraph 4.12, “67% of the dwellings required in the District are needed in the urban environment” should be included; and
- two of the attachments in the report (Figure 1) have been replaced with a new map by Nelson City Council.

Mayor King arrived at the meeting at 9.56 am.

The Committee discussed how this report related to what was discussed about the Future Development Strategy at the Joint Council meeting on Tuesday. A Councillor expressed the view that there are constraints on development which haven't been defined in the report and it's making assumptions 30 years ahead which makes it difficult for Councillors.

Ms Deans said the housing and business assessments are a reflection of what was adopted in the Long Term Plan. We now have to start again by preparing a new Future Development Strategy (FDS) (which happens every three years).

The Committee discussed:

- the implications of natural births and migration patterns on residential housing demand;
- housing affordability for first home buyers;
- putting pressure on central government to enable first home buyers to buy an apartment;
- enabling developers to build apartments and tiny homes;
- enabling smaller lot sizes in subdivisions;
- the process and timeline for preparing the FDS and workshops with both councils;
- the unprecedented amount of change in terms of legislation and reform and the uncertainty it is creating;
- the preparation of a submission to the select committee on the exposure draft for the Natural and Built Environments Bill and the opportunity for Councillor input through a workshop on 20 July;
- issues with people in our District living in substandard accommodation;
- inclusionary zoning;
- Chris Bennett's initiative in Golden Bay;
- a Tasman Resource Management Plan change to make it easier for accommodation on farms for seasonal workers.

Mayor King left the meeting at 10.28 am

**Moved Cr McNamara/Cr Tuffnell**  
**SPC21-07-4**

**That the Strategy and Policy Committee:**

- 1 receives the National Policy Statement on Urban Development: Tasman Housing and Business Assessment and Combined Urban Environment Housing and Business Assessment RSPC21-07-03; and**

- 2 receives the Tasman Housing and Business Assessment contained in Attachment 1 to this report, dated July 2021 and the Combined Urban Environment Housing and Business Assessment contained in Attachment 2, dated July 2021; and
- 3 instructs staff to submit the attached Tasman Housing and Business Assessment (Attachment 1, dated July 2021) to Ministry for Environment by 31 July 2021, as required by the National Policy Statement on Urban Development; and
- 4 instructs staff to submit the Combined Nelson Tasman Urban Environment Housing and Business Assessment to Ministry for Environment (Attachment 2, dated July 2021) by 31 July 2021, subject to Nelson City Council approving its assessment; and
- 5 instructs staff to insert “housing bottom lines” into the Tasman Regional Policy Statement and District Plan, for the Urban Environment for the period 2021-2051, broken down into the short, medium and long terms, as soon as practicable after the Housing Business Assessment is made publicly available, as required by the National Policy Statement on Urban Development; and
- 6 agrees that the Mayors of both councils being delegated the ability to make amendments to Attachment 2 (Combined Urban Environment Housing and Business Assessment).

#### **CARRIED**

A morning tea adjournment was taken from 10.30 am to 10.45 am

## **9 PRESENTATIONS**

### **9.1 Waimea Water Ltd Presentation**

Mike Scott, Ken Smale and David Wright from Waimea Water Ltd updated Councillors on the progress of the Waimea Community Dam project.

Mayor King returned to the meeting at 10.49 am.

The Committee discussed:

- the release of water from the dam if needed due to drought conditions prior to the dam being commissioned in December 2022;
- the high costs and shortages of construction materials due to the massive demand for construction throughout the country and impacts of Covid-19 on supplies;
- the implications of shear zones and that they are not fault lines;
- leakage risks from the dam;
- the construction of the dam is proceeding well and Taylors have done a great job on the earthworks and embankment;
- constraint on sand supply in the region and the need for more areas to be opened up for extraction; and
- the flood risk is diminishing rapidly with the progression of the elevation work.

## 10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

### 10.1 Procedural motion to exclude the public

Moved Cr Dowler/Cr Walker  
SPC21-07-5

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

### 10.2 Waimea Water Ltd Presentation

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.	s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.

That the Strategy & Policy Committee agrees that Mike Scott, Ken Smale and David Wright from Waimea Water Ltd be permitted to attend the confidential session of this meeting after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of the matter being discussed.

**CARRIED**

Mayor King left the meeting at 12.05 pm

An adjournment was taken from 12.05 pm to 12.15 pm

## 8 REPORTS CONTINUED

### 8.3 Climate Change Update

Graduate Policy Advisor, Julie Nguyen, and Policy Adviser, Anna Gerraty, presented the report which was taken as read.

Staff were requested to send the MfE webinar slides included as Attachment 2 to the report, out to Councillors in a clearer format.

Councillors thanked staff for their enthusiasm regarding climate change.

The Committee discussed:

- the delay to the baseline carbon emissions inventory;
- opportunities for carbon sequestration on Council land and associated with the Jobs for Nature projects;
- use of the climate change section in the report template to explain more to the public the actions Council is taking on climate change; and
- the issues concerning establishing an electric car charging station in Springs Junction.

**Moved Cr Ogilvie/Cr Wensley**

**SPC21-07-6**

**That the Strategy and Policy Committee receives the Climate Change Update Report RSPC21-07-04.**

**CARRIED**

**8.4 Strategic Policy, Environmental Policy & Activity Planning Report**

Environmental Policy Manager, Barry Johnson, Strategic Policy Manager, Dwayne Fletcher and Policy Advisor, Alan Bywater presented the report which was taken as read.

The Committee discussed the following matters:

- Outstanding Natural Landscape (ONL) and Outstanding Natural Features (ONF) and Coastal Environment (CE) work - there have been 13 drop in sessions within the community and Council has received responses from over 300 people to date. Staff are working with interested landowners to arrange follow up visits with the experts to get landowner information and refine the ONL/ONF/CE boundaries where possible. A second version of the maps including changes will be released around December once all the visits have been completed;
- Significant Natural Areas (SNA) in the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB)– the ONL/ONF/CE community sessions made it evident to both staff and Councillors there is a lot of confusion and stress in rural communities around the amount of new legislation, change and the pace of change and what it means for people. To help reduce some of the confusion and anxiety staff plan to do a series of presentations with Rural Sport Trust and Federated Farmers in September/October. The Council also resolved to stop any policy work on SNAs related to the NPS-IB until the NPS-IB has been gazetted;
- concerns about the nitrate levels on the Waimea Plains – staff will work with land users and growers on their nitrate use and with properties who use bore water with high nitrate levels for their domestic water supply;
- Te Taihū Te Mana O Te Wai Collaborative project that iwi have initiated across the top of the south – we are expecting the first report this month. Phase two will then start;
- Council has employed a staff member whose role is to work on the Waimea nitrate issue;
- Council takes advice from the Ministry of Health – staff will invite the local Director of Public Health to attend a Council meeting;
- clarification that the work that we are doing with Horticulture New Zealand and the growers in combination with the work that is happening with Te Taihū Te Mana O Te Wai is intended to replace what we would have done through the Waimea FLAG;
- drone use and the impact on roosting birds from drone use;
- the excellent work undertaken by staff on stormwater management; and
- the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund will put a lot of strain on the Infrastructure Planning team and some other Council staff for at least the next six weeks.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Cr Butler**

**SPC21-07-7**

**That the Strategy and Policy Committee:**

- 1. receives the Strategic Policy, Environmental Policy & Activity Planning Report RSPC21-07-5; and**

2. retrospectively endorses the Council's submission (Attachment 2) on the Ministry of Transport Discussion Document: Enabling Drone Integration; and
3. approves the authority to hear and consider submissions and to make recommendations to the Strategy & Policy Committee on Plan Change 73 Omnibus 2 be delegated to Cr Maling (Chair) and Crs Mackenzie and Dowler; and
4. agrees to pause policy work for the Tasman Environment Plan in relation to Significant Natural Areas until the forthcoming National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity has been gazetted.

**CARRIED**

### **8.5 Action Sheet**

The Action Sheet was taken as read.

**Moved Cr Wensley/Cr Dowler  
SPC21-07-8**

**That the Strategy and Policy Committee receives the Action Sheet RSPC21-07-6.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 1.13 pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair: