

Thursday, 10 September 2020

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Hastings District Council: Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting

Ngā Minitī

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Te Rā Hui: **Thursday, 10 September 2020 and**
Meeting date: **reconvened on Tuesday, 15 September 2020**

Te Wāhi: **Council Chamber**
Venue: **Ground Floor**
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings

Time start – end: **1.30pm – 2.55pm, 10 September 2020**
10.55am – 11.55am, 15 September 2020

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Kua Tae ā-tinana:

Present:

Chair: Councillor Bayden Barber

Councillors: Alwyn Corban, Malcolm Dixon, Damon Harvey (Deputy Chair), Tania Kerr, Simon Nixon, Ann Redstone, Sophie Siers, Geraldine Travers and Kevin Watkins.

Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst

Nick Dawson - Hastings District Rural Community Board Chair appointee
Tania Eden – Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee appointee

Kua Tatū:

In attendance:

Chief Executive: Nigel Bickle

Group Manager: Asset Management - Craig Thew

Group Manager: Planning & Regulatory Services - John O’Shaughnessy

Group Manager: Strategy & Development - Craig Cameron

Group Manager: People & Capability - Mrs Bronwyn Bayliss

Group Manager: Corporate - Bruce Allan

Acting Group Manager: Community Wellbeing & Services – Peran Hutchings

Project Manager – Dean Ferguson

Environmental Policy Manager – Rowan Wallis

Manager: Democracy and Governance - Jackie Evans

Democracy & Governance Advisor: Lynne Cox

Kei Konei:

Also present:

External Independent Appointee – Risk & Assurance Committee – Jon Nichols

1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Siers

That apologies for absence from Councillor Oli and Councillor Schollum be accepted.

Leave of Absence had previously been granted to Councillor Lawson and Councillor O'Keefe

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Councillor Kerr/Councillor Dixon

That the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting held Thursday 18 June 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

4. SPLASH PLANET - COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL IMPACTS

(Document 20/670)

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Nixon

That the report lie on the table until the reconvened Strategy & Policy Committee meeting on Tuesday, 15 September 2020.

CARRIED

5. HASTINGS PLACE BASED HOUSING UPDATE

(Document 20/698)

Group Manager: Strategy & Development, Craig Cameron presented his report and took questions from the Committee.

Councillor Harvey/Councillor Travers

A) That the Committee receives the report titled Hastings Place Based Housing Update.

CARRIED

6. REPORT OF ACTIVITY ON GREAT COMMUNITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

(Document 20/697)

The Deputy Chair of the Great Communities Subcommittee, Councillor Damon Harvey updated the meeting on activity undertaken by the subcommittee.

The Great Communities Strategy is still in draft form, and one workshop has been held and a further one planned in September. The subcommittee is currently working on the draft strategy with a focus on Community Plans and looking at the Aquatic Strategy.

The Flaxmere Community Centre Sit Fit classes received ACC accreditation and the Youth Employment Programme received a further \$980,000 based on its success over the last 12 months. Library staff are currently working with the National Library of NZ for external funding to support staffing opportunities and upskilling staff.

Councillor Siers/Councillor Redstone

- A) That the Committee receives the report titled Report of Activity on Great Communities Subcommittee.

CARRIED

7. REPORT ON ACTIVITY ON THE DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

(Document 20/711)

The Chair of the District Development Subcommittee, Councillor Tania Kerr updated the meeting on activity undertaken by the subcommittee.

Three workshops have been held, one of which was attended by the Youth Council appointees.

The focus has been on reviewing a District Development Strategy document to ensure it represents the Council's vision. This has been completed and the subcommittee is about to evaluate the targets and goals associated with each part. In addition the subcommittee have investigated:

- The planning framework
- HPUDS (Heretaunga Plains and Urban Development Strategy) and the review process
- How to safeguard the quality of new builds.

The following priorities have been identified:

- CBD
- Regional Industrial Strategy
- Housing

Councillor Kerr/Councillor Dixon

- A) That the Committee receives the report titled Report on Activity on the District Development Subcommittee.

CARRIED

8. REPORT OF ACTIVITY ON DISTRICT PLAN AND BYLAWS REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

(Document 20/718)

The Chair of the District Plan and Bylaws Review Subcommittee, Councillor Kevin Watkins updated the meeting on activity taken by the subcommittee.

This subcommittee has met once and the issue that was discussed with a recommendation that went to Council and revolved around the Class 4 Gambling Act. A unanimous decision was made to take this out to the public consultation for submissions to be heard on 1 December 2020.

Councillor Travers/Councillor Kerr

- A) That the Committee receives the report titled Report of Activity on District Plan and Bylaws Review Subcommittee.

CARRIED

9. REPORT ON ACTIVITY ON THE ECO DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE

(Document 20/752)

The Chair of the Eco District Subcommittee, Councillor Ann Redstone updated the meeting on activity taken by the subcommittee.

The subcommittee have had one workshop to commence discussions on potential areas of focus, and two youth council appointees attended this workshop.

There were two presentations from external parties, one on transportation energy efficiency and the second on energy recovery from wastewater heat, with a diversity of potential focus revealed.

Future workshops on efficient water use for Councils network, and a joint workshop with HB Regional Councils Environment & Integrated Catchments Committee are planned .

Councillor Harvey/Councillor Redstone

- A) That the Committee receives the report titled Report on Activity on the Eco District Subcommittee.

CARRIED

10. SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS REPORT TO STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE

(Document 20/738)

Councillor Barber/Councillor Kerr

- A) That the Committee receives the report titled Subcommittee Chairpersons Report to Strategy and Policy Committee.
- B) That the Committee as a matter of routine business, recommends the Chairpersons of the District Development, Eco Districts, Great Communities and District Plan & Bylaws subcommittees, in future provide written update reports to Committee meetings.
- C) The Group Manager Strategy and Development develop a report template to help ensure consistency of reporting and ensure administrative support is provided to Chairpersons for completion of update reports.

CARRIED

11. MINOR ITEMS

There were no additional business items.

12. URGENT ITEMS

There were no extraordinary business items.

The meeting adjourned at 2.55pm

(To be reconvened on Tuesday, 15 September 2020)

The meeting reconvened on Tuesday, 15 September 2020 at 10.55am

Attendees: The same Members and Officers were present as at the 10 September 2020 meeting with the exception of Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee appointee, Tania Eden and Risk & Assurance External Independent Appointee, Jon Nichols and the addition of Councillor Eileen Lawson and Councillor Wendy Schollum.

4. SPLASH PLANET - COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL IMPACTS

(Document 20/670)

That the report left to lie on the table at the previous meeting on 10 September 2020 was uplifted and addressed.

The Chair tabled an alternative set of recommendations (HPRM – CG-16-3-00038) which gave the Council two options: either open Splash Planet or leave it closed for the 2020/21 season. The Chair moved the recommendation for Splash Planet to remain open and this was seconded by the Deputy Mayor.

With the approval of the mover and seconder an additional resolution was added as follows:

The Chief Executive will return to Council to seek further governance guidance on operational plans for Splash Planet if New Zealand or the region moves to level 2 or other Covid-19 restrictions.

Councillor Barber/Councillor Kerr

- A) That the Strategy & Policy Committee receives the report titled Splash Planet - COVID-19 Alert Level Impacts.
- B) That the Committee provides a recommendation based on the two options provided within the report.
- C) That Council acknowledge the current uncertainties that Covid-19 presents with the reopening of Splash Planet for the 2020/21 summer season.
- D) That Council officers are to initiate the recruitment process for all the necessary fixed term seasonal staff.
- E) Delegate to the Chief Executive to plan to open for the season and manage operations for maximum opening times and patronage, acknowledging the risk of changes in COVID alert levels and consequences for operational losses.
- F) The Chief Executive will return to Council to seek further governance guidance on operational plans for Splash Planet if New Zealand or the region moves to level 2 or other Covid-19 restrictions.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 11.55am

Confirmed:

Chair:

Date: