
Minutes of a meeting for the Strategy & Finance Committee of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **MONDAY 14 JUNE 2021** commencing at **9.30am**

Present:

Cr AD Bech (Deputy Chairperson)
His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson
Cr JA Church
Cr CA Eyre
Cr SL Henderson
Cr FM McInally
Cr RC McGuire
Cr NMD Smith
Cr LR Thomson
Cr CT Woolerton

Attending:

Mr R Allen (General Manager, Quotable Value)

Mr G Ion (Chief Executive)
Mr T Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)
Mr R MacCulloch (General Manager Service Delivery)
Mrs S O’Gorman (General Manager Customer Support)
Mr C Morgan (General Manager Community Growth)
Mr V Ramduny (Strategic Projects Manager)
Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning & Policy Manager)
Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer)
Mr C Bailey (Finance Manager)
Mr N Johnston (Funding & Partnership Manager)
Mrs GJ Kanawa (Democracy Team Leader)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Church)

THAT the apologies from Councillors Gibb, Lynch, Patterson and Sedgwick be received.

CARRIED

S&F2106/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Smith/Henderson)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the **Strategy & Finance Committee** held on **Monday 14 June 2021** be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting with the exception of those items detailed at agenda item 8 which shall be considered with the public excluded;

AND THAT all reports be received.

CARRIED

S&F2106/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Crs Smith and Woolerton advised members of the Committee that they would declare a conflict of interest in item 6.1 [*Heritage Review Steering Group*].

His Worship the Mayor and Cr Church advised members of the Committee that they would declare a conflict of interest in item 7.2 [*Waikato District Community Wellbeing Trust – Final Statement of Intent for the year ending 30 June 2022*]

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Eyre)

THAT the minutes for the meeting of the **Strategy & Finance Committee** held on **Monday, 3 May 2021** be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

S&F2106/03

REPORTS

Action Register
Agenda Item 5

The report was received [*S&F2106/02 refers*]. No discussion was held.

Heritage Review Steering Group

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*S&F2106/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- Heritage Strategy was being reviewed and updated.
- Need a clearly defined strategy.
- Still want to know upper limit and how much money involved in this review.

ACTION: Scope of EOI to be sent to members, along with upper limit of how much this is going to cost.

Resolved: (His Worship the Mayor/Cr Thomson)

THAT the Strategy and Finance Committee approves:

The Heritage Review Steering Group to utilise funding from the Heritage Project Fund towards the servicing of operational requirements of the heritage review, including independent resourcing, as defined in the Steering Group Terms of Reference and a pause on any new funding commitments from the Heritage Project Fund until the heritage review is completed.

CARRIED

S&F2106/04

Cr Smith and Cr Woolerton did not vote on the above item due to their declared conflict of interest as Steering Group members, but were present for the discussion.

Update on Economic and Community Development Work Programme – June 2021

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*S&F2106/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- Funding review means there will be more available for Blueprint projects.
- Community led development on projects.
- North area falls outside many of traditional funding trusts/avenues.
- Request to do more with governance and youth.

2020 District Valuation

Agenda Item 7.1

The report was received [*S&F2106/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- Noted there were approximately 300 objections, objections had now closed.
- Questions on presentation were asked and answered by Mr Allen.

Waikato District Community Wellbeing Trust – Final Statement of Intent for the year ending 30 June 2022

Agenda Item 7.2

The report was received [*S&F2106/02 refers*] and no discussion was held.

Resolved: (Crs Smith/Thomson)

THAT the Waikato District Community Wellbeing Trust Statement of Intent for the year ending 30 June 2022 be received.

CARRIED

S&F2106/05

His Worship the Mayor and Cr Church did not take part in discussion nor vote on the above item.

2020-2021 Third Quarter Non-Financial Performance Report

Agenda Item 7.3

The report was received [*S&F2106/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- Concern raised about response rate from community, noting new provider uses a number of different methods for engagement with the community.
- Recognition provided to staff for their good customer service.
- Challenge for Executive Leadership Team is obtaining an attitude shift with contractors to ensure the same level of customer service is provided.

- If contractors not meeting key performance indicators they are provided clear feedback to up their game. However, we are struggling to identify what customers are not happy with in the public toilet area.
- Concern raised the survey is another tick box exercise.
- Ensure whatever survey we use we have the tools to get better responses or explanations around what the community want us to focus on.

Local Government Funding Agency Quarterly Report
Agenda Item 7.4

The report was received [*S&F2106/02 refers*] and discussion was held.

- Why are we not shareholders – surveyed in 2019 feedback was not to. Did not have the assets at that time.

Financial Performance Summary for the Period Ending 30 April 2021
Agenda Item 7.5

The report was received [*S&F2106/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held.

- Council took advantage of the COVID provisions which enabled drawing down at a lower rate.
- Concern that if projects couldn't be carried out that Council were over collecting rates, however it was noted that a small surplus is always forecast.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Item 8

Resolved: (Crs Eyre/Thomson)

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Item number 1 – Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
Item 3.1 Director Appointments – Civic Financial Services Limited (CFS)	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

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:

Item No.	Section	Interest
Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes		Refer to the previous Public Excluded reason in the agenda for this meeting.
Item 3.1 Director Appointments – Civic Financial Services Limited (CFS)	7 (2) (a)	Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

CARRIED

S&F2106/06

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 11.20am.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2021.

Cr A Bech
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON