

Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY, 2020** commencing at **9.31 am.**

Present:

Cr JM Gibb (Chairperson)
His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson [*from 9.33am*]
Cr AD Bech
Cr JA Church
Cr CA Eyre
Cr SL Henderson
Cr SD Lynch
Cr FM McInally
Cr RC McGuire
Mrs M Moana Tuwhangai (Maangai Maaori) [*from 10.19am*]
Cr EM Patterson [*until 10.54am*]
Cr JD Sedgwick
Cr NMD Smith
Cr LR Thomson
Cr CT Woolerton

Attending:

Mr D Whyte (Huntly Community Board Chair)

Mr G Ion (Chief Executive)
Mr T Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)
Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer)
Mr R MacCulloch (General Manager Service Delivery)
Mrs S O’Gorman (General Manager Customer Support)
Mr J Quinn (Communications, Marketing & Engagement Manager)
Mr G King (Chief Information Officer)
Mr J Ebenhoh (Manager Planning and Policy)
Mr V Ramduny (Strategic Projects Manager)
Mr C Bailey (Finance Manager)
Mrs J Dolan (Economic and Community Development Manager)
Mr M Davey (Community Growth Analytics Manager)
Ms M Russo (Team Leader, Corporate Planning)
Ms G Brady (Democracy Advisor)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Patterson)

THAT an apology for lateness be received from Mrs M Moana Tuwhangai (Maangai Maaori) and His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson.

CARRIED

S&F2007/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Lynch)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on 22 July 2020 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting with the exception of those items detailed at agenda item 7 which shall be considered with the public excluded;

AND THAT all reports be received;

AND FURTHER THAT in accordance with Standing Order 9.13 the Committee resolves that the following item be added to the Open Agenda, for discussion, as advised by the Chairperson;

- **Item 7.3 - Housing Infrastructure Fund - Term Loan Facility approval**

AND FURTHER THAT the Chair of the Huntly Community Board, David Whyte, be given speaking rights for the duration of the open section of this meeting.

CARRIED

S&F2007/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cr Church advised members of the Committee that she would declare a non-financial interest as Chair of the Wellbeing Trust in *Item 7.2 – Statements of Intent*.

His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson joined the meeting at 9.33am during the above item.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Crs McNally/Bech)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on Wednesday, 10 June 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

S&F2007/03

REPORTS

Action Register
Agenda Item 5.1

The report was received [*S&F2007/02 refers*]. No points were discussed in relation to this report.

Maangai Maaori
Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*S&F2007/02 refers*]. The Chief Executive provided background to the proposal of including Maangai Maaori in the JMA with Waikato-Tainui. The following matters were discussed:

- A draft variation to the JMA would be presented to Council for approval.
- Concern expressed that there was no guarantee of permanent inclusion of the Maangai Maaori roles, and as such, subsequent Councils could vote to change this when reviewing the committee structure. The Chief Executive advised that though the JMA contract could be renegotiated, subsequent councils would need the agreement of both Waikato Tainui and Council to make changes.
- The Committee recommended that an iwi perspective on the final draft would be helpful.

ACTION: Staff to incorporate an iwi perspective when presenting the final draft to elected members for approval.

Resolved: (Crs Church/Thomson)

THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee supports, in principle, the inclusion of the Maangai Maaori roles in the Joint Management Agreement between the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council;

AND THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee requests the Chief Executive to prepare a draft variation to the Joint Management Agreement, for the Council's consideration, subject to Waikato Tainui's approval of the draft, on this matter.

CARRIED

S&F2007/04

Cr Lynch voted against the resolution and requested her dissenting vote be recorded.

Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update
Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*S&F2007/02 refers*]. The Corporate Planning Team Leader spoke to her report and the following matters were discussed:

- Staff gave a summary of progress and decisions made to date on the LTP, with reference to the series of workshops held so far.
- During the 17 April 2020 workshop Council reconfirmed that they wished to see the Community Outcomes that exist in the current Long Term Plan to be carried forward to the 2021-31 LTP.

Treasury Risk Management Policy Compliance as at 30 June
Agenda Item 7.1

The report was received [*S&F2007/02 refers*]. The Finance Manager spoke to his report and the following matters were discussed:

- Staff reiterated that this was an interim financial report as the report was completed before the financial year end.
- Floating interest rates forecasting for risk management on Capital Expenditure needed to improve.

Statements of Intent

Agenda Item 7.2

Cr Church declared a non-financial conflict of interest and did not participate in the discussion, or voting, on this item.

The report was received [*S&F2007/02 refers*]. The Chief Financial Officer spoke to her report and the following matters were discussed:

- Correction required on page 32 of the agenda in second line of the table under *Including Land Sales*. The amount for 2022 to be amended to read \$2.9m and the amount for 2023 to read \$3.7m
- Waikato Regional Airport was the CCO most affected by Covid-19.
- WLASS adjustments - there would be a change in the way of funding the LiDAR project. Reliance would be on WLASS funding rather than charging WLASS members for work done. Reserves would be used for funding.
- WBT adjustments would be reduced from 7.26% to 5%.
- Strada Corporation Limited remained dormant due to tax losses.
- The Waikato Regional Airport's value as a Council asset. Staff confirmed that the Airport had been active in providing Council with updates.

Resolved: (Crs Bech/Henderson)

THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee, as per section 65(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2002, agree to the 2020/21 Statements of Intent received from the Waikato Regional Airport Limited, Waikato Local Authority Shared Services Limited and Waikato District Community Wellbeing Trust;

AND THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee confirms that Strada Corporation Limited and its subsidiary Waikato Quarries Limited remain exempted in the classification as Council Controlled Organisations and are therefore not required to submit a Statement of Intent.

CARRIED

S&F2007/05

Housing Infrastructure Fund – Term Loan Facility approval

Agenda Item 7.3

The report was received [*S&F2007/02 refers*]. The Chief Financial Officer spoke to her report and the following matters were discussed:

- The agreement had been successfully completed.
- The program of works for the Te Kauwhata area, within the detailed business case, amounted to \$72m, of which \$38m was to be funded by the HIF fund.
- The business case for Te Kauwhata infrastructure (waste water and water) contemplated a long-term solution for projected growth in the area.
- The loan agreement was signed based on two tranches of work:
 - a) immediate work that could be completed now, irrespective of long-term wastewater plans; and
 - b) longer-term works, which could be directed to areas outside of Te Kauwhata but had yet to be determined.
- Works would need to start before 30 June 2029 for the last drawdown of project funds.
- The current consent to discharge wastewater for Te Kauwhata would expire in 2026/27. A solution would need to be in place prior to that date.
- Some Committee members expressed concern that the loan details were Te Kauwhata specific. Staff noted that Council would need to determine if the Long Term Plan would invest in new infrastructure or defer investment to a later date.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Item 8

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Woolerton)

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 1 Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 6 or Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
Item 2.1 S&F Action Register		
Item 2.2 Update on Economic and Community Development Work Programme		
Item 2.3 Professional Negligence and Weathertight Homes Claims Report		

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:

