

Minutes of a meeting of the Performance & Strategy Committee of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2023** commencing at **9.30am**.

Present:

Cr JM Gibb (Chairperson)
Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs JA Church
Cr C Beavis
Cr CA Eyre (Deputy Mayor)
Cr M Keir
Cr K Ngataki
Cr EM Patterson
Cr M Raumati
Cr V Reeve – *via audio visual link*
Cr LR Thomson
Cr P Thomson
Cr T Turner

Attending:

Mr G Ion (Chief Executive)
Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer) – *via audio visual link*
Mr C Morgan (General Manager Community Growth)
Mr S Kendall (Waikato Regional Airport Limited)
Ms M Rinaldi (Corporate Planner)

Ms E Saunders (Democracy Advisor)

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor/Cr Ngataki)

That the apologies for:

- a. non-attendance from Cr D Whyte be accepted.**

CARRIED

P&S2306/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs L Thomson/Turner)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Performance & Strategy Committee held on Tuesday, 20 June 2023 be confirmed:

- a. 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;**
- b. in accordance with Standing Order 9.4 the order of business be changed with agenda item PEX1.2 [*Waikato Regional Airport Limited 2022 Review*] being considered after agenda item 5 [*Actions Register*]; and**
- c. all reports be received.**

CARRIED

P&S2306/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Crs Beavis/Raumati)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Performance & Strategy Committee held on Monday, 8 May 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting with the following amendments:

- a. *Cr K Ngataki and Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs JA Church be added to the list of Present Elected Members; and***
- b. *Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu be removed from the list of Present Elected Members as per the apology.***

CARRIED

P&S2306/03

REPORTS

Actions Register Agenda Item 5

The report was received [*P&S2306/02 refers*] and Mr S Kendall (WRAL) provided a powerpoint presentation:raising the following points:

- Overview of the performance of Waikato Regional Airport Limited over the last financial year.
- The Future Earnings Growth (10 year Diversification Strategy) along with the current runway capability.
- The Northern Precinct was highlighted and it was noted that generating a Long Use Strategy was the goal.
- A highlight was the Ecological Reserve which is North-West of the Airport and home to a Pekapeka habitat.

The following was discussed with the Committee:

- The overall theme of the presentation was a very good one along with the Strategy.
- Land Development may be enabled by land sales, providing funding for future projects.
- Partnering with Industrial Developers was a potential option for WRAL, however previous ventures have not always been successful.
- The map that shows the Northern Precinct showed all the land holdings of the Airport.
- It was noted by Mr Kendall that Waikato Regional Airport Limited have not actively been seeking overseas private business investors for a potential International Strategy.
- In response to a question around the future of Electric Aircraft, Mr Kendall noted that the real challenge with electric aircraft is the charging of them which the Airport has a dedicated area for and have also reserved land for multiple alternative fuels.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved: (Crs Ngataki/Patterson)

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

- a. 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 PEX 1.1 Statute Barred Rates and Water Debts	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 6 or Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
Item PEX 1.2 Review of Waikato Regional Airport Limited		

- b. 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 PEX 1.1 Statute Barred Rates and Water Debts	7(2)(a)	To protect a persons privacy
Item PEX 1.2 Review of Waikato Regional Airport Limited	7(2)(h)	To enable commercial activities to be carried out without prejudice or disadvantage.

- c. **THAT Mr Scott Kendall (Waikato Regional Airport Limited) be permitted to remain at this meeting, because of their knowledge of Item PEX1.2 - Waikato Regional Airport Limited 2022 Review. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because of his role with Waikato Regional Airport Limited.**

CARRIED

P&S2306/05

Resolutions P&S2306/06 – P&S2306/08 are contained in the public excluded section of these minutes.

It was resolved [Resolution No. P&S2306/07] during the public excluded section of the meeting that the following resolution be released into open meeting but the report remain confidential and unavailable to the public:

Statute Barred Rates and Water Debt
Agenda Item PEX 1.1

Resolved: (Her Worship the Mayor/Cr Patterson)

THAT the Performance and Strategy Committee:

- a. notes that up to \$8,428.06 of Rates and Water accounts outstanding for more than six (6) years as at 30 June 2023 would be written off on that date; and*
- b. that the resolution be released into the open meeting and the report remain confidential and unavailable to the public.*

CARRIED

REPORTS

2024-2034 Long Term Plan
Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [P&S2306/02 refers] and the Corporate Planning Team Leader provided a verbal update, with no further discussion being held.

Chief Executive Business Plan Update

Agenda Item 7.1

The report was received [*P&S2306/02 refers*] and the Chief Executive Officer answered questions from the committee.

- A brief discussion was had around the Waters Capital Works and the work the Waters Governance Board was doing to hold the Watercare Team to account.
- The Waikato District Alliance contract is up in two years.
- It was noted on Page 32 in relation to the update and delivery comments – it had increased by \$7million, from \$30m to \$37m.
- Point 1.3B – mana whenua forums were still being developed and further discussion on the future would be had once the forum was in place.
- Discussion was held regarding social procurement and whether there was room for governance to sit in that space. It was noted the Joint Management Agreement (JMA) space was the best forum for those discussions.
- Point 5.2a) – It was noted that the Huntly relocation had been approved from a Council perspective but Waka Kotahi are still working through their end.
- Point 6.1b) – Staff turnover is returning to pre-covid levels. The percentage was previously at 20% and is not at 16.83%.
- It was noted that Point 8.1a) should read 2x Maaori Ward Councillors and 1x Maaori Councillor.
- It was advised that the Executive Leadership Team would come back to the Committee with more information around the Rural Group and whether they were involved in the first external focus group for the Climate Response & Resilience Strategy.

ACTION: Executive Leadership Team to come back to the Committee with confirmation if the Rural Group were involved in the first external focus group for the Climate Response & Resilience Group.

Civic Financial Services Limited Annual Report 2022

Agenda Item 7.2

The report was received [*P&S2306/02 refers*] and the Chief Financial Officer gave a verbal update and answered questions of the committee.

- A brief discussion was had regarding IM of tax and the net worth total. The Chief Financial Officer would come back to the Committee with further information.
- A further brief discussion was had in regards to the services that Council use and whether there is a market to sell shares.

ACTION: CFO to provide the Committee with a response around IM Tax and the net worth total.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 11.33am.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2023.

Cr J Gibb
CHAIRPERSON