
MINUTES

**THURSDAY 2 AUGUST 2007
9.26AM – 1.47PM**

**Tuesday 7 August 2007 (reconvened)
12.20 – 12.25pm**

**Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington**

PRESENT: (Thursday 2 August 2007)

Mayor Prendergast (9.26am – 12.26pm, 1.14 – 1.47pm)
Councillor Armstrong (Chair)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (12.56 – 1.47pm)
Councillor Cook (9.26 – 11.28am, 11.33 – 12noon)
Councillor Foster (9.26am – 12.24pm, 1.00 – 1.05pm)
Councillor Goulden
Councillor McKinnon (9.26 – 10.10am, 10.15 – 1.47pm)
Councillor Morrison
Councillor Pepperell
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Ruben (9.26am – 1.19pm)
Councillor Shaw (9.26am – 1.47pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown (11.02am – 1.47pm)
Councillor Wain

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Gill
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (for lateness)
Councillor Wade-Brown (for lateness)

173/07P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Accept apologies for absence from Councillor Gill.*
2. *Accept apologies for lateness from Councillors Ahipene-Mercer and Wade-Brown.*

174/07P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

175/07P **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Approve the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 10 February 2005 (ordinary meeting), Wednesday 1 March 2006 (ordinary meeting), Thursday 7 June 2007 (ordinary meeting), Thursday 14 June 2007 (ordinary meeting), Thursday 14 June 2007 (joint meeting with Regulatory Processes Committee), Wednesday 20 June 2007 (ordinary meeting) and Wednesday 27 June 2007 (ordinary meeting), be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of those meetings.*

176/07P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Bernie Harris addressed the meeting regarding Report 2 - "Submission on Draft Regional Policy Statement", Report 3 - "Management of Confidential Information", Report 4 - "Tourism Industry Conference, Auckland, Tuesday 28 - Thursday 30 August 2007" and Report 5 - "Trafinz Conference, Taupo, Sunday 12 - Wednesday 15 August 2007."

2. An email from Tom Law representing the Federation of Wellington Progressive and Ratepayers Associations was circulated to the members of the Committee relating to Report 3 “Management of Confidential Information”. Mr Law was unable to be present at the meeting to make his comments.

177/07P **DRAFT PARKING POLICY – ORAL HEARINGS**
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 1)

NOTED:

1. Anne Couper representing the Hataitai Residents Association (submission 93) did not make an oral submission to the Committee.
2. Chris Tchernegovski representing Tournament Parking Ltd (submission 96) addressed the meeting in support of their submission.
3. Sridhar Ekambaram representing the Cycle Aware Wellington Inc(submission 94) addressed the meeting in support of their submission.
4. Dorothy Adams and Stuart Duncan (submission 95) addressed the meeting in support of their submission.

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 10.10am.)

5. Bernie Harris representing the Vogelmorn Kingston Residents Association (submission 97) addressed the meeting in support of his submission.

(Councillor McKinnon returned to the meeting at 10.15am.)

6. Barry Hellberg representing the NZ Retailers Association (submission 88) addressed the meeting in support of their submission.
7. Don Ryder (submission 15) addressed the meeting in support of his submission.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.40am and reconvened at 11.02am.)

(Councillor Wade-Brown joined the meeting at 11.02am.)

8. Brent Efford representing Living Streets Aotearoa (submission 84) addressed the meeting in support of the Living Streets submission.

9. Alex Gray representing The New Zealand Automobile Association Incorporated (submission 1) addressed the meeting in support of their submission.

178/07P **SUBMISSION ON DRAFT REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT**
 Report of Paul Kos – Senior Strategic Adviser, Urban Development and
 Brett McKay – Manager, Planning Policy.
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Ritchie, the substantive motion as amended.

(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 11.28am.)
 (Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 11.33am.)

Moved Councillor Armstrong the following amendment to the content of the submission.

THAT the following sections of amended submission be amended as follows:

4.1.3 Issues

- **Issue 4: Renewable energy resources**

The statement makes mention of the “potentially significant adverse effects associated with renewable energy production” but does not outline them. It does however comment on the need for regional policy and clear direction in this area. Timelines for this investigatory work should be provided and targets for renewable energy generation for the region communicated. ~~Additionally, studies to better identify suitable areas for wind farm development should be commissioned. It is this Council’s view that initiative investigatory work in first instance will help stimulate growth in the sector and provide clear direction for developers.~~ Further, distributive generation (small scale renewable electricity generation) is not mentioned in this section.

13.1.2 Policies and methods

5.2 Policy 2: Considerations for coastal areas, features or landscapes.

~~We request clarification of 5.2 (b) ‘the avoidance of sprawling or sporadic new subdivision, use and development’. This needs to be consistent with Policy 3 where, as long as natural character is protected, there is provision for new subdivision, use and development in the coastal environment. The issue is also covered in a general sense in the draft urban form policies. Council suggests that this is left out as it is better covered by Policy 3.~~

5.3 Policy 3: New subdivision, use and development in the coastal environment.

This policy provides for new subdivision, use and development in the coastal environment. ~~We suggest that this policy is rephrased so that the emphasis is on the protection of the coastal natural environment, rather than on the provision of subdivision.~~ Council supports the three conditions which are consistent with policies of the South Coast Management Plan (2002) (this management plan covers the land under Wellington City Council's jurisdiction from Point Dorset in the east, to Karori Stream in the west). ~~We have assumed that where existing District Plan objectives, policies and rules implement this policy, then new ones will not be required. Therefore we suggest in order to ensure the conditions are given particular regard to, the Regional Council includes a policy where the conditions are taken into consideration for any proposed new subdivision, use and development in the coastal environment.~~

14. Waste Management and Hazardous Substances

• Zero Waste

~~notes that the draft PRPS “gives effect to the vision of zero waste where all resources are used efficiently and at a sustainable rate.” The Council thinks a more explicit and appropriate definition of zero waste is “a 100% resource efficient economy where all waste materials are re-used or recycled back into society or nature. Landfills and cleanfills would no longer be necessary because there would be no ‘waste’ to dispose.”~~

~~The Council is reviewing its aspirational goal of zero waste to ensure it is an appropriate long term vision. The Council is beginning to question whether zero waste is achievable given existing Government legislation and the lack of cohesive and robust partnerships between local authorities in the Wellington Region. In addition, it is highly possible that there will always be some level of residual waste even if large-scale waste reduction infrastructure existed like waste to energy plants. Therefore, we advise the Regional Council to emphasize more pragmatic goals for waste reduction such as those mentioned in Anticipated Environmental Results section.~~

The amendment of Councillor Armstrong failed due to the want of a seconder.

Moved Councillor Foster the following amendment to the content of the submission.

- “(a) The submission be strengthened by explicitly requesting the Regional Policy Statement to uphold the concept of an urban containment boundary, and Wellington City Council's opposition to transport investments promoting urban sprawl.
- (b) In particular Council is concerned that investment in Western Corridor roading and the extension of rail electrification north of Waikanae will

encourage urban sprawl, with consequent energy and climate change impacts.

- (c) Council believes it would be preferable to consider investing in extending the rail system south of the Wellington Railway Station.
- (d) Council also believes that Regional Policy Statement should encourage realistic Development Contributions regimes to reflect the costs of development decisions.”

The amendment of Councillor Foster failed due to the want of a seconder.

(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 12.00pm.)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Pepperell, the motion that Standing Order 157 be suspended for the remainder of this item.

The motion was put and a DIVISION called:

Voting for: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Foster, Goulden, Pepperell, Ritchie, Shaw and Wade-Brown.

Voting against: Councillors Armstrong, McKinnon, Morrison, Ruben and Wain.

Majority vote: 7:5

The motion was declared LOST as there was not a ¾ majority.

Moved Councillor Shaw, seconded Councillor Ruben, the procedural motion that the submission be referred to Council for consideration.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Refer the submission to Council for consideration.*

179/07P **MANAGEMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Report of Michael Webster – City Secretary.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 3)

Moved Councillor Shaw, seconded Councillor McKinnon the substantive motion with an amendment to clause 3 (as follows):

“3. Request officers to develop.....”

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 12.24pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 12.24pm for lunch and reconvened at 12.56pm.)

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer joined the meeting at 12.56pm.)

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 1.00pm.)

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 1.05pm.)

(Mayor Prendergast returned to the meeting at 1.14pm.)

(Councillor Ruben left the meeting at 1.19pm.)

Moved Councillor Ritchie seconded Councillor Wade-Brown the following amendment.

“5. Request that a recommendation regarding appointments to Council Controlled Organisations be, (in advance) public while debate is expected to be public excluded.”

Councillor Ritchie was asked to withdraw from the meeting for continual disruptions, contrary to the direction of the Chair, and two prior warnings. She refused to do so.

(The meeting adjourned at 1.36pm for 5 minutes and reconvened at 1.45pm.)

(Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Armstrong, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pepperell, Ritchie, Shaw, Wade-Brown and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

The Chair ruled further that Councillor Ritchie leave the meeting. She continued to refuse to leave.

Moved Mayor Prendergast the procedural motion that the ruling of the Chair be overturned. The motion was unsuccessful 8:3 on a show of hands.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1.47pm for a further 15 minutes.

The Chair attempted to reconvene the meeting at 2.02pm.

Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Armstrong, Pepperell, Ritchie and Wade-Brown were present at this time. Those present noted that the quorum for the meeting had failed. The Chair advised that the remaining business from this meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee would be finalised on Tuesday 7 August 2007 at the conclusion of the Strategy and Policy Committee Pre Meeting Session for its meeting on Thursday 9 August 2007.

The meeting reconvened at 12.20pm on Tuesday 7 August 2007.

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast
Councillor Armstrong (Chair)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Cook
Councillor Foster
Councillor Gill
Councillor Goulden
Councillor McKinnon
Councillor Morrison
Councillor Pepperell
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Ruben
Councillor Shaw
Councillor Wade-Brown
Councillor Wain

180/07P **MANAGEMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
(CONTINUED)**

Report of Michael Webster – City Secretary.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 3)

Moved Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, seconded Councillor Cook, the procedural motion that this report and the remaining items of business on this agenda be referred to the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting to be held on Thursday 9 August 2007.

Moved Councillor Shaw, seconded Councillor Morrison the procedural motion that the procedural motion of Councillor Ahipene-Mercer be put.

The procedural motion that the procedural motion be put, was put and declared CARRIED.

The procedural motion moved by Councillor Ahipene-Mercer was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Refer this item and the remaining items of business on this agenda to the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting to be held on Thursday 9 August 2007.*

181/07P **TOURISM INDUSTRY CONFERENCE, AUCKLAND, TUESDAY 28 – THURSDAY 30 AUGUST 2007**
Report of Nicola Hay – Committee Adviser.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

NOTED:

This item will be considered at the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting on Thursday 9 August 2007.

182/07P **TRAFINZ CONFERENCE, TAUPO, SUNDAY 12 – WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST 2007**
Report of Nicola Hay – Committee Adviser.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

NOTED:

This item will be considered at the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting on Thursday 9 August 2007.

183/07P **FORWARD PROGRAMME**
Report of John McGrath – Director, Policy.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 6)

NOTED:

This item will be considered at the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting on Thursday 9 August 2007.

The meeting concluded at 12.25pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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