
MINUTES

THURSDAY 10 APRIL 2008

9.16AM

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast (Chair)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer
Councillor Best
Councillor Cook
Councillor Coughlan
Councillor Foster (9.23 – 10.26am)
Councillor Gill
Councillor Goulden
Councillor McKinnon
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Pepperell
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Wade-Brown

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Morrison
Councillor Wain

073/08P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receive apologies for absence from Councillors Morrison and Wain.*

074/08P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

075/08P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

Bernie Harris addressed the Committee on Report One, Wellington Broadband Project and discussed his concerns with the ideas proposed. Mr Harris highlighted what he saw as flaws in Council's involvement in facilitating the provision of broadband across the city and queried whether this was prudent financial management of the City's resources. He also raised concerns about 'future-proofing' the broadband technology.

(Councillor Foster joined the meeting at 9.23am)

076/08P **PETITION**
(1215/52/IM)

There were no petitions.

077/08P **WELLINGTON BROADBAND PROJECT**
Report of Paul Desborough – Manager, Strategy Unit, Carolina Rodriguez – Senior Strategic Advisor and Adele Gibson - Senior Policy Advisor.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor McKinnon the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note the Vision for high speed, affordable and ubiquitous broadband agreed on 1 March 2007, and the agreement that Council will have a role in facilitating provision of broadband infrastructure and*

developing demand, with further work to be undertaken on options for implementing the vision.

3. *Note that in the ensuing months:*
 - a. *A Request for Concept has been issued, 24 responses received, and this information has been used to:*
 - i. *confirm initial policy analysis of the broadband area;*
 - ii. *identify ways in which WCC could facilitate progress towards its broadband vision;*
 - iii. *identify potential strategic partners through assessing their credentials and future plans.*
 - b. *Regular discussions have been held with these partners and with public sector stakeholders.*
 - c. *A policy framework has been developed to address issues including:*
 - i. *low cost deployment methods (e.g. shallow trenching, aerial);*
 - ii. *possible District Plan changes;*
 - iii. *use of abandoned pipes and duct installation; and*
 - iv. *greenfields and brownfields development.*
 - d. *A detailed financial model has been prepared to assess the merits of various options including possible direct Council investment in fibre infrastructure.*
4. *Agree that the parameters guiding the Council's role in delivering the broadband vision for Wellington City will be to:*
 - a. *intervene in the broadband market to the least extent necessary;*
 - b. *encourage electronics and services competition (competition at layers 2 and 3) not infrastructure competition (layers 0 and 1);*
 - c. *focus on initiatives that help deliver social and community benefits, as well as "transformative" economic development benefits;*
 - d. *leverage ownership and management of Council assets in a way that balances Council objectives, such as those above, with others such as visual amenity, construction disruption, and effective management of infrastructure assets;*
 - e. *leverage Council's existing expertise and experience in management of Rights of Way (RoW) and infrastructure networks, including their construction, operation and maintenance using an outsourced approach.*
5. *Agree to the following key changes to advance achievement of the Council's broadband Vision:*

- a. *Making Council assets such as buildings, light poles and unused pipes and ducts available for nil or nominal charge for deployment of open access broadband infrastructure.*
- b. *Conducting a micro and/or shallow trenching trial, for deployment of open access broadband infrastructure, which would be reviewed for wider applicability on completion.*
- c. *Progressive establishment of a Council-owned duct network, subject to detailed costings being brought to Committee for approval.*
- d. *Advocacy to government for funding support, and for any new trans-Tasman fibre optic cable to land in Wellington.*
- e. *Continued development of a business model for possible direct Council investment in an urban fibre network.*

078/08P **SAFERROADS NEWTOWN AND BERHAMPORE**

Report of Stuart Bullen – Programme Manager.

(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 2)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best the substantive motion.

Moved Councillor Wade-Brown, seconded Council Pepperell the following amendment:

New recommendation 3 -

3. That the consultation include the option of 40km/hr speed limits on the arterial roads in Newtown / Berhampore

NOTED:

The Director, Urban Development and Transport advised the Committee on some legal aspects of the amendment which would make it difficult to implement.

The amendment proposed by Councillor Wade-Brown was WITHDRAWN with the LEAVE of the meeting.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED on voices.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

2. *Agree that officers consult with the Newtown and Berhampore communities on the proposed package of safety measures as part of the city-wide Safer Roads project.*

079/08P

RATIFICATION OF WELLINGTON INNER CITY BYPASS OBLIGATIONS

Report of Hanita Shantilal, Property Advisor, Property Projects.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 3)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Goulden the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information*
2. *Recommend that the Council approve the following obligations as required under the Deed Relating to Construction of Wellington Inner City Bypass and the Entry Agreement pursuant to the Public Works Act 1981:*
 - (a) *The stopping of part of Abel Smith Street (shown as area marked red on Appendix 1, Map 1 of the Officers report) and part of Vivian Street (shown as area marked red on Appendix 1, Map 2 of the Officers report) pursuant to section 116 of the Public Works Act 1981 and as required under the Fifth Schedule of the Entry Agreement Pursuant to the Public Works Act 1981.*
 - i. *Note this stopping is exempt from the Section 40 requirements as it is a stopping and exchange of land for road under the Public Works Act 1981.*
 - ii. *Note this stopping does not require public notification as it is being carried out under the Public Works Act 1981 and all necessary consultation has been carried out with consents obtained.*
 - (b) *The stopping and vesting of an area of road at 13 Tonks Avenue (shown as area F marked red on Appendix 2, Map 1 of the Officers report) for a historic garden pursuant to section 116, 117 and 120 of the Public Works Act 1981 and as required*

under clause 5 (b) of the Entry Agreement Pursuant to the Public Works Act 1981.

(c) *The Crown's actions to vest the areas of Crown owned land (shown as areas in green on Appendix 4, Map 2 and Map 3 of the Officers report), as road in the Council as the territorial authority, pursuant to section 114 of the Public Works Act 1981 and vested in the Council pursuant to section 316 of the Local Government Act 1974 and as required under the Third Schedule of the Entry Agreement.*

3. *Note that the Crown is to declare area A in red on Appendix 4 (of the Officers report, Map 1), part of 11 – 13 Tonks Avenue (shown as areas H and M in blue on Appendix 3, Map 2 of the Officers report), part of Arthur Street, part of Kensington Street, part of Victoria Street, part of Willis Street, and part of Cuba Street (as shown in red on Appendix 3, Maps 4, 5 and 6 of the Officers report) as State Highway pursuant to section 60 of the Transit New Zealand Act 1989 and as required under the Fourth Schedule of the Entry Agreement Pursuant to the Public Works Act 1981.*

080/08P **APPROVAL OF NAME FOR NEW ROAD: MERVYN KEMP DRIVE**
Report of Michael Brownie, Enterprise Data Management.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to give approval for the name Mervyn Kemp Drive to be allocated to the new road built as a result of residential development off Woodman Drive in Tawa as shown on Plan F 3032 (Appendix A of the Officers report).*

081/08P **STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME**
Report of Svea Cunliffe –Steel, Manager Committee and Councillor Services.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor McKinnon the substantive motion with the following amendments to the Forward Programme:

Include –

- Broadband Infrastructure Update (late June)
- Implications of the Hilton Hotel decision (unscheduled)

Change -

- Governance Arrangements (24 April)
- Elected Members Remuneration (30 April)
- Crossways Funding (24 April)
- Centres Policy (24 April)

The substantive motion with an amended forward programme was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee, attached as Appendix 1 of the Officers report as amended.*

082/08P **RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**
(1215/52IM)

Moved Mayor Prendergast, seconded Councillor Coughlan the resolution to exclude the public.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee

1. *Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:*

Report 6: Purchase of Inner City Land

Grounds : Section 48(1) (a) that public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which

*good reasons for withholding
would exist under Section 7.*

- Reasons:*
- Section 7.2(b)(ii) To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is subject of the information.*
- Section 7.2(h) Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.*
- Section 7.2(i) Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiation).*

The meeting went in to public excluded session at 10.06am.

For item 083/08P, please see the public excluded minutes.

The meeting concluded at 10.26am.

Confirmed: _____
Chair