
REPORT 12
(1215/11/IM)

Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee
Meeting of Thursday 1 March 2007

MEMBERS: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Armstrong (Chair), Ahipene-Mercer, Cook, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pepperell, Ritchie, Ruben, Shaw, Wade-Brown and Wain.

MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

The Strategy and Policy Committee dealt with a number of issues for which it has delegated powers to act and therefore these are before the Council for noting.

The Committee hereby recommends that the information be received.

1. **ITEM 032/07P ICT POLICY – ENABLING ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION THROUGH BROADBAND**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Note that the Council adopted the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Policy in June 2006, at the time noting the economic development component would be developed subsequently.*
2. *Note that the Wellington Regional Strategy has identified broadband as a key enabler of economic growth and one of seven priorities and that the Council's position is being developed in the context of the regional approach.*
3. *Note that the Government's Digital Strategy provides a strong community endorsement for a more active public sector role in broadband. The 2007/08 and 2008/09 Draft Annual Plan processes will provide a further opportunity for community consultation on the economic development amendments to Council's ICT Policy.*

4. *Agree that Council's vision for broadband connectivity in Wellington City is:*

"That, by 2012, all of Wellington City will have affordable access to an interactive and open broadband network capable of supporting applications and services using integrated layers of voice, video and data, with sufficient two-way capacity in the city, and out to the world, to meet the ongoing information and communications needs of the city's residents, businesses, investors and institutions."

5. *Agree that Council has a key role in achieving the vision and this will include adopting and owning the vision and developing a plan for the community to achieve it.*
6. *Agree that the Council will have a role in facilitating provision of the broadband infrastructure required, and in developing demand.*
7. *Agree that further work be undertaken on this potential role for Council including:*
 - a. *issuing a Request for Concept document to engage potential industry partners in developing implementation options for the vision*
 - b. *engaging with key business, government and community sector stakeholders*
 - c. *consulting with the community through the 2007/08 Draft Annual Plan process*
 - d. *looking into policy changes that could be made to help achieve the vision (e.g. changes to the Subdivision and Roding codes of practice)*
8. *Agree that a further report on options for implementing the vision be brought back to this Committee by June 2007.*

2. **ITEM 035/07P MOA POINT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLAN AND CAREY'S GULLY SLUDGE DEWATERING PLANT – RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION PROCESS UPDATE (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)**

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that complete elimination of overflows occurring in extreme wet weather events is not affordable.*
3. *Agree that the conveyance of all flows occurring in extreme wet weather events to Moa Point is ruled out as a practical option.*

4. *Agree that the options for reducing the frequency and/ or effects of bypass overflows in section 4.5 and section 4.6 will be presented in the draft Assessment of Environmental Effects*
5. *Note that Ngati Toa has not yet finalised its preferred option.*

3. **ITEM 036/07P SUBMISSIONS ON DRAFT NEW ZEALAND ENERGY STRATEGY AND RELATED DOCUMENTS (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)**

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the submission (appendix 1 of the officer's report as amended) on the draft New Zealand Energy Strategy (NZES), subject to any changes by the Committee.*
3. *Approve the submission (appendix 2 of the officer's report) on the draft New Zealand Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy (NEECS), subject to any changes by the Committee.*
4. *Approve the submission (appendix 3 of the officer's report) on the discussion document Measures to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in New Zealand Post -2012, subject to any changes by the Committee.*
5. *Approve the submission (appendix 4 of the officer's report) on the discussion document Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change, subject to any changes by the Committee.*
6. *Agree to delegate to the Environment Portfolio Leader and Chief Executive Officer the authority to make any minor drafting changes necessary before forwarding the submissions to the relevant agencies.*

Robert Armstrong
Chair