

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL  
PROJECT AND MONITORING MEETING NO. PMC23-2  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1484 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA  
ON TUESDAY, 16 MAY 2023 AT ON THE CONCLUSION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING STARTING  
AT 11.00AM**

## **1 PRESENT**

Cr D Thwaites (Chairperson), Cr T Coxhead, Cr R Crawford, Cr G Dally, Mayor J Denyer, Cr M Grainger, Cr A Henry, Cr R Joyce, Cr M Murray-Benge, Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour and Cr A Wichers.

## **2 IN ATTENDANCE**

J Holyoake (Chief Executive Officer), G Allis (Deputy CEO/General Manager Infrastructure Group), R Davie (General Manager General Manager Strategy and Community), A Henderson (General Manager Corporate Services), A Curtis (General Manager Regulatory Services), E Watton (Strategic Policy and Planning Programme Director), N Rutland (Environmental Planning Manager), K Little (Operations Manager), G Benn (Research and Monitoring Analyst), J Paterson (Transportation Manager), P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager), B Hickman (BOP West Road maintenance Contract) P Atkins (BOP West road Maintenance Contract), H Wi Repa (Governance Systems Advisor) and C Irvin (Senior Governance Advisor).

### **VIA ZOOM**

R Davie (General Manager General Manager Strategy and Community), I Kruis (Resource Recovery and Waste Team Leader), T Miller (Strategic Advisor Resource Management), K McGinty (Senior Policy Analyst), and T Wilson (Contract Manager Solid Waste).

### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

P Barns (WestLink Maintenance Manager)

A Goes (WestLink Contract Manager)

### **KARAKIA**

The Chairperson opened the meeting with a karakia.

## **3 APOLOGIES**

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### **RESOLUTION PMC23-2.1**

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

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That the apology for absence from Cr Sole be accepted.

**CARRIED**

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#### **4      CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

#### **5      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

#### **6      PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS**

Nil

#### **7      PUBLIC FORUM**

##### **1.    Don Brash – Unaffordable Housing**

- Houses, but in particular land, in the Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty district were unaffordable for many residents in the area and as such there could be no hope of these people ever owning a home at all. This could lead to critical consequences for some families.
- Elected Members connected to SmartGrowth should be strongly advocating for a change in their policy to free up affordable land.
- New Zealand was one of the most under populated countries in the world and as such he felt it was not right that people could not afford to buy land.

#### **8      PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

#### **9      REPORTS**

##### **9.1    DEVELOPMENT TRENDS REPORT 2022 OVERVIEW**

The Committee considered a report dated 16 May 2023 from the Research and Monitoring Analyst who took the report as read and responded to the following questions:

- It was likely to continue to be difficult to buy a home as a drop in prices was not foreseen.
  - The market was continuing to influence what prices would look like and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) provided these statistics, which included different housing typologies.
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- The idea of having a change of typologies and/or introducing different typologies to the market would see opportunities for people to purchase homes that met their needs.

#### General Manager Strategy and Community:

- There was zoned industrial land within Te Puna. But there were also District Plan requirements in order for that zone to become operative in the context of what the District Plan envisaged.
- It was important to remember that this report was a snapshot in time, and that SmartGrowth was progressing an industrial needs study the results of which would be workshopped with Council on 25 May 2023 before it went to the SmartGrowth Leadership Group for ratification.
- The fundamental premise of the SmartGrowth partnership was an emphasis around our spatial planning and in particular a long term need to open up land for housing as a critical lever to improve housing affordability. In the short to medium term, led by Council's Chief Executive Officer and the work of Council's Community and Strategic Relationships Manager, along with other key stakeholders, a sub regional housing systems plan was being progressed, which provided a snapshot of the entire housing system, what was happening in the short to medium term and who was providing what in the market. There was a very concerted effort by SmartGrowth to look at what it could do to improve housing affordability in the short and long term.

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#### RESOLUTION PMC23-2.2

Moved: Cr A Henry

Seconded: Cr R Joyce

1. That the Research and Monitoring Analyst's report dated 16 May 2023 titled 'Development Trends Report Overview 2022' be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That the Projects and Monitoring Committee receives the Development Trends Report as set out in **Attachment 1** of the agenda report.

**CARRIED**

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#### 9.2 OPERATIONAL RISK AND SCORECARD REPORT QUARTERLY UPDATE ENDING MARCH 2023

The Committee considered a report dated 16 May 2023 from the Executive Assistant, Infrastructure Group.

The General Manager Infrastructure responded to the following questions:

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- Two Mile Creek was less of an issue in heavy rainfall. As part of their normal responses, contractors checked hot points in terms of stormwater networks. Works on Two Mile Creek were expected to recommence pre-Christmas and be completed by the end of June 2024.
- Weather events had thwarted the capital programme this year in that delivery had not been able to be achieved in many parts of the upper North Island.
- The main factor taken into account when closing Te Puna Station Road would be the impact on traffic flows. There would be a community consultation process to receive the community's views on closing the road or reopening it as a single lane. Reopening it as two lanes would be extremely difficult and expensive.
- The treatment of banks where slippages had occurred included using hydro sealing grass seed and paper mulch to reduce further slippages.

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### RESOLUTION PMC23-2.3

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr A Wichers

That the Executive Assistant, Infrastructure Group's report, dated 16 May 2023, titled 'Operational Risk and Scorecard Report Quarterly Update Ending March 2023' be received.

**CARRIED**

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## 10 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT

### 10.1 STORM DAMAGE ACROSS THE DISTRICT UPDATE

The Committee considered a report dated 16 May 2023 from the Executive Assistant, Infrastructure Group.

The Transportation Manager introduced Aram Goes (Westlink Contract Manager) and Phillip Barnes (Westlink Maintenance Manager) and responded to questions as follows:

- Getting the right resources to fix Williams Road flooding had taken a while due to those resources already being stretched.
  - Council was expecting a clarification letter this week from the Government regarding storm damage repair funding.
  - Staff endeavoured to inform residents of road works using ad hoc letterbox drops to those directly affected by what was happening, through Facebook and the use of electronic warning signs also.
  - It was agreed that Elected Members be emailed any social media (or other) messages so that they were kept informed and up to date of any developments.
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- Over the years, rural culverts had been installed principally in water courses based on budget expectations and the catchment at the time. With climate change, more intense and high range events were occurring in the urban parts of the district. Currently, stormwater systems were designed to accommodate a 'ten year event'. During recent events, there had been under and over slips where the culverts had not had the capacity to deal with the amount of water flow.
- Any Government funding could only be applied for post construction work. The next application to Waka Kotahi would be to repair the physical works.
- Regarding the new bridge on No. 4 Road, a site meeting with Ward Councillors and Iwi representatives was being arranged. The question still to be resolved was who should represent the road. It was hoped that local knowledge would help form any decisions to be made.

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#### RESOLUTION PMC23-2.4

Moved: Cr G Dally

Seconded: Cr A Henry

That the Transportation Manager's report, dated 16 May 2023, titled 'Storm Damage Across the District Update' be received.

**CARRIED**

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## 10.2 SOLID WASTE UPDATE

The Committee considered a report dated 16 May 2023 from the Operations Manager who took the report as read.

The Operations Manager, Resource Recovery and Waste Team Leader and the Contract Manager Solid Waste spoke to a PowerPoint presentation summarising the following points:

#### **Solid Waste Update:**

- Increase in journey;
  - Additional Roads added to the service;
  - Mixed recycling contamination;
  - Recycling information;
  - Bin presentation rate;
  - Kerbside tonnage;
  - Performance and operational updates;
  - Service delivery days;
  - Kerbside bin checks;
  - New PAYT tags;
  - Community Lead Resource Recovery;
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- Recycle centre statistics; and
- Patricia Place, Katikati.

The presenters responded to questions as follows:

- Under Ministry for the Environment regulations, any food waste processing plant that was near to a council had to be utilised. This meant that Council could continue to use the Hampton Downs facility, however, was open to looking at other facilities if it served Council's purpose better.
- The main types of contamination were dirty nappies, food rubbish and glass (which was also largely due to laziness).
- Marae had not been included in the blanket roll out of the Kerbside collection. If it was practical to service the road a marae was on, Council could provide household equivalent services only (not commercial services).
- Going forward, the liability of each recycling site would be reviewed. The Ministry for the Environment was standardising kerbside recycling and rolling out many recycling education programmes throughout the country.
- Envirowaste was owned by CK Industries and was probably one of their smallest businesses worldwide.

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#### RESOLUTION PMC23-2.5

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Cr T Coxhead

That the Operations Manager's presentation dated 16 May 2023 titled 'Solid Waste Update' be received and the information noted.

**CARRIED**

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## 11 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

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#### RESOLUTION PMC23-2.6

Moved: Cr R Crawford

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

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

The general subject matter 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 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 for the passing of this resolution
11.1 – Infrastructure Operational Risk Report May 2023 – Confidential	s7(2)(i) – the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a)(i) – the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
CARRIED		

**The Meeting closed at 1.02pm.**

**Confirmed as a true and correct record by Council on 29 June 2023.**