

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING NO. SPC23-5
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1484 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA
ON THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST 2023 AT 12.10PM**

1 KARAKIA

Whakatau mai te wairua	Settle the spirit
Whakawātea mai te hinengaro	Clear the mind
Whakarite mai te tinana	Prepare the body
Kia ea ai ngā mahi	To achieve what needs to be achieved.
Āe	Yes

2 PRESENT

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

VIA ZOOM

Cr A Sole

3 IN ATTENDANCE

J Holyoake (Chief Executive Officer), R Davie (Deputy CEO/General Manager Strategy and Community), A Henderson (General Manager Corporate Services), E Watton (Strategic Policy and Planning Programme Director), C Nepia (Strategic Kaupapa Māori Manager), M Leighton (Policy and Planning Manager), A King (Strategic Advisor: Legislative Reform and Special Projects), G Golding (Governance Manager), J Osborne (Governance Advisor) and P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor).

4 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION SPC23-5.1

Moved: Cr D Thwaites

Seconded: Cr R Joyce

That the apology for absence from Cr Henry and apology for lateness from Cr Sole be accepted.

CARRIED

5 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

8 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

9 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

10 REPORTS

10.1 SUBMISSION ON 'HE TOHU HUARAHĪ MĀORI BILINGUAL TRAFFIC SIGNS CONSULTATION'

The Committee considered a report dated 17 August 2023 from the Senior Policy Analyst. The report was taken as read.

12.17pm Cr Sole entered the meeting via zoom.

The following comments were made by Elected Members:

- Could consideration be given to having the final submission circulated to Elected Members prior to it being submitted?
- There was some concern regarding the content of the submission and whether the Elected Members felt they had the opportunity to debate all content prior to it being submitted.

RESOLUTION SPC23-5.2

Moved: Cr R Crawford

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

1. That the Senior Policy Analyst's report dated 17 August 2023 titled 'Submission on He Tohu Huarahi Māori Bilingual Traffic Signs Consultation' be received.
2. That the submission, shown as **Attachment 1** to this report, be received by the Strategy and Policy Committee and the information noted.

CARRIED

10.2 SUBMISSION ON WATER SERVICES ENTITIES AMENDMENT BILL

The Committee considered a report dated 17 August 2023 from the Strategic Advisor: Legislative Reform and Special Projects, who provided the Committee with the below updates:

- The Bill received its third reading on Wednesday 16 August 2023.
- Amendments were made, based on Councils submission, to allow Council to continue charging and collecting Financial Contributions.

The following comments were made by Elected Members:

- When was it appropriate to use the term 'broad range of opinions' in a submission?
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RESOLUTION SPC23-5.3

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr T Coxhead

1. That the Strategic Advisor: Legislative Reform and Special Projects report dated 17 August 2023 titled 'Submission on Water Services Entities Amendment Bill' be received.
2. That the submission, shown as **Attachment 1** to this report, be received by the Strategy and Policy Committee and the information is noted.

CARRIED

10.3 INVESTIGATION OF THE OPTIONS FOR FUNDING GROWTH-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE

The Committee considered a report dated 17 August 2023 from the Strategic Policy and Planning Programme Director, who provided the Committee with a brief overview of the report presented.

Staff responded to pātai as follows:

- The Resource Management Legislation Reform contemplated a move away from Financial Contributions, noting that it created another mechanism, referred to as 'Environmental Contributions'. When those Bills received royal descent, it would be possible to see what form and function Environmental Contributions had, noting that this would form part of the suite of considerations through this piece of work. Staff suggested that the amendment to the Local Government Act (LGA) 2002 was the primary catalyst for the majority of councils in the country moving to Development Contributions over Financial Contributions.

RESOLUTION SPC23-5.4

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr R Joyce

1. That the Strategic Policy and Planning Programme Director's report dated 17 August 2023 titled 'Investigation of the Options for Funding Growth-Related Infrastructure' 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 Committee resolves to progress further investigations on the options available for funding growth-related infrastructure. These investigations would include consideration of the matters identified in phase two of the Utility NZ report.
4. That the Committee notes that a decision document relating to the financial contributions for 2023/24 will be prepared for adoption by Council alongside the final Financial Contributions 2023/24, and that the decision document will be in general accordance with the Long-term and Annual Plan Committee resolutions contained in the minutes of APLTP23-6 dated 10 August 2023, and the Strategy and Policy Committee resolutions contained in the minutes of SPC23-5 dated 17 August 2023.

CARRIED

11 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT

The Meeting closed at 12.28pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record by Council on 30 August 2023.

Unconfirmed