

Minutes of the tenth meeting of the eleventh triennium of the Strategy and Policy Committee (Live Streamed) held at 10.00am on Tuesday 9 March 2021, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs RJ Keedwell (Chair), AL Benbow, EM Clarke, DB Cotton (via audio visual link), SD Ferguson, EB Gordon, FJT Gordon, WM Kirton, JM Naylor, NJ Patrick, WK Te Awe Awe, and GJ Turkington

IN ATTENDANCE Chief Executive Mr MJ McCartney
Group Manager
Corporate and Governance Mr C Grant
Committee Secretary Mrs JA Kennedy

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:
Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships), Mr R Strong (Group Manager River Management), Ms A Matthews (Manager, Science & Innovation), Mr T Bowen (Principal Advisor), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), Ms C Almond (Manager Policy & Strategy), Mr J Twomey (Senior Policy Analyst Iwi), Ms P Tucker (Senior Policy Analyst), Mrs R Hewitt (Manager Transport Services), Ms L Shirley (Senior Transport Planner), members of the public, and a member of the Press.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Cr Te Awe Awe to say a Karakia.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

DEPUTATIONS

Vivienne Bold was granted a deputation in regard to Item 8, Report No. 21-15, Māori Representation. In referring to the 'Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Joint Committee Agreement' which sought signatures from various groups, she explained that most Māori tribes required two to three signatures on documents rather than just one.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

There were no supplementary items to be considered.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

SP 21-47 *Moved* *Ferguson/Patrick*

That the Committee:

***confirms** the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting held on 8 December 2020 as a correct record, and notes that the recommendations were adopted by the Council on 16 December 2020.*

CARRIED

ORANGA WAI OUR FRESHWATER FUTURE - PROGRESS REPORT

Report No 21-14

Ms Matthews (Science & Innovation Manager) took Members through the item which provided an update on progress with Horizons' Oranga Wai Our Freshwater Future programme and implementation of Government's 'Essential Freshwater' reform package.

SP 21-48 **Moved** **Patrick/Naylor**

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 21-14 and Annex.*

CARRIED

MĀORI REPRESENTATION

Report No 21-15

Mr Grant (Group Manager Corporate & Governance) introduced the report which provided Members with an overview of proposals to amend the legislation governing the establishment of local Māori representation, and its potential implications for Horizons' existing representation arrangements. Ms Tucker (Senior Policy Analyst) explained the more detailed aspects of the changes. Following discussion by Members a new recommendation b. was proposed.

SP 21-49 **Moved** **Patrick/Clarke**

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 21-15 and Annexes;*
- b. *directs the Chief Executive to investigate Māori constituencies and other options that offer improved governance with mana whenua, with input from iwi and hapū, and report back with sufficient time for possible Māori constituencies implementation in 2025.*

CARRIED

CLIMATE CHANGE: PROPOSED PATHWAY TO ZERO CARBON TARGETS

Report No 21-16

Mr Bowen (Principal Advisor) presented the report which provided an overview of the Climate Change Commission's draft advice on reducing New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions. He also outlined the implications for the region and possible themes for submission. With the submission period closing on 28 March 2021, Members were asked to provide any submission points to the Principal Advisor as soon as possible following the meeting.

SP 21-50 **Moved** **F Gordon/Kirton**

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 21-16;*
- b. *agrees to submit in support of the Commission's advice; and*
- c. *agrees that specific submission points be confirmed by the Chair.*

CARRIED

Cr Te Awe Awe closed the meeting with a Karakia.

The meeting closed at 11.55am.

Confirmed

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHAIR