
MINUTES
of the
STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Komiti Rautaki me te Kaupapahere
held
9.30am, Thursday, 14 November 2024
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

The [video recording](#) of this meeting is available on the Council's YouTube channel

Present: Councillor K Maling (Chair), Councillors C Butler (Deputy Chair), G Daikee, B Dowler, J Ellis, M Greening (Zoom), C Hill, M Kininmonth, C Mackenzie, D Shallcrass and T Walker, Deputy Mayor S Bryant (Zoom).

In Attendance: Group Manager - Service and Strategy (J Ridd), Group Manager – Community Infrastructure (R Kirby), Group Manager – Environmental Assurance (K Drummond), and Governance Advisor (G Dawson).

The order of items differs from the published agenda.

1 OPENING, WELCOME

The Chair invited Deputy Chair Butler to open the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Councillor Walker/Councillor Dowler
SPC24-11-1

That the apologies from Councillor B Maru and Mayor T King for absence be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 Climate Change Learning Programme student representatives

Molly and Muse from Lower Moutere School and Genevieve from Mahana School presented this item.

Questions and discussions included:

- Participants in the programme will make a submission to the Natural Hazards Plan Change in 2025.
- Importance of civics education and the promotion of environmental protection values.
- Art work created by the participants was shown to the meeting.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Councillor Butler/Councillor Dowler
SPC24-11-2**

That the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting held on Thursday, 3 October 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

**Moved Councillor Kininmonth/Councillor Mackenzie
SPC24-11-3**

That the confidential minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting held on Thursday, 3 October 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Chair's Report

The Chair presented his report, which was taken as read.

Moved Councillor Dowler/Councillor Butler SPC24-11-4

That the Strategy and Policy Committee

- 1. receives the Chair's Report.**

CARRIED

7.3 Environmental Policy Activity Report

Environmental Policy Manager, Barry Johnson, presented the report, which was taken as read.

Questions and discussion included:

- Ebus reviews - phasing and engagement approach.
- Brightwater / Wakefield catchment plan - flood modelling to be reviewed and aligned with Central Government standards.
- Plan C 81 and 82 - there was a need for alignment on plans and growth modelling and that work was ongoing.

Moved Councillor Butler/Councillor Dowler SPC24-11-5

That the Strategy and Policy Committee

- 1. receives the Environmental Policy Activity Report.**

CARRIED

7.4 Speed Management Update

Transportation Planning Advisor, Jane Murray, presented the report, which was taken as read.

Questions and discussions included:

- Frustration with Central Government – the financial impact on ratepayers of the change in policy approach of Central Government. Impacts may include the need to re-consult with the community and speed limit reversals.
- Possible new processes around cost benefit analysis requirements and road safety measures.
- Risks to the Council if Central Government processes were not followed – there was a risk that Council speed proposals may not be accepted by Central Government and the status of joint transport plans and governance arrangements may be considered as strategies only.
- A clear and measured approach to working with Central Government was required – this would ensure that the actions taken by the Council were aligned where possible and not a heavy financial burden for the ratepayer.

- The Committee to write to the Minister to raise its concerns on the impacts of Central Government policies and approaches – this discussion resulted in the addition of recommendation five (5) below.
- Review of required Council actions and responses was ongoing as matters progress.

Moved Councillor Shallcrass/Councillor Mackenzie

SPC24-11-6

That the Strategy and Policy Committee

1. receives the Speed Management Update report, RSPC24-11-5; and
2. supports the use of variable static signs for variable speed limits outside schools, other than in specific locations where high speeds are expected or observed during monitoring (Option 3); and
3. supports the following speed limit setting process:

<p>11 December 2024 Council Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approve variable speed limits for urban schools. • approve consultation plan for high-risk rural roads (Motueka Valley Highway, Moutere Highway, Dovedale Road, Neudorf Road, Edwards Road, McShane Road), and for base speed limits outside rural schools.
<p>Mid-January to end of February 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consult on high-risk rural roads and base speed limits outside rural schools.
<p>Quarter 2 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implement urban variable speed limits outside urban schools. • decide on speed limit changes on high-risk roads, base and variable speed limit changes outside rural schools. • consult on further speed limit changes from the Speed Management Plan.
<p>Quarter 3 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implement speed limit changes on high-risk roads and base & variable speed limit changes outside rural schools. • decide on further speed limit changes.
<p>2026 and beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implement further speed limit changes.

4. notes that staff will take a decision report to the 11 December 2024 Tasman District Council meeting to give effect to resolutions 2 and 3 above; and
5. agrees that the Committee write to the Minister to ask for approval to implement speed limit changes previously consulted on and express concerns regarding the process and impact that it will have on the Tasman region.

CARRIED

7.5 Next Steps for the Land and Freshwater Plan Change Project

Principal Planner – Environmental Policy, Lisa McGlinchey, presented the report, which was taken as read.

Questions and discussions included:

- Central Government approaches and timeframes would impact on the next steps taken by the Council and may continue beyond the current triennium.
- Work was ongoing to fill information gaps included in current staff work programmes.
- The process may be impacted by the elections and related processes next year.
- Reviews were always undertaken when Central Government released new information on the matter.

Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Councillor Butler

SPC24-11-7

That the Strategy and Policy Committee

- 1. receives the Next Steps for the Land and Freshwater Plan Change Project report, RSPC24-11-6; and**
- 2. instructs staff to continue progression of the draft Land and Freshwater Plan Change incorporating relevant legislative changes for workshopping with the Council in 2025; and**
- 3. notes that following workshopping of the draft Land and Freshwater Plan Change incorporating relevant legislative changes in 2025, the Council will be in a better position to decide on public release of the draft plan change and subsequent notification under schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act; and**
- 4. notes the ongoing work to support the Water Conservation Order for Te Waikoropupū and aquifer, and the public communications update on this work by staff.**

CARRIED

7.6 Quarterly Climate Change Update

Barbara Lewando, Senior Climate Change Advisor, presented the report, which was taken as read.

Questions and discussions included:

- Local community responses to climate change – the change to more localised and national approach from broader international approaches.
- Methane abatement approaches and methods – council staff were active in this area and work was ongoing.
- Resilience Explorer Programme - work was ongoing and still in development. There was a need to ensure that the data was robust and agreement was reached with Nelson City Council on the final model. The tool must be meaningful, accessible, and easy to use for the community.
- Climate Change Learning Programme – the youth participants were congratulated and their work appreciated.

- Climate change education – the gap which Central Government does not cover.
- The importance of community involvement in the development of plans and strategies.

**Moved Councillor Butler/Councillor Kininmonth
SPC24-11-8**

That the Strategy and Policy Committee

1. receives the Quarterly Climate Change Update report.

CARRIED

7.2 Strategic Policy Activity Report

Environmental Policy Manager, Barry Johnson, presented the report, which was taken as read.

Questions and discussion included:

- Grants process review - this would be looked at before June 2025. The matter was ongoing.
- A possible national approach to a heritage buildings policy – this may assist the Council in developing a fit for purpose approach for the region. Council staff would review the matter as more information was made available.

**Moved Councillor Dowler/Councillor Daikee
SPC24-11-9**

That the Strategy and Policy Committee

1. receives the Strategic Policy Activity Report.

CARRIED

8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

The Chair invited Cr Hill to close the meeting with a karakia at 11.07 am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on Enter date .