

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Waikato Regional Council held in the Council Chambers, Waikato Regional Council office, 401 Grey Street, Hamilton East at 10.20 am on Thursday 27 February 2014.

MEMBERS: Cr PA Southgate (Chairperson), Cr TS Mahuta (Deputy Chair), Cr TH Bramley, Cr PR Buckley, Cr CW Graf, Cr J Hennebry, Cr ST Husband, Cr ST Kneebone, Cr AD Livingston, Cr LA Livingston, Cr RM Simcock, Cr TM Stark, Cr GWH Vercoe, Cr KA White.

STAFF: Chief Executive (VRJ Payne), Group Manager Finance (M Garrett), Group Manager River and Catchment Services (DS Fowlds), Group Manager Corporate Services (J Stewart), Council Secretary (M Ahipene)

APOLOGIES: Cr ST Husband (leave of absence), Cr ST Kneebone (for absence)
Accepted

Leave of Absence

(Agenda Item 1)

Cr Southgate moved/Cr Buckley seconded.

WRC14/24 THAT leave of absence be granted to:

**Cr AD Livingston for the period 1 – 6 March 2014 inclusive, and
Cr ST Husband for the period 1 – 12 March 2014 inclusive.**

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/24)

Confirmation of Agenda

(Agenda Item 1)

Cr Simcock moved/Cr L Livingston seconded.

WRC14/25 THAT with the addition of the report “Special General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand (Doc: 2981735 dated 24 February 2014 and circulated within the timeframe required by SO2.12.4) the agenda of the meeting of the Waikato Regional Council of 27 February 2014, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/25)

Disclosures of Interest

(Agenda Item 2)

There were no disclosures of interest.

Confirmation of Minutes

Council Meeting – 12 December 2013

File: 03 04 02 (Agenda Item 3.1) Doc: 2923939

Cr Mahuta moved/Cr Husband seconded.

WRC14/26 **THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 12 December 2013 be approved as a true and correct record.**

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/26)

Extraordinary Council Meeting – 22 January 2014

File: 03 04 02 (Agenda Item 3.2) Doc: 22953708

Cr Stark moved/Cr Hennebry seconded.

WRC14/27 **THAT the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of 22 January 2014 be approved as a true and correct record.**

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/27)

Extraordinary Council Meeting – 12 February 2014

File: 03 04 02 (Agenda Item 3.3) Doc: 2971851

Cr Buckley moved/Cr Mahuta seconded.

WRC14/28 **THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 12 February 2014 be approved as a true and correct record.**

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/28)

Committees Reporting to Council

Minutes - Hearings Appointment Subcommittee – 12 February 2014

File: 03 02 40 (Agenda Item 4.1) Doc: 2972053

Cr Southgate presented the following report to Council of the Hearings Appointment Subcommittee dated 12 February 2014.

HEARINGS APPOINTMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Report of the Hearings Appointment Subcommittee of the Waikato Regional Council held in the Committee Room, Waikato Regional Council office, 401 Grey Street, Hamilton East at 9.35am on Wednesday 12 February 2014.

MEMBERS: Cr PA Southgate (Chair), Cr TS Mahuta (from 9.40am), Cr RM Simcock, Cr TM Stark.

STAFF: Manager, Statutory Processes (M Poole), Committee Administrator (M Ahipene).

Confirmation of Agenda

(Agenda Item 1)

Cr Southgate moved/Cr Simcock seconded

HAS14/01 THAT the agenda of the Hearings Appointment Subcommittee of 12 February 2014 as circulated be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried (HAS14/01)

Disclosures of Interest

(Agenda Item 2)

There were no disclosures of interest noted.

SECTION A: (UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL)

Cr Mahuta in meeting (9.40am).

Proposed Resource Consent Hearings: February – April 2014

File: 03 02 40 (Agenda Item 3) Doc: 2941231

The Manager Statutory Processes (M Poole) presented the report which sought consideration and appointment of Hearing Committees for upcoming resource consent hearings. She explained that recommendations put forward for hearing panel membership were based upon selection criteria which included skills, attributes, expertise and experience of the individual candidates to achieve a complementary mix, relevant to each specific resource consent case.

Cr Southgate moved/Cr Stark seconded

- HAS14/02**
- 1. THAT the report “Proposed Resource Consent Hearing: February – April 2014” (Doc: 2941231 dated 28 January 2014) be received.**
 - 2. THAT a Hearing Committee be established in terms of the Resource Management Act 1991 to hear and decide the following applications for resource consent together with all the ancillary powers under the Act:**

- (i) **Landowners and Residents of Slipper Island (Applications 127661.01.01, 127476.01.01, 130567.01.01, 127663.01.01, 127706.01.01, 130021.01.01, 127429.01.01, 127430.02.01, 127472.01.01, 127703.01.01, 127703.02.01, 127688.01.01, 127689.02.01), for the placement and use of 13 new and existing swing mooring structures on the seabed in the coastal marine area at Home Bay and South Bay, Slipper Island, with the Hearing Committee to comprise Commissioners G Hill (as the Chair) and A Olsen.**

The motion was put and carried (HAS14/02)

Cr Mahuta moved/Cr Simcock seconded

- HAS14/02.1 1. **THAT a Hearing Committee be established in terms of the Resource Management Act 1991 and s28 of the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010 to hear and decide the following applications for resource consent together with all the ancillary powers under the Act:**
- (i) **New Zealand Transport Agency (Applications 130361.01.01 – 13031.09.01), for the construction and operation of the proposed Hamilton Section of the Waikato Expressway, Hamilton, with the Hearing Committee to comprise Commissioners PH Mitchell (as the jointly appointed Chair), D Hill (as the WRC appointee) and S Solomon (as the WRA appointee).**

The motion was put and carried (HAS14/02.1)

“Making Good Decisions” Accreditation

File: 03 02 40 (Agenda Item 4) Doc: 2922069

The Manager Statutory Processes (M Poole) presented the report which provided an update on the “Making Good Decisions” training programme including relevant amendments to the Resource Management Act (RMA). It was anticipated that the range of hearings for which accreditation was required would be extended to include schedule one processes (policy statements and plans) and discussion focused on the implications particularly for those Councillors without accreditation.

It was noted that the number of resource consent hearings had reduced considerably in recent years and that factor together with the ability of parties to request that independent Commissioners be appointed, the tighter timeframes for completion of consent processing and increased Councillor governance workload, had resulted in significantly fewer opportunities for both accredited Councillors and inexperienced Commissioners to be appointed and/or gain experience.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- Accreditation was considered to be excellent professional development, beneficial in all aspects of Council business, not just decision making processes under the RMA.

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- Iwi Commissioners were appointed to Hearing Committees, separate to those subject to the River Settlement Act, where due to the issues involved a Commissioner with particular expertise in matters of significance to Maori was considered appropriate.
- The potential to share Commissioner information and resource with other Councils was raised as an opportunity to assist iwi Commissioners to gain experience.

Cr Southgate moved/Cr Mahuta seconded

HAS14/03 THAT the report “Making Good Decisions” Accreditation (Doc: 2922069 dated 29January 2014) be received.

The motion was put and carried (HAS14/03)

Meeting closed 10am

Doc: 2972053

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Cr Stark moved/Cr Southgate seconded.

WRC14/29 THAT the decisions contained in Section A of the report of the Hearings Appointment Subcommittee held 12 February 2014 be noted.

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/29)

Minutes – Regional Transport Committee – 3 February 2014

File: 03 04 11 (Agenda Item 4.2) Doc: 2963989

Cr Vercoe presented the following report to Council of the Regional Transport Committee dated 3 February 2014.

REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Report of the Regional Transport Committee of the Waikato Regional Council held in the Council Chamber, Waikato Regional Council office, 401 Grey Street Hamilton East, at 9.30 am on Monday 3 February 2014.

PRESENT:

- Waikato Regional Council**
Cr H Vercoe (Chair), Cr K White (Deputy Chair)
- Hamilton City Council**
Mayor J Hardaker
- Hauraki District Council**
Mayor J Tregidga
- Matamata Piako District Council**
Cr J Thomas
- Otorohanga District Council**
Mayor M Baxter
- South Waikato District Council**
Cr W Machen
- Thames-Coromandel District Council**
Cr P French
- Waipa District Council**
Cr G Webber
- Waitomo District Council**
Mayor B Hanna
- New Zealand Transport Agency**
HW Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE **Waikato Region Road Policing Manager**
(M Lynam) Non-voting advisor on road safety and related issues.

Cr L Tooman (Hamilton City Council), Cr PA Southgate (Waikato Regional Council)

STAFF: Acting Group Manager – Policy & Transport (T May), Programme Manager Transport Policy (B McMaster), Committee Administrator (D Atkinson)

APOLOGIES: Mayor J. Barnes (Matamata Piako District Council), Cr K Crate (Taupo District Council), Mayor A Sanson (Waikato District Council), Mayor Glenn Leach (Thames-Coromandel District Council)

Accepted

Confirmation of Agenda

(Agenda Item 1)

Chair moved /Mayor Tregidga seconded

RTC14/1

THAT the agenda of the Regional Transport Committee of Monday, 3 February 2014 be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried (RTC14/1).

Disclosures of Interest

(Agenda Item 2)

There were no disclosures of interest

SECTION A: (UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL)**Regional Road Safety Monitor**

File: 03 04 11, 21 20 40, (Agenda Item 3)

The purpose of this item presented by Team Leader Road Safety and Transport Choices (J Carling) (Presentation Doc #2955009) was to update the Committee on road safety issues and trends and regional progress towards the actions outlined in national and regional road safety strategies. During presentation of the report, questions, answers and discussion the Committee noted:

- The Waikato Region road toll of 33 for 2013 was a reduction of almost 50% over the 2012 total of 65.
- The National road toll reduced from 308 in 2012 to 254 in 2013.
- The 2014 road toll in the Waikato Region is currently three compared with one at the same time in 2013.
- The exact number of serious injuries sustained in 2013 is not yet known but should be available by April 2014. Information to date indicates injuries are also trending down.
- It was noted that not all classes of Waikato road users are reducing in road toll and serious injury statistics. Motorcyclists are an example of this. The Committee requested information be provided for the March meeting regarding increases in motorcycle registrations, and comparative road toll and serious injury statistics over several years.
- The Committee was very supportive of the successful police campaign over the holiday period of reduced tolerance for speeding offences (4% instead of 10%).
- The view was expressed that the road toll and serious injury statistics are declining in areas where the Expressway has been completed or other significant improvements undertaken.
- It was suggested that the Committee should consider support in future submissions for increased penalties for drivers who transport children without meeting child restraint and related safety requirements.

Cr P French moved /Mayor B Hanna seconded

RTC14/2

THAT the report “Regional Road Safety Monitor” (Doc #2841078 dated 3 February 2014) be received for information

The motion was put and carried (RTC14/2).

2012/2013 Annual Regional Transport Monitoring Report

File: 03 04 11, 21 20 11(Agenda Item 4)

The purpose of this item presented by Analyst/Senior Policy Advisor (A Tester) (Presentation Doc #2955626) was to provide the Committee with the 2012/13 Annual Regional Transport Monitoring Report for information.

It was noted that page 11 (summary of rail trails) records the Hauraki Rail Trail as completed. This is not correct as the section to and from Kaiaua is yet to be completed.

Cr G Webber moved /Mayor J Tregidga seconded

RTC14/3 **THAT the report “2012/13 Annual Transport Monitoring Report” (Doc #2923536 dated 13 January 2014) be received for information”.**

The motion was put and carried (RTC14/3).

Funding Assistance Rates (FAR) review

File: 03 04 11, 21 20 11 (Agenda Item 5)

The purpose of this item presented by Analyst/Senior Policy Advisor (A Tester) (Presentation Doc #2955626) was to provide the Committee with an update on the NZTA Funding Assistance Rates (FAR) review and Waikato Advisory Group (RAG) viewpoints on the FAR review. During the presentation, questions and answers the Committee noted or discussed:

- There is a need for the region if possible, to present a collective regional position. In doing so it is recognised that authorities will have different views on some matters and these variances can be addressed through individual submissions.
- There is a need for any submission made to be a positive document focussing on outcomes desired.
- If no change is needed the submission should note this and state why.
- The submission deals with policy matters and as such the content is the responsibility of the political wing.
- The final submission has to be approved by this Committee at its meeting of 3 March 2014.
- It was suggested that a small working party of Committee members be formed to provide the basis of the Committee's submission and further noted that a number of Committee Members would be at a meeting in Thames on the morning of Thursday 17 February 2014.

Mayor J Tregidga moved /Mayor M Baxter seconded

RTC14/4

THAT

- 1. The report “NZ Transport Agency Funding Assistance Rates (FAR) Review” (Doc #2928689 dated 3 February 2014) be received.**
- 2. A Committee working party (open to all Committee Members) to meet at Thames at 1pm on Thursday 17 February 2014 to provide the basis of a submission on the FAR review.**
- 3. The completed submission to be considered at the Regional Transport Committee meeting of 3 March 2014.**

The motion was put and carried (RTC 14/4).

Regional Transport Planning and Projects report

File: 03 04 11, (Agenda Item 6)

The report presented by Programme Manager Transport Policy (B McMaster) was taken as read.

Mayor J Hardaker moved /Cr French seconded

RTC14/5

THAT the report “Transport Planning and Projects update” (Doc #2927582 dated 3 February 2014) be received for information.

The motion was put and carried (RTC 14/5).

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Regional Transport Issues Forum

File: 03 04 11, (Agenda Item 7)

Presented by Programme Manager Transport Policy (W McMaster) the purpose of the report was to advise members that the forum would become a standing item on the RTC agenda and provide members with an opportunity to raise and discuss any regional transport matters that require consideration by the RTC. It is proposed an action table will be formed and that staff from Waikato Regional Council, NZTA and territorial authorities report back at the following meeting on matters raised in the forum.

Cr M Webber moved /Mayor B Hanna seconded

- RTC14/6 **THAT the report “Regional Transport Issues Forum” (Doc #2951228 dated 3 February 2014) be received for information.**
The motion was put and carried (RTC 14/6).

SECTION B: (FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL)

Appointment of member to the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Committee`

File: 03 04 11, (Agenda Item 9)

The Chair indicated this matter would now be considered in Open Meeting. The reason for this was that originally two nominations had been received (Cr W Hayes Waikato District Council and Cr G Webber Waipa District Council). Cr. Hayes has since withdrawn his nomination leaving Cr Webber as the sole candidate.

Mayor J Tregidga moved /HW Wilson seconded

- RTC14/7 **THAT**
1. The report “Appointment of a Regional Committee Member to represent rural territorial authorities on the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Committee” (Doc #2945926 dated 3 February 2014) be received for information.

Recommended That

- 2. Cr G Webber be appointed to the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Committee to represent rural territorial authorities.**

The motion was put and carried (RTC 14/7).

Meeting closed 12.45 pm

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Report of the Regional Transport Committee 3 February 2014

Cr Vercoe moved/Cr Mahuta seconded.

WRC14/30

THAT the decisions contained in Section A of the report of the Regional Transport Committee held 3 February 2014 be noted and the recommendations contained in Section B be adopted.

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/30)

Minutes – Regional Public Transport Plan Development Committee – 3 February 2014

File: 03 04 31(Agenda Item 4.3) Doc: 2957833

Cr L Livingston presented the following report to Council of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Committee dated 3 February 2014.

REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Committee held in the Council Chamber, Waikato Regional Council office, 401 Grey Street, Hamilton East at 1.00 pm on Monday 3 February 2014.

PRESENT: **Waikato Regional Council**
Councillors LA Livingston (Chair) and H Vercoe

Hamilton City Council
Mayor J Hardaker

Territorial Authority Funders representative
Cr G Webber

NZ Transport Agency
A McKillop

IN ATTENDANCE R Brodnax (NZ Transport Agency)

STAFF: Waikato Regional Council
Deputy Chief Executive Officer (C Crickett), Acting Programme Manager Transport Operations (B Barlow), Programme Manager Transport Policy (B McMaster), Committee Administrator (J Robertson)

Hamilton City Council
General Manager City Infrastructure Group (C Allen), City Transportation Unit Manager (P Consedine)

NZ Transport Agency
A Wilson

APOLOGIES: M Forsyth (Hamilton City Council)

Confirmation of Agenda

(Agenda Item 1)

Mayor Hardaker moved/Cr Vercoe seconded

RPTPDC14/1 **THAT Item 5 be presented prior to Item 4 and with that amendment the agenda of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Committee of Monday, 3 February 2014 be confirmed as the business for the meeting.**

The motion was put and carried (RPTPDC14/1)

Disclosures of Interest

(Agenda Item 2)

There were no disclosures of interest

SECTION A: (UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL)**Regional Public Transport Plan Development Committee Terms of Reference and 2014 Meeting Schedule**

File: 03 04 11, 21 20 11 (Agenda Item 3)

Programme Manager Transport Policy (B McMaster) presented the report, which provided the confirmed Terms of Reference for the Committee and the proposed 2014 meeting schedule.

Mayor Hardaker moved/Cr Webber seconded

- RPTPDC14/2 **THAT the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Committee recommends to Waikato Regional Council that Hamilton City Council representation on the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Committee be increased to two members.**

The motion was put and carried (RPTPDC14/2)

Chair moved/Mayor Hardaker seconded

- RPTPDC14/3 **THAT the report “Regional Public Transport Plan Development Committee Terms of Reference and 2014 Meeting Schedule” (Doc # 2945659 dated 3 February 2014) be received for information.**

The motion was put and carried (RPTPDC14/3)

Verbal Report from the NZ Transport Agency

File: 03 04 11, (Agenda Item 5)

A McKillop provided some national context to public transport policy and objectives, outlining NZ Transport Agency activities, rationale and priorities (Presentation Doc # 2966765).

The agency's priority order was firstly a focus on economic development and productivity, followed by relieving congestion and improving safety. However it was made clear that the current investment priority for public transport was to focus on the major metro areas of Auckland and Wellington, particularly on improving metro rail services. The focus for other regions was around finding efficiencies within their current networks.

The Waikato Region had a farebox policy with a target of 40% by 2017 and was currently tracking ahead of time. That policy would be reviewed as part of establishing the Regional Public Transport Plan. It was suggested that there should be an incentive for exceeding the target, with the benefit being accrued to the region rather than the national purse.

The Strategic Network Review had put the region into a good position to achieve efficiencies in the network. The issues to be addressed and the desired outcomes should be pulled into a business case for investment to be assessed by the agency.

An information pack was provided to Committee members (Doc # 2970953).

Chair moved/Cr Webber seconded

RPTPDC14/4 THAT the report “Verbal Report from the NZ Transport Agency” (Doc # 2951582 dated 3 February 2014) be received for information.

The motion was put and carried (RPTPDC 14/4)

Development of the Regional Public Transport Plan 2015-25

File: 03 04 31, (Agenda Item 4)

Programme Manager Transport Policy (B McMaster) introduced the team members who were working on development of the Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP).

The RPTP and the Regional Land Transport Plan would be developed in a corresponding timeline. A workshop with Hamilton City Councillors was to be held on 19 March 2014 and would be the first intensive planning day.

Consultation would be undertaken with the Ministry of Education, who had signalled a withdrawal from contracted services where there was a publicly funded transport alternative. Such changes could also impact satellite services. Any financial implications would need to be factored into the Long Term Plan. It was noted that private schools should be a part of the conversation, noting that their students contributed to much of the cross-Hamilton travel. Integrated schools, such as Waikato Diocesan, St Johns and Sacred Heart, received a transport subsidy whilst other private schools, such as St Peters, St Pauls and Southwell, were on a user-pays basis. Hamilton Christian School and Cambridge High School were providing transport services outside Ministry of Education provision.

Cr Vercoe moved/Cr Webber seconded

RPTPDC 14/5 THAT

- 1. The report “Development of the Regional Public Transport Plan 2015-25” (Doc # 293780 dated 3 February 2014) be received for information**
- 2. The Regional Public Transport Plan Development Committee endorses the proposed project timeframe and key milestones as outlined in the report.**

The motion was put and carried (RPTPDC14/5)

During further discussion it was noted that:

- A change in government might change funding priorities.
- Public transport could open up opportunities by providing access to employment and by providing employers with more labour choices.

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- The data to identify areas that were experiencing congestion would be sourced from Hamilton City Council. An information pack containing such evidence would be provided for the workshop to be held on 19 March 2014. An outcome would be clear direction on city priorities to guide preparation of the RPTP document. The workshop would be city-based to provide a city perspective. It would be important to circulate information prior to the workshop.
- Although economic development would be the focus for funding, the best available information around social needs was also desirable. A number of other Crown agencies funded forms of transport to provide accessibility and a watching brief could assist with interaction between services.
- NZ Transport Agency funding did not cover the isolation issues of rural communities. That was a recognised situation to be dealt with and a decision would be required whether it should lie in the Regional Land Transport Plan or the RPTP.

Meeting closed at 2.32 pm

Docs # 2957833

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Report of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Committee 3 February 2014

Cr L Livingston moved/Cr Mahuta seconded.

WRC14/31 THAT the decisions contained in Section A of the report of the Regional Public Transport Plan Development Committee held 3 February 2014 be noted.

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/31)

Minutes – Integrated Catchment Management Committee – 13 February 2014

File: 03 04 08 (Agenda Item 4.4) Doc: 2972304

Cr Husband presented the following report to Council of the Integrated Catchment Management Committee dated 13 February 2014.

INTEGRATED CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Report of the Integrated Catchment Management Committee of the Waikato Regional Council held in the Council Chamber, Waikato Regional Council office, 401 Grey Street, Hamilton East at 10.03 am on Thursday 13 February 2014.

- PRESENT:** Councillors
ST Kneebone (in the Chair), ST Husband (Co Chair), TH Bramley, RM Simcock, TM Stark and KA White.
- Liaison Zone Subcommittee Chairs
G Baker, S O'Sullivan, R McGuire, M Lumsden, G McBride and R Hicks.
- STAFF:** Group Manager River and Catchment Services (DS Fowlds), Group Manager Biosecurity / Heritage (JH Simmons), Acting Committee Administrator (J Robertson).
- APOLOGIES:** T Mahuta, J Sanford and M Moss.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillors PR Buckley, CW Graf and GWH Vercoe.

Members of the new Committee introduced themselves and it was explained that the two Co-Chairs would chair meetings alternately. Cr Husband would be the main contact person for Coromandel and the eastern side of the region, and Cr Kneebone would be the main contact for the Waikato and Waipa catchments and the western side of the region.

Confirmation of Agenda

(Agenda Item 1)

Cr Kneebone moved/G Baker seconded

- ICM14/1 **THAT the agenda of the Integrated Catchment Management Committee of 13 February 2014 as circulated be confirmed as the business for the meeting.**

The motion was put and carried (ICM14/1)

Disclosures of Interest

(Agenda Item 2)

There were no disclosures of interest.

SECTION A: (UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL)

Role and Function of Integrated Catchment Management Committee

File: 03 04 08 (Agenda Item 3)

This item presented by Group Manager Biosecurity / Heritage (JH Simmons) and Group Manager River and Catchment Services (DS Fowlds) provided an outline of the role and function of the new committee and provided further context to the terms of reference and proposed operation of the committee. The new committee represented a broader, more holistic approach, and it was noted that the zone subcommittees had been working that way for some time. During the presentation (Doc # 2977268), the Committee noted:

- Civil defence responsibilities had a close link to the role of the Integrated Catchment Committee, particularly with regard to flood protection, however the council was required to establish Civil Defence as a separate statutory committee.
- It was suggested that this committee's draft minutes be reviewed by the Group Managers and Co-Chairs, and then circulated by email to all members of the committee to provide an opportunity for input prior to confirmation by a Council meeting. It was also suggested that the minutes should subsequently be included on the agenda for the following committee meeting to allow an opportunity for follow-up under "matters arising". Similarly subcommittee minutes were not being circulated to subcommittee members, to ensure that decisions were accurately recorded prior to the minutes being approved by the Integrated Management Committee and confirmed by Council. The proposals with regard to minutes would be addressed by the two Group Managers and Committee Co-Chairs.
- Workshops did not have a legal status, decisions were not made, and notes were not taken unless specifically requested. Whilst committee meetings at a governance level were intended to focus on decisions on policy and work programmes, the workshops could look forward and provide an opportunity to debate and discuss issues, prior to any formal decisions by the committee.

G Baker moved/R Hicks seconded

ICM14/2

THAT the report "Role and Function of Integrated Catchment Management Committee" (Doc # 2942942 dated 10 January 2014) be received and adopted.

The motion was put and carried (ICM14/2)

SECTION B: (FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL)**Appointment Process for Liaison Zone Subcommittees Community Representatives and Drainage Advisory Subcommittee Election Process**

File: 03 04 08, (Agenda Item 4)

Presented by Group Manager River and Catchment Services (DS Fowlds) this item provided an outline of the process for the appointment of community representatives to the Catchment Liaison Zone Subcommittees, the establishment of the panel to evaluate community representative nominations, and confirmation of the appointment process for Drainage Advisory Subcommittee representatives, for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2017.

During the presentation and discussion, the Committee noted:

- Following completion of the subcommittee appointment process, the council should have a combined induction process for new subcommittee members, including an overall view of integrated catchment management.
- Some of the subcommittees had experienced a lack of attendance by representatives of other organisations and that issue should be addressed.
- There should be better communication on the role and mandate of the subcommittees in order to assist in attracting people to become members. Council's communications should be used on a regular basis to raise the profile of the subcommittees and value of the work being undertaken in each area. Subcommittee Chairs could have regular newspaper interviews in conjunction with the local Councillor, and clinics could be organised with the Councillor and subcommittee members to give the public access to the governance representatives as well as the advisory group. The Group Managers would report back on how to promote and raise awareness of the subcommittees.
- The use of new communications technology should be used to contact the younger generation of farmers.
- A change of name from 'liaison' to 'advisory' could assist in communicating the role of the subcommittees.

Cr Simcock moved/S O'Sullivan seconded

ICM14/3

THAT

- 1) The report "Appointment Process for Liaison Zone Subcommittee Community Representatives and Drainage Advisory Subcommittees Election Process" (Doc #2945555 dated 14 January 2014) be received, and**
- 2) The Committee recommends to Council the proposed establishment of the Catchment Liaison Zone Subcommittees Community Representative/s Nomination Evaluation Panel, based on the Terms of Reference in Appendix 1 (Doc #2945555)**
- 3) The Committee recommends to Council the process for the appointment of the community representatives on the Catchment Liaison Zone Subcommittees, and**
- 4) The Committee recommends to Council the process for the election/appointment of the landowner/ratepayer representatives to the Drainage Advisory Subcommittees.**

The motion was put and carried (ICM14/3)

SECTION A: (UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL)

2014/15 Annual Plan

File: 03 02 30 (Agenda Item 5)

Presented by Group Manager River and Catchment Services (DS Fowlds) this item provided an overview of Council's recommendations on the draft budget and work programmes proposed, and the implementation and process of Annual Plan adoption by 30 June 2014.

During the presentation and discussion, the Committee noted:

- Programmes were agreed in the Long Term Plan and the Annual Plan identified any variations. No significant change was expected in the coming year.
- The establishment loans for the Watershed and Peninsula projects were proposed to be paid off through reserves, and so there was no longer a need to rate for repayment of those loans.
- Council was responsible for controlling a number of high threat pest plants and there were some increased service delivery levels within the biosecurity programmes. Other pest plants were the landowner's responsibility.
- The Council had recently agreed that the Draft Annual Plan would not include collection of funding for OSPRI, which was the combined organisation arising from the Animal Health Board and NAIT, and the decision would result in a reduction of \$663,000 in the targeted rate.
- The detail for the programmes within each zone would be discussed at individual subcommittee meetings.

S O'Sullivan moved/G Baker seconded

ICM14/4

THAT the report "2014/15 Annual Plan" (Doc #2947647 dated 10 February 2014) **be received.**

The motion was put and carried (ICM14/4)

Annual Land and Licences Fee Review

File: Z15 125, Z23 010 (Agenda Item 6)

This item was presented by Asset Management Programme Manager (A Martin) to provide advice on setting the Waihou Piako and Lower Waikato Zones licence fees and to seek endorsement that land and licences management issues relating to the Waikato River co-managed lands be approved at operational meetings held under the Co-management Agreement for Waikato River Related Lands.

Members were provided with a complete copy of Attachment 2, Curnow Tizard's annual licence and market rental review letter, which within the agenda was missing the last page.

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During the presentation and discussion, the Committee noted:

- Council relied on good stewardship by the licence holders for the stopbank and floodway land.
- The recommended 10% increase was quite a jump and increases should be subject to a smoothing process, perhaps over a five year period. An increase of 8% was proposed.

R Hicks moved/Cr Husband seconded

ICM14/5

THAT

- 1) **The report “Annual Land and Licences Fee Review”** (Doc # 2925393 dated 28 January 2014) **be received, and**
- 2) **All applicable Waihou Piako and Lower Waikato Zones licence fees for the year commencing 1 June 2014 be set 8% above the levels of the previous year, and**
- 3) **The Committee notes and endorses the process and approval of land and licence management issues at the Co-management Agreement for Waikato River related Lands’ operational meetings with Waikato Raupatu River Trust.**

The motion was put and carried (ICM14/5)

Proposed Formation of the Maungahaumia Drainage Subdivision

File: 03 04 08 (Agenda Item 7)

This item was presented by Drainage Manager (RP Spooner) to provide an update on progress with the proposed formation of the Maungahaumia Drainage Subdivision.

During the presentation and discussion, the Committee noted:

- The area was not presently within a land drainage area.
- Properties within the area were experiencing poor drainage, and these issues were also impacting on its neighbours during flood events.
- The process currently being undertaken to create a new drainage subdivision was defined in the Local Government Act.

Cr Kneebone moved/G Baker seconded

ICM14/6

THAT the report “Proposed Formation of the Maungahaumia Drainage Subdivision” (Doc # 2948713 dated 23 January 2014) **be received.**

The motion was put and carried (ICM14/6)

SECTION B: (FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL)

Review of Kauri Dieback Programme and Business Case for the Programme's Future

File: 03 04 08 (Agenda Item 7)

This item was presented by Group Manager Biosecurity / Heritage (JH Simmons) to provide an overview of kauri dieback disease, the joint agency programme set up to manage the disease, progress to date, and information in relation to the business case to take the programme into the future.

During the presentation and discussion, the Committee noted:

- A priority should be to keep the Waikato clear of kauri dieback disease.
- The proposal was a good model for managing a disease of this nature but it did not offer any guarantees.
- The kauri was the 'king of our forests' and should be protected as an iconic species.
- There was general support for a stand-alone entity as the best option for delivery of the programme.
- An increase in investment from \$25,000 to \$72,000 a year was a large increase but less than that facing the two Government partner agencies.
- The proposed increase could be accommodated within budget for 2014/15 but the long term commitment would need to be addressed via the Long Term Plan consideration.
- The Council should focus on the work that it was mandated to do.

Cr Bramley moved/G Baker seconded

ICM14/7

THAT

- 1) The report "Review of Kauri Dieback Programme and Business Case for the Programme's Future" (Doc # 2951086 dated 17 January 2014) be received, and**
- 2) The Committee endorses and supports the recommendations within the business case, and**
- 3) The Committee endorses the proposed regional funding of \$722,000 over the next ten years for consideration as part of the Long Term Plan review.**

The motion was put and carried (ICM14/7)
Cr Stark voted against the motion

SECTION A: (UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL) and**Groups of Activities – Status Reports to 31 December 2013**

File: 03 04 08 (Agenda Item 9)

This item presented by Group Manager River and Catchment Services (DS Fowlds) provided a status report on progress year to date against the performance measures set out in the Annual Plan for each activity, and any other group based performance measures or targets that had been agreed for the current year.

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It was noted that further clarification and refinement of the performance measures would be undertaken through the Long Term Plan.

M Lumsden moved/R Hicks seconded

ICM14/8 THAT the report “Groups of Activities – Status Reports to 31 December 2013” (Doc # 2927497 dated 13 February 2014) be received for information.

The motion was put and carried (ICM14/8)

Monitoring of Biodiversity Indicators

File: 03 04 07 (Agenda Item 10)

This item was presented by Programme Manager Natural Heritage (K Collins) to provide an update on the development of indicators to be used by all regional councils to monitor trends in biodiversity.

Cr Husband out of meeting 12.17 pm.

It was noted that details of the biodiversity indicators would be circulated.

Cr Kneebone moved/M Lumsden seconded

ICM14/9 THAT the report “Monitoring of Biodiversity Indicators” (Doc # 2958539 dated 28 January 2014) be received.

The motion was put and carried (ICM14/9)

**SECTION A: (UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL) and
SECTION B: (FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL)**

Drainage Advisory Subcommittee Meetings September-December 2013

(Agenda Item 11)

Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee

File: 03 02 29, (Agenda Item 11.1)

M Lumsden moved/Cr Simcock seconded

ICM14/10.0 THAT the report of the Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee meeting held on 1 October 2013 (Doc #2848846) be received, and
1) the following decisions made at that meeting be noted and
2) the following recommendations made at that meeting be adopted

THAT the report ‘Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee – Chairman’s Report’ (Doc # 2843039) dated 19 September 2013 be received for information.

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THAT all Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee meetings devote the first hour of their meetings to issues raised by farmer representatives, if required, provided that priority must be given to issues of drainage.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

THAT policy decisions in respect of the co-management of the Waikato River and its tributaries be presented to relevant catchment liaison and land drainage subcommittees either at formal meetings or in writing via the Subcommittee chair, prior to Council adoption.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

THAT the Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee support the nomination of Jim Cotman to represent the interests of the North Waikato on the Healthy Rivers Collaborative Stakeholder Group.

THAT the report Franklin Waikato Drainage Area Works Progress Report – 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 (Doc #2829135 dated 4 September 2013) be received for information.

THAT the report 'Franklin Waikato Drainage Area Financial Summaries 2012/2013' (Doc # 2826939) dated 11 September 2013 be received.

THAT the report 'Swan Road Drainage Area' (Doc # 2828681) dated 19 September 2013 be received.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

THAT the Subcommittee support the recommendations to change the way that the current rating structure is applied to the landowners in the Swan Road drainage area.

THAT the report 'Franklin Waikato Drainage 2014/2015 Annual Plan Development and Rate Assessments' (Doc # 2828537) dated 3 September 2013 be received.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

THAT the Franklin Waikato Drainage Subcommittee support the Drainage Manager to meet with the individual Chairs of the Drainage District to discuss their rate increases.

THAT the report 'Committee Roles and Structures – Liaison Subcommittees and Drainage Linkages' (Doc # 2828678) dated 3 September 2013 be received for information.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

THAT the Franklin Waikato Drainage Subcommittee continue to meet annually and that cluster meetings for each drainage district are conducted once in the period between formal meetings.

THAT the report '2013 Land Drainage Brochure' (Doc # 2828670) dated 3 September 2013 be received.

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RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

THAT the roles and responsibilities with culverts and the fencing of drains be highlighted as key topics for inclusion in the next Land Drainage Brochure due out later this year.

The motion was put and carried (ICM14/10.0)

The above adoption of recommendations did not include the “General Business” recommendations FWSc13/4.0 and FWSc13/4.1 which were not adopted by the Integrated Catchment Management Committee.

The meeting noted that the Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee had discussed the timing of tenders for stop bank construction works. The subcommittee wished to ensure that tenders were confirmed in sufficient time for works to be undertaken when the weather was appropriate.

The Integrated Catchment Management Committee agreed with the principle of getting tenders out early but not with a deadline failure resulting in the contract having to wait for another year. It was proposed that the words “Failure to achieve these deadlines must result in the rolling over of the contract for another year” be deleted from the wording of the subcommittee’s recommendation.

It was further noted that the Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee wished an emphasis to be placed on economic impacts when looking at potential changes to rules and regulations in light of the Healthy Rivers: Wai Ora Plan for Change Project. However the Integrated Catchment Management Committee was concerned at the recommendation that a cost benefit analysis be required from each submitter.

M Lumsden moved/Cr Simcock seconded

ICM14/10.1

- 1) **RECOMMENDED THAT arising from Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee’s recommendation FWSc13/4.0 the Integrated Catchment Management Committee recommends to Council that Council staff must have a deadline, that tenders for stop bank construction are let no later than 1 December with contractors required to start work by 15 January, weather permitting, and**
- 2) **RECOMMENDED THAT arising from Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee’s recommendation FWSc13/4.1 the Integrated Catchment Management Committee recommends to Council that the Healthy Rivers: Wai Ora Plan for Change Project includes a comprehensively researched chapter on the economic impacts of any proposed changes, including a comprehensive cost benefit analysis to determine the impacts of any proposed changes on individual business sectors including a range of different farm scenarios in order that the impact on individual farmers can be modelled.**

The motion was put and carried (ICM14/10.1)

Cr Husband returned to meeting 12.27 pm.

Aka Aka/Otaua Drainage Advisory Subcommittee

File: 03 02 04, (Agenda Item 11.2)

The Committee considered reports of meetings of the Aka Aka Otaua Drainage Advisory Subcommittee held on 13 September 2013, 11 October 2013, 7 November 2013 and 13 December 2013.

M Lumsden moved/B McBride seconded

- ICM14/11** **THAT the minutes of the meetings of the Aka Aka Otaua Drainage Advisory Subcommittee of 13 September 2013** (Doc # 2841369), **11 October 2013** (Doc # 2875533), **7 November 2013** (Doc # 2915364) **and 13 December 2013** (Doc # 2943709) **be received, and**
- 1) the decisions made at those meetings be noted and**
 - 2) the recommendations made at those meetings be adopted.**

The motion was put and carried (ICM14/11)

Meeting closed 12.30 pm

Doc #2972304

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In moving receipt and confirmation of the Integrated Catchment Management Committee meeting minutes, Cr Husband requested an amendment to correctly record his attendance at the entire meeting.

Cr Husband moved/Cr Bramley seconded.

- WRC14/32** **THAT with the amendment noted above, the report of the Integrated Catchment Management Committee held 13 February 2014 be received, the decisions contained in Section A noted, and the recommendations contained in Section B be adopted with the exception of recommendation ICM14/7.**

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/32)

Cr Husband moved/Cr Bramley seconded

- WRC14/32.1** **THAT**
- 1) The report “Review of Kauri Dieback Programme and Business Case for the Programme’s Future”** (Doc # 2951086 dated 17 January 2014) **be received, and**
 - 2) The Committee endorses and supports the recommendations within the business case, and**
 - 3) The Committee endorses the proposed regional funding of \$722,000 over the next ten years for consideration as part of the Long Term Plan review.**

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/32.1)
Crs Hennebry and Stark voted against the motion

Minutes –Strategy and Policy Committee – 11 February 2014

File: 03 04 15 (Agenda Item 4.5) Doc: 2966547

Cr Simcock presented the following report to Council of the Strategy and Policy Committee dated 11 February 2014.

STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee of the Waikato Regional Council held in the Council Chambers, Waikato Regional Council office, 401 Grey Street, Hamilton East, at 1.10pm on Tuesday 11 February 2014.

MEMBERS: Cr RM Simcock (Chair), Cr CW Graf, Cr TM Stark, Cr KA White, Ex-officio Cr TS Mahuta and Cr PA Southgate.

STAFF: Chief Executive Officer (V Payne), Acting Group Manager, Policy and Transport (T May), Committee Administrator (D Thurlow).

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr TH Bramley and Cr ST Kneebone.

APOLOGIES: Cr LA Livingston (leave of absence).

Accepted

Confirmation of Agenda

(Agenda Item 1)

Cr Graf moved/Cr Stark seconded

SPC14/1 **THAT the agenda of the Strategy and Policy Committee of 11 February 2014 as circulated be confirmed as the business for the meeting.**

The motion was put and carried (SPC14/1)

Disclosures of Interest

(Agenda Item 2)

There were no disclosures of interest noted.

SECTION A: (UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL)

Hawke's Bay Local Government Reorganisation

File: 20 00 05 (Agenda Item 3) Doc: 2946564, 2919480 & 2949169

Programme Manager: Regional Strategy (K Mayes) presented a submission to be sent to the Local Government Committee in response to the Local Government Commission's draft proposal for the reorganisation of local government in Hawke's Bay.

Cr Simcock moved/Cr White seconded

SPC14/2 **RESOLVED**

- 1. THAT the report 'Hawkes Bay local government reorganisation' (Doc # 2946564) dated 15 January 2014 be received.**
- 2. THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee approve the 'Draft Proposal for Reorganisation of Local Government in Hawke's Bay' submission to the Local Government Committee by 7 March 2014.**

The motion was put and carried (SPC14/2)

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**SECTION A: (UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL) &
SECTION B: (FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL)**

Local Government Amendment Bill 2013 – Draft Submission to Select Committee

File: 20 00 05 (Agenda Item 4) Doc: 293100, 2922673 & 2947666

Programme Manager: Regional Strategy (K Mayes) presented on the draft submission to the Select Committee on the Draft Local Government Amendment Bill (No.3) 2013.

During questions, answers and related discussion the Committee raised or noted the following submission points:

Poll Provisions

In respect to paragraph 53 on page 22, poll provisions, a member expressed concern around the thresholds for triggering a poll noting that minority views, at times, take over a majority view through loop holes in legislation. The member held that view that given the poll provisions was not part of the Bill that Council should remain silent on this provision and remove paragraph 53 from its submission.

Discussion centred on the threshold for triggering a poll whereby staff provided an explanation of how a poll would work in practice.

Cr Stark moved

THAT Council remain silent on the poll provisions and remove paragraph 53 from the Local Government Amendment Bill 2013 – Draft Submission to the Select Committee at this time.

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Local Boards

The Chair tabled a supplementary paper outlining a suggested addition to Council's submission in respect to 'Local Boards and local government reorganisation' (Doc # 2967985) which was also previously circulated to members.

In speaking to the supplementary paper, the Chair advised members that he had requested staff to include a further submission point in Council's submission on the Local Government Amendment Bill 2013 and to include a recommendation that local boards be able to raise rates. However, upon review of the submission point, the Chair requested that the wording be changed to the following:

Currently the Bill proposes to amend Schedule 7 (to be renamed as "Local authorities, local boards, community boards, and their members) of the Local Government Act. The Amendment Bill makes it clear that local boards do not have the power to make a rate and that the governing body is not able to transfer this power to local boards. We are aware that the Bill currently proposes a system for enabling rating for local board needs. Under this system, the Local Board develops a Local Board Plan which describes the needs and aspirations of the local board area, then seeks agreement with the governing body through the Local Board Plan and Local Board Funding Policy for the required funds. We are concerned that in a region containing extremely diverse communities of interest

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compromised by the makeup of the governing council. We believe that in proposing any reorganisation the Local Government Commission should be able to recommend that specific Local Boards should have the power to require the governing council to raise rates for a specific range of functions that are supported by the community encompassed by that Local Board.

The Chair advised that the additional submission point is about giving the Local Government Commission the ability to decide in some regions and in some circumstances, that some local boards should have the protection of being able to require certain funds to be raised.

Cr Graf moved/Cr White seconded

SPC14/3

RESOLVED

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee support the inclusion of the following submission point under the heading ‘Local Boards and local government reorganisation’ for inclusion in Council’s submission to the Local Government Amendment Bill 2013:

Currently the Bill proposes to amend Schedule 7 (to be renamed as “Local authorities, local boards, community boards, and their members) of the Local Government Act. The Amendment Bill makes it clear that local boards do not have the power to make a rate and that the governing body is not able to transfer this power to local boards. We are aware that the Bill currently proposes a system for enabling rating for local board needs. Under this system, the Local Board develops a Local Board Plan which describes the needs and aspirations of the local board area, then seeks agreement with the governing body through the Local Board Plan and Local Board Funding Policy for the required funds. We are concerned that in a region containing extremely diverse communities of interest the needs of important urban centres or remote rural communities may be compromised by the makeup of the governing council. We believe that in proposing any reorganisation the Local Government Commission should be able to recommend that specific Local Boards should have the power to require the governing council to raise rates for a specific range of functions that are supported by the community encompassed by that Local Board.

The motion was put and carried (SPC14/3)

Staff advised the Committee that whilst it has delegation to approve submissions that are consistent with Council policy, for this particular matter it does not have the required delegation to decide on as Council does not have a policy on this issue, therefore this matter will need to be put before Council for consideration. Based on the information provided to the Committee, staff were requested to signal in the submission lodged the potential for an amendment to this particular part of the submission post discussion by Council on the additional submission point.

Cr Southgate moved/Cr Graf seconded

SPC14/3.1

RECOMMENDED

THAT Council consider an additional submission point for inclusion in Council’s submission to the Local Government Amendment Bill 2013 as outlined in Resolution SPC14/3 under the heading ‘Local Boards and local government reorganisation’.

The motion was put and carried (SPC14/3.1)

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The Committee requested that the draft wording of the submission point be emailed to members.

Special Consultative Procedure

Staff outlined the special consultative procedure noting that the Bill provides councils with more flexibility around how they engage with the public. A member expressed concern that if, for example, Council decided not to use the newspaper as a mechanism for engagement with the public this may take away a level of notification which could potentially draw out submissions from the wider community.

Further concern was expressed by a member on the removal of the requirement for council to individually respond to submitters. In response staff advised that under the Bill council has the power to determine the best method for responding to submitters. Staff further advised that as a result of the change council will be required to establish an engagement policy which will determine how it will engage with the public which will be presented to Councillors for input. Members held the view that Council's submission should retain clauses 19-22 under the heading 'General decision making and consultation', however felt that it was important to amend clause 21 to reflect that councils should be required to undertake reasonable endeavours to ensure submitters are informed of decisions on their submission points.

Cr Southgate moved/Cr Graf seconded

SPC14/3.2 RESOLVED

THAT it is Waikato Regional Council's submission that clauses 19-22 should be retained and that clause 21 be amended to include the following: 'Councils are required to undertake reasonable endeavours to ensure individual submitters are informed of decisions on their submission points'.

The motion was put and carried (SPC14/3.2)

Cr Graf moved/Cr White seconded

SPC14/3.3 RESOLVED

- 1. THAT the report 'Local Government Amendment Bill 2013 – Draft submission to Select Committee (Doc # 2931008) dated 20 January 2014 be received.**
- 2. THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee approve the 'Draft Local Government Amendment Bill (No.3) 2013' submission to the Local Government and Environment Committee of Parliament (Doc # 2922673), subject to the amendment of clause 21 and subject to a further recommendation in respect to 'Local Boards and local government reorganisation' by Council.**

The motion was put and carried (SPC14/3.3)

SECTION A: (UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL) &**Waikato Regional Economic Development Strategy Progress Update**

File: 20 00 01M (Agenda Item 5) Doc: 2934629 & 2874877

Senior Strategic Advisor (T Ashraf) provided the Strategy and Policy Committee with an update of progress with a Waikato Mayoral Forum project, the Waikato Regional Economic Development Strategy.

Programme Manager: Regional Strategy (K Mayes) acknowledged Tariq Ashraf for his work as secretariat supporting this Waikato Mayoral Forum. The Committee was asked to consider what the implementation of the Strategy might involve, in particular the role of the Waikato Regional Council and how it sees the Mayoral Forum continuing in this space.

During questions, answers and related discussion staff outlined the approach taken by the Waikato Mayoral Forum with this project. The Waikato Mayoral Forum held the view that it was appropriate that the Governance Group was business led and independent of local government. It was further noted that throughout the process there was engagement with economic development staff across the region to ensure that any content could be communicated to the councils respectively. In terms of next steps, members were advised that the Governance Group will meet shortly to sign off on the final strategy, after which it will be submitted to the Waikato Mayoral Forum. If an implementation plan is developed, any specific actions it contains for the Council will be presented to Council for consideration.

In terms of inter regional linkages staff advised that this work will be complementary to the discussion that UNISA will be having. It was further noted that the next Mayor and Chairs meeting in March includes a white board session to consider the most important issues for the triennium which are likely to include the economic and social interrelationships between the regions.

Cr Graf moved/Cr Southgate seconded

SPC14/4

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Waikato Regional Economic Development Strategy Progress Update' (Doc # 2934629) dated 21 January 2014 be received for information.

The motion was put and carried (SPC14/4)

Submission: Proposed Amendments to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2011 a Discussion Document

File: 20 00 30 (Agenda Item 6) Doc: 2954246

Principal Policy Advisor (B Dickie) sought support from the Strategy and Policy Committee for the Local Government New Zealand sector wide submission on proposed amendments to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2011 a discussion document.

Doc # 2974655 was tabled at the meeting 'Improving our Freshwater Management: Proposed amendments to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2011.

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During questions, answers and related discussion staff provided further detail on the critical role of the freshwater management units regime to preserve the integrity of existing long term data records and the relationship of this with the 2011 National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

Staff undertook to provide Councillor Graf with information associated with water quality monitoring, specifically around frequency and sampling sites.

Staff advised the Committee that estuaries are recognised as being a key link to the coastal waters in the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

The Acting Group Manager (T May) referred the Committee to a report that was put before Council in December 2012 which outlined Council's role in giving effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management. The report includes reference to Variation 6 – Water Allocation to the Regional Plan and also progress through the Healthy Rivers Plan Change. Staff undertook to provide members with the report so that Councillors can see the plan in place for achieving the 2013 deadline.

Cr White moved/Cr Southgate seconded

SPC14/5

RESOLVED

1. **THAT the report 'Submission: Proposed amendments to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2011 a discussion document' (Doc # 2954246) dated 21 January 2014 be received.**
2. **THAT the Waikato Regional Council supports the sector-wide submission on the 'Proposed amendments to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2011 a discussion document' prepared by Local Government New Zealand.**

The motion was put and carried (SPC14/5)

New Zealand Transport Agency Funding Assistance Rates Review

Files: 03 04 11 & 21 20 11 (Agenda Item7) Doc: 2948420 & 2385981

Senior Policy Advisor (A Tester) and Team Leader: Road Safety Transport Choices (J Carling) provided the Strategy and Policy Committee with an update on the New Zealand Transport Agency Funding Assistance Rates (FAR) Review and region-wide officer level view point and sought guidance and direction from the Committee on these matters.

Councillor Southgate left the meeting at 2.39pm.

SPC14/6 RESOLVED

1. **THAT the report ‘New Zealand Transport Agency Funding Assistance Rates Review’ (Doc # 2948420) dated 11 February 2014 be received for information.**
2. **THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee support the key submission topics as outlined in Table 1 of the report, and that these topics provide the foundation from the detailed submission to be lodged with New Zealand Transport Agency on the Funding Assistance Rates review Discussion Document by 3 March 2014.**

The motion was put and carried (SPC14/6)

Waikato Regional Council Submission to Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan

File: 20 00 04 (Agenda Item 8) Doc: 2944348

Policy Advisor (A Banks) and Acting Programme Manager: Regional Integration (D Gardiner) informed the Strategy and Policy Committee of the main submission points of Council’s submission to the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan and sought guidance and direction from the Committee on these matters.

Councillor Southgate returned to the meeting at 2.50pm.

Acting Group Manager (T May) highlighted the importance for Waikato Regional Council to participate in Auckland Council’s processes and to recognise the importance of interconnectedness particularly with respect to energy, water and transport.

Discussion centred on the importance that the Auckland Unitary Plan recognises the interconnectedness with the Waikato region particularly with respect to energy, water and transport. Members requested that this be emphasised within Council’s submission. Members felt that it is time for the Waikato to tell its story and drive the needs of the Central North Island in conjunction with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. It was further noted that the Waikato region is a significant hub nationally and provides resources that benefit Auckland. Members questioned where the sustainable limit of Auckland’s growth is, particularly when looking at water use. Councillors also noted that Waikato Regional Council is investing in improving water quality and that Auckland (among others) is the beneficiary of such work programmes.

Members held the view that dialogue at a political level would be useful to further discuss Auckland’s growth and the Waikato region’s role in this growth.

In response to a question about joint messaging, the Chairperson advised that a discussion was had with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council about joining together to share a common view on this matter.

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Cr Southgate moved/Cr Simcock seconded

SPC14/7

RESOLVED

1. **THAT the report 'Waikato Regional Council submission to Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan' (Doc # 2944348) dated 30 January 2014 be received.**
2. **THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee support the main submission points to the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan outlined in the report and in the minutes.**

The motion was put and carried (SPC14/7)

Submission to the Thames-Coromandel Proposed District Plan: Key Topics

File: 20 02 00 (Agenda Item 9) Doc: 2955215

Policy Advisor (U Lehr) and Acting Programme Manager: Regional Integration (D Gardiner) provided an overview of the key issues to be raised in the upcoming Waikato Regional Council submission to the Thames-Coromandel Proposed District Plan.

During questions, answers and related discussion concern was expressed by a member of the Committee that the Coromandel Blueprint does not have the buy in of the local communities in the area. In response staff advised that whilst the Coromandel Blueprint is a non statutory document, the Thames Coromandel District Council has reflected a significant portion of the document into its District Plan. Staff further advised that the Thames Coromandel District Council presented at the Regional Policy Statement hearings and supported the Blueprint as a growth management tool in the Regional Policy Statement.

The Committee was advised that Council's submission to the Thames-Coromandel District Plan seeks alignment with previously agreed positions with the community and the Waikato Regional Council.

The Committee expressed concern that the overlay map showing settlement patterns was excluded from the Thames-Coromandel Proposed District Plan given that it underpins the spatial basis that came out of Blueprint which took into account where communities should and should not grow. This was particularly in regard to the management of natural hazards.

Discussion ensued on indigenous biosecurity and natural character (a key topic in Council's submission), particularly the management of significant natural areas and the removal of vegetation.

Cr Mahuta moved/Cr Southgate seconded

SPC14/8 **RESOLVED**

1. **THAT the report ‘Submission to Thames-Coromandel Proposed District Plan: Key Topics’ (Doc # 2955215) dated 22 January 2014 be received.**
2. **THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee support the key submission topics as outlined in the report and that these topics provide the foundation for the detailed submission to be lodged with Thames Coromandel District Council on the Proposed District Plan by 13 March 2014.**

**The motion was put and carried (SPC14/8)
Councillors Graf and Stark voted against the motion**

Submission to Ruakura Development

File: 20 02 00 (Agenda Item 10) Doc: 2944322 & 2927163

Councillor Mahuta declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion, debate or voting of this item.

Councillor Southgate left the meeting at 3.38pm.

Acting Programme Manager: Regional Integration (D Gardiner) provided an overview of the main issues raised in the Waikato Regional Council submission to the Ruakura development.

During questions, answers and related discussion a member was of the view that the management of long-tailed bats could be undertaken by the Department of Conservation as opposed to the Waikato Regional Council. Clarification on this matter was provided.

Cr White moved/Cr Simcock seconded

SPC14/9 **RESOLVED**

1. **THAT the report ‘Submission to Ruakura Development’ (Doc # 2944322) dated 17 January 2014 be received.**
2. **THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee retrospectively note the submission on the Ruakura development made to the Environmental Protection Authority.**

**The motion was put and carried (SPC14/9)
Councillor Stark voted against the motion based on the issue with bats.**

Submission to Waikato Expressway Alteration to Designation

File: 20 02 00 (Agenda Item 11) Doc: 2948965 & 2925769

Acting Programme Manager: Regional Integration (D Gardiner) provided an overview of the Waikato Regional Council submission to the Waikato Expressway Alteration to Designation.

Cr Stark moved/Cr Mahuta seconded

SPC14/10 RESOLVED

1. **THAT the report 'Submission to Waikato Expressway Alteration to Designation' (Doc # 2948965) dated 17 January 2014 be received.**
2. **THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee retrospectively note the submission on the Waikato Expressway Alteration to Designation.**

The motion was put and carried (SPC14/10)

Submission to Private Plan Change 12 to the Waikato District Plan – Rangitahi Peninsula

File: 20 02 00 (Agenda Item 12) Doc: 2945830 & 2925184

Acting Programme Manager: Regional Integration (D Gardiner) provided an overview of the main issues raised in the Waikato Regional Council submission to Private Plan Change 12 to the Waikato District Plan.

During questions, answers and related discussion it was noted that the Private Plan Change has suggested that the additional wastewater loading can be accommodated by the existing treatment plant as it is, however staff advised that this is a different view to that of the Waikato Regional Council.

Cr Mahuta moved/Cr Graf seconded

SPC14/11 RESOLVED

1. **THAT the report 'Submission to Private Plan Change 12 to the Waikato District Plan – Rangitahi Peninsula' (Doc # 2945830) dated 20 January 2014 be received.**
2. **THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee retrospectively note the submission on Plan Change 12 to the Waikato District Plan.**

The motion was put and carried (SPC14/11)

Meeting closed 3.47pm.

Doc: 2966547

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Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee 11 February 2014

Cr Simcock moved/Cr White seconded.

WRC14/33 THAT report of the Strategy and Policy Committee held 11 February 2014 be received and the decisions contained in Section A noted.

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/33)

Whilst the Strategy and Policy Committee decision (Resolution SPC14/8) to approve the key submission topics to be lodged on the Thames-Coromandel Proposed District Plan had been made under delegated authority (and therefore did not require Council approval) Cr Stark requested that her vote against that decision be noted.

In presenting the minutes, Cr Simcock highlighted the Committees recommendation with regard to Council's submission to the Select Committee on the Draft Local Government Amendment Bill (No.3) 2013, that in proposing any reorganisation the Local Government Commission should be able to recommend that specific Local Boards be given the power to require the governing council to raise rates for a specific range of functions that are supported by the community encompassed by that Local Board.

Cr Simcock moved/Cr Graf seconded.

WRC14/33.1

THAT Council approves an additional submission point for inclusion in its submission to the Local Government Amendment Bill 2013 as outlined in resolution SPC14/3 under the heading 'Local Boards and local government reorganisation'.

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/33.1)

Council noted that improved coordination with regard to the decision making process on transport policy related matters was required, so as to avoid decisions contrary to those made by the Regional Transport Committee.

Minutes – Healthy Rivers: Wai Ora Committee – 16 December 2013

File:03 04 14 (Agenda Item 4.6) Doc: 2914922 & 2914978

Cr A Livingston presented the following report to Council of the Healthy Rivers: Wai Ora Committee dated 16 December 2013.



Healthy Rivers
PLAN FOR CHANGE

Wai Ora
HE RAUTAKI WHAKAPAIPAI

HEALTHY RIVERS WAI ORA COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting of the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee held at Waipa District Council, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Monday 16 December 2013 at 6.45pm.

MEMBERS:	Maniapoto Māori Trust Board Trustee Eddie Neha
	Raukawa Charitable Trust Trustee Kataraina Hodge
	Te Arawa River Iwi Trust Trustee Roger Pikia (Co-chair)
	Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board Trustee Maria Nepia
	Waikato Raupatu Trust Trustee Tukoroirangi Morgan
	Waikato Regional Council Councillor Alan Livingston (Co-chair) Councillor Stuart Kneebone Councillor Tipa Mahuta Councillor Theresa Stark
STAFF:	Waikato Regional Council Vaughan Payne (Chief Executive) Clare Crickett (Deputy Chief Executive) Jo Bromley (Project Manager) Wendy Boyce (Social Scientist) Stephen Ward (Senior Communications Advisor) Erin Wilson (Acting Programme Manager Tai Ranga Whenua) Dominique Thurlow (Committee Administrator) Maniapoto Māori Trust Board Chris Koroheke Raukawa Charitable Trust Stephanie O'Sullivan Te Arawa River Iwi Trust Tamara Mutu Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board Dylan Tahau Waikato Raupatu Trust Tim Manukau
APOLOGIES:	Councillor Lois Livingston

E Wilson opened the meeting with a mihi.

Trustee E Neha opened with a karakia.

R Pikia announced that he had been appointed Co-chair jointly with A Livingston for the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee.

Confirmation of agenda

(Agenda Item 1)

Trustee Morgan moved/Cr Stark seconded

HR13/1 **THAT the agenda of the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee of 16 December 2013 as circulated be confirmed as the business for the meeting and that Item 6 – Membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group be considered after Item 2 – Disclosures of Interest.**

The motion was put and carried (HR13/1)

The Chief Executive for the Waikato Regional Council (V Payne) advised members that Council, at its meeting held on 12 December 2013, delegated authority to this Committee to confirm the membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group to allow members of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group to be informed of the membership before the end of the year.

Councillor A Livingston took the opportunity to welcome everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the significance of this Committee and the role it has to implement the Vision and Strategy. He also acknowledged and thanked Te Rōpū Hautū for its work to date.

Disclosures of interest

(Agenda Item 2)

The Secretary undertook to provide members with a register of interests whereby members can list their interests and update the register throughout the term of the Committee.

In response to a question, the Deputy Chief Executive (C Crickett) provided members with information to assist their evaluation of conflicts of interest.

SECTION A: (UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL)

Resolution to Exclude the Public

HR13/2 Cr Mahuta moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

That in accordance with the provisions of Standing Orders NZS9202:2003 (incorporating Amendment No. 1) Appendix A & B (P40/42) and Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public be excluded from the following part/s of the proceedings of the meeting.

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The general subject 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(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item No.	Item Name and general subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
6	Membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.	S48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Sections 6 and 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No.	Reason/s for withholding official information	Section/s
6	Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	S7(2)(a)

That in accordance with the provisions of Standing Orders NZS9202:2003, (Incorporating Amendment No 1) Clause 2.16.4 and the Local Government Official Information Act 1987, Section 48(5) and (6) that with respect to Item 6, Senior Management, Te Roopuu Hautuu staff and Waikato Regional Council project staff remain in the public excluded session to advise the Committee on aspects of the report.

The motion was put and carried (HR13/2)

Return to Open Meeting at 8.05pm.

Cr Livingston moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

- HR13/5 **1. That the report and appendices associated with Item 6 – Membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group be made publicly available once resolution 5 has been satisfied.**

The motion was put and carried (HR13/5)

SECTION B: (FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL)

Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee Terms of Reference

(Agenda Item 3) (Doc #2909780)

The purpose of the report presented by the Chief Executive of the Waikato Regional Council (V Payne) was to provide the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee with the confirmed Terms of Reference for the Committee for the 2013-2016 triennium.

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During questions, answers and related discussion committee members raised or noted the following matters:

- A suggestion was put forward to amend the Terms of Reference to provide Iwi with the discretion to appoint a named alternative, noting Council's recent decision to provide Chairperson Southgate the ability to attend meetings of this Committee as an alternate where a quorum is at risk.
- It was acknowledged that Members would need to take the matter of alternates back to their respective Trust Boards.
- If Iwi were of a mind to provide for named alternates, Members were asked to submit the names and contact details to the Committee Secretary.
- The provision for alternates in the Terms of Reference essentially provides Iwi with a tool that they can choose to use or not.

Trustee Hodge moved/Trustee Nepia seconded

HR13/7

1. **THAT the report 'Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee Terms of Reference' (Doc # 2909780 dated 4 December 2013) be received for information.**
2. **THAT Council amend the Terms of Reference be amended to provide each Iwi with the discretion to appoint one (1) alternate member on the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee, name and contact details to be advised to the Waikato Regional Council upon appointment.**
3. **THAT Chairperson Southgate's delegation to act as an alternate for Waikato Regional Council members is acknowledged.**

The motion was put and carried (HR13/7)

SECTION A: (UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL)**Overview of Healthy Rivers: Plan for Change/Wai Ora: He Rautaki Whakapaipai Project**

(Agenda Item 4) (Doc # 2911279)

The purpose of this item presented by Project Manager (J Bromley) was to provide the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee with an overview of the Healthy Rivers: Plan for Change/Wai Ora: He Rautaki Whakapaipai project.

During questions, answers and related discussion committee members raised or noted the following matters:

- The Chief Executive of the Waikato Regional Council advised members that each Iwi's respective Environmental Plan will be used to inform the Plan Change process.
- The Project Manager outlined the role of the Technical Alliance Group.

Cr Kneebone moved/Cr Mahuta seconded

HR13/8

- THAT the report 'Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee Terms of Reference' (Doc # 2909780 dated 4 December 2013) be received for information.**

The motion was put and carried (HR13/8)

Meeting Dates for 2014

Co-chair Livingston advised the Committee that the following dates have been put forward for 2014:

11 February 2014 – 10am
7 May 2014 – 10am
5 August 2014 – 10am
18 November 2014 – 10am

During questions, answers and related discussion committee members raised or noted the following matters:

- Some of the dates put forward were not suitable and the Secretary undertook to email members with the respective dates in order to find a date that suits Committee members.
- Members were in support of alternating the venues.

E Wilson closed the meeting with a mihi and a karakia.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.



Healthy Rivers
PLAN FOR CHANGE

Wai Ora
HE RAUTAKI WHAKAPAIPAI

HEALTHY RIVERS WAI ORA COMMITTEE

Report of the Public Excluded section of the meeting of the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee held at the Waipa District Council, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Monday 16 December 2013 at 7.05pm.

MEMBERS:	Maniapoto Māori Trust Board Trustee Eddie Neha
	Raukawa Charitable Trust Trustee Kataraina Hodge
	Te Arawa River Iwi Trust Trustee Roger Pikia (Co-chair)
	Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board Trustee Maria Nepia
	Waikato Raupatu Trust Trustee Tukoroirangi Morgan
	Waikato Regional Council Councillor Alan Livingston (Co-chair) Councillor Stuart Kneebone Councillor Tipa Mahuta Councillor Theresa Stark
STAFF:	Waikato Regional Council Vaughan Payne (Chief Executive) Clare Crickett (Deputy Chief Executive) Jo Bromley (Project Manager) Wendy Boyce (Social Scientist) Stephen Ward (Senior Communications Advisor) Erin Wilson (Acting Programme Manager Tai Ranga Whenua) Dominique Thurlow (Committee Administrator) Maniapoto Māori Trust Board Chris Koroheke Raukawa Charitable Trust Stephanie O'Sullivan Te Arawa River Iwi Trust Tamara Mutu Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board Dylan Tahau Waikato Raupatu Trust Tim Manukau
APOLOGIES:	Councillor Lois Livingston

Disclosures of interest

(Agenda Item 2)

The following interests were disclosed:

Maria Nepia	One of the names put forward for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group is her partner.
Tukoroirangi Morgan	One of the names put forward for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group is a Waikato Tainui tribal member.
Eddie Neha	One of the names put forward for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group is a Maniapoto tribal member.
Roger Pikia	One of the names put forward for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group sits as a Trustee on a Committee that R Pikia chairs, two are friends and others are connected through industry.
Kataraina Hodge	One of the names put forward for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group sits as a Trustee on a Committee that K Hodge chairs, two are friends and others are connected through industry.
Theresa Stark	Member of Federated Farmers and one of the names is a Federated Farmers nominee.

Co-chair Livingston noted that the Collaborative Stakeholder Group appointees have been recommended by the stakeholders, and are not likely to be the subject of debate.

Co-chair Pikia noted that the Waikato is a community where there is a high likelihood of members personally knowing those people put forward.

SECTION A: (UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL)**SECTION B: (FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL)****Membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group**

(Agenda Item 6)

The Chief Executive for Waikato Regional Council (V Payne) introduced the Project Manager (J Bromley) and Social Scientist (W Boyce).

The purpose of the report presented by Social Scientist (W Boyce) was to recommend the membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group for the Healthy Rivers: Plan for Change/Wai Ora: He Rautaki Whakapaipai project.

During questions, answers and related discussion committee members raised or noted the following matters:

- A concern was expressed that changing the size and composition of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group from what the group had originally recommended at an earlier workshop may be queried by stakeholders.

- It was noted that there was no intention of altering the recommendations that had come forward from the sectors.
- Discussion ensued around the size and composition of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group. The Committee were in support of the increase from 20 to 25 members. Members held the view that any strategy that enables greater community and stakeholder participation will be beneficial for this project going forward.
- Members were also of the view that the names put forward in this process will ensure that the community is well represented and they were confident that there was a good level of representation of the different interests.
- The Committee sought final approval of the resolutions by Co-chair Livingston before being released in the public forum.

Trustee Morgan moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

HR13/3

2. That the report “Membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group” (Doc # 2903953 dated 28 November 2013) be received for information.
3. That the three unallocated sector seats be filled by representatives from Māori Interests (2) and the Environmental/Non Government Organisations (NGO) sector (1).
4. That the composition comprise these seat allocations:
 - a. a newly created fourth unallocated sector seat to be filled by a representative of the Rural Professionals (1) sector; and
 - b. an additional four (4) community seats.
5. That the membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group, as stated below, be confirmed as delegated by Council:

Sector representatives	Previously allocated (13 seats)	Māori interests	1. Topia Rameka Delegate: to be confirmed
		Dairy	2. Rick Pridmore 3. George Moss Delegate: Charlotte Rutherford
		Sheep and beef	4. James Bailey Delegate: Erica Van Reenen
		Forestry	5. Patricia Fordyce Delegate: Sally Strang, Kelvin Meredith
		Horticulture	6. Chris Keenan Delegate: Eamon Balle
		Local government	7. Sally Davis Delegate: to be confirmed
		Energy	8. Stephen Colson Delegate: Angus Judge
		Environment/ NGOs	9. Alan Fleming Delegate: Jim Crawford

		Tourism and recreation	10. Alastair Calder Delegate: Kiri Goulter
		Water supply takes	11. Garry Maskill Delegate: Ilze Gotelli
		Industry	12. Ruth Bartlett Delegate: Mike Carrol
		Rural advocacy	13. James Houghton Delegate: Paul le Miere
	Allocated by selection panel (3 seats)	Māori interests	14. Weo Maag Delegate: to be confirmed
		Māori interests	15. Gina Rangī Delegate: to be confirmed
		Environment/ NGOs	16. Tony Roxburgh Delegate: David Campbell
	Possible new seat	Rural professionals	17. Phil Journeaux Delegate: to be confirmed
Community representatives	Existing seats		18. Jason Sebastian
			19. Brian Hanna
			20. Gayle Leaf
			21. Evelyn Forrest
	Possible new seats		22. Hone Turner
			23. Gwyneth Verkerk
			24. Ruthana Begbie
		25. Matt Makgill	

6. That the membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group be treated as confidential until all applicants and nominees have been advised.

**The motion was put and carried (HR13/3)
Councillor Stark voted against the motion.**

During questions, answers and related discussion committee members raised or noted the following matters:

- The Committee acknowledged the calibre of the people nominated for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group. It was noted that a number of the nominees have multi faceted roles that provide a wide representation as opposed to a single interest which will be beneficial in progressing this process.
- In response to a question about how the decision of the membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group will be communicated, staff advised that individuals will be notified of the outcome via emails and phone calls and also by way of a press release.
- Members asked that the press release include the Committee's rationale for the increase in the size of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group.
- Members wished to emphasise the desirability of enhancing community representation.

PEX Report of the Healthy Rivers: Wai Ora Committee – 16 December 2013 – page 5

The Chief Executive for the Waikato Regional Council (V Payne) outlined the process for the appointment of an interim chairperson for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group. It was noted that the interim chairperson will be appointed for a period of 6 months to enable the group to get up and running. At the end of this period the Collaborative Stakeholder Group will have the ability to appoint its own chairperson. A small panel of Te Rōpū Hautū members have been conducting interviews with people for the role of interim chairperson and it is hoped that a recommendation from the panel will be made later this week.

During questions, answers and related discussion committee members raised or noted the following matters:

- Members of the Committee queried why the Healthy Rivers: Wai Ora Committee was not signing off on the interim Chairperson for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group.
- In response to the question, staff advised that in order to meet the tight timeframes, Council could resolve delegation of this appointment to the Chief Executive to ensure that an interim chairperson was in place for the first meeting of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group in February 2014 meeting.
- It was noted that the appointment of the Chairperson for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group is an interim appointment; however members felt that it was appropriate for this Committee to have an oversight to a permanent appointment at the end of the 6 month period.
- The Chief Executive of the Waikato Regional Council (V Payne) advised members that the interim chairperson is not on the Group to represent any political or community group, they are there for their skills around chairing, facilitation and negotiation and to get the Group up and running.
- Discussion centred on the appointment process from the interim chairperson for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group specifically the tendering process.
- It was suggested that this Committee could delegate to its Co-chairs the ability to review the panellist's recommendation prior to contract appointment by the Chief Executive.

Trustee Hodge moved/Cr Stark seconded

- HR13/4 **7. That the Co-chairs of the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee meet with the panellist's to discuss the preferred candidate for the Interim Chairperson to the Collaborative Stakeholder Group, and that this meeting will occur prior to the appointment of the Interim Chairperson.**

The motion was put and carried (HR13/4)

Cr Livingston moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

- HR13/5 **8. That the report, appendices and minutes associated with Item 6 – Membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group be made publicly available once resolution number HR13/3, specifically number 5, has been satisfied.**

The motion was put and carried (HR13/5)

Cr Mahuta moved/Cr Stark seconded

- HR13/6 **9. That Healthy Rivers: Wai Ora Committee move out of public excluded session back into the Open part of the meeting.**

The motion was put and carried (HR13/6)

Return to open meeting at 8.05pm.

Doc # 2914978

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Report of the Healthy Rivers: Wai Ora Committee – 16 December 2013

In presenting the report, it was confirmed that Mr Bill Wasley had been appointed as the interim Chairperson of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group.

Cr A Livingston moved/Cr Vercoe seconded.

- WRC14/34 **THAT the reports of the Healthy Rivers: Wai Ora Committee held 16 December 2013 (Docs: 2914922 and 2914978) be received and the decisions contained in Section A of the report be noted.**

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/34)

Cr Livingston moved/Cr Vercoe seconded.

- WRC14/34.1 **THAT the recommendations contained in Section B be adopted.**

**The motion was put and carried (WRC14/34.1)
Cr Stark voted against the motion**

In speaking against the motion Cr Stark noted her opposition had been in response to the size and composition of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group, which had increased from 20 (which she considered to be appropriate and acceptable) to 25 members.

External Committee reports

(Agenda Item 4.7)

Councillors reported External Committee attendance, as follows:

- Cr Buckley – a site visit in relation to the Hauraki Gulf Forum,
- Cr Hennebry – two meetings of the Animal Ethics Committee, and
- Cr Mahuta – the launch of the Bay of Plenty Maori Economic Strategy.

Ordinary Business

(Agenda Item 5)

Code of Conduct for Elected Members - Review

File: 02 10 05 (Agenda Item 5.1) Doc: 2969864

Council then considered the report on “Code of Conduct for Elected Member – Review”, which sought minor amendments to the operative Code of Conduct (“the Code”) to ensure currency and elected member endorsement. Of particular note, the revised Code presented two potential changes/amendments related to “the principles of good governance” and “conflicts of interest”

Cr Hennebry moved/Cr Graf seconded.

WRC14/35

1. **THAT the report “Code of Conduct for Elected Members - Review” (Doc #2969864 dated 11 February 2014) be received, and**
2. **THAT Council retains its existing Code of Conduct for Elected Members (Doc #2237035 adopted in October 2012).**

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/35)

In speaking to the motion, the inclusion of a process whereby an elected member could raise the potential for a conflict of interest of another elected member was not supported. The view was expressed that the existing Code provided appropriate guidance with regard to the issue, and that ultimately the decision to disclose a conflict of interest was a matter for the elected member alone.

There was general support for the view expressed and it was determined the existing Code remained appropriate for the current time, and could be reviewed, if and when required.

Adoption of the 2013-2016 Triennial Agreement

File: 04 19 01 (Agenda Item 5.2) Doc: 2978088

The Chief Executive (V Payne) spoke to the report which presented the 2013-2016 Triennial Agreement, as endorsed by the Mayoral Forum on 17 February 2014, for adoption.

Cr Buckley moved/Cr Simcock seconded.

WRC14/36

1. **THAT the report “Adoption of the 2013-2016 Triennial Agreement” (Doc #2978088 dated 19 February 2014) be received; and**
2. **THAT the 2013-2016 Triennial Agreement as endorsed by the Mayoral Forum on 17 February 2014 be adopted.**

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/36)

Review of Council’s strategic direction

File: 20 00 02 (Agenda Item 5.3) Doc: 2960520

The Programme Manager, Regional Strategy (K Mayes) presented the report which provided information and sought consideration of Council’s strategic direction and priorities for the 2013-2016 triennium. The report summarised the staff review of Council’s strategic direction and recommended a number of changes to provide clarity and improvement to the current strategic direction.

There was unanimous support for the proposed, with the following minor amendments/additions:

- Enable a safe, efficient and effective transport service and network (page 4 of the report, under the heading “Council Outcomes”).
- Address regionally significant issues and opportunities (page 6 of the report under the heading “Regional Development”).
- An amendment to 7a) critical success factor, to include Communication.

Cr Simcock moved/Cr Vercoe seconded.

WRC14/37

1. **THAT the report ‘Review of Council’s Strategic Direction’ (Doc #2960520 dated 11 February 2014) be received.**
2. **THAT with the inclusion of the amendments and additions noted, Council adopts its strategic direction for 2013-2016.**

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/37)

Principles against which to assess any proposals for local government reorganisation in the Waikato region

File: 20 00 05 (Agenda Item 5.4) Doc: 2973669

Councillors had previously discussed potential changes to Council’s principles for assessing proposals for local government reorganisation in the Waikato region. The Programme Manager, Regional Strategy (K Mayes) spoke to the report which sought an update to those principles and presented an amended set of 13 principles. The amended principles were largely accepted, with further changes and additions requested.

Cr L Livingston moved/Cr Simcock seconded.

WRC14/38

1. **THAT the report “Principles against which to assess any proposals for local government reorganisation in the Waikato region” (Doc # 2973669 dated 13 February 2014) be received.**

2. That the following principles, against which to assess any proposals for local government reorganisation in the Waikato region, are confirmed:

The form and function of local government in the Waikato region should ensure that:

1. *There is effective local government at the local community and regional level;*
2. *There is strong united and uniting leadership at the local community and regional level;*
3. *There is one clear voice for the Waikato region with respect to matters of regional significance;*
4. *At the regional level there is effective strategic integrated planning, at least with respect to land use, transport, hazards, infrastructure and economic development;*
5. *Planning in the Waikato region is simplified, including fewer planning documents with more consistency across the region;*
6. *There is a clear and unambiguous division of responsibilities for regional and local community authorities;*
7. *The effectiveness and efficiency of local government procurement, infrastructure management and service provision is optimised;*
8. *Local government entities have adequate capacity, capability, financial and other resources to successfully carry out their roles and responsibilities, both now in into the future, in a way which is affordable to their communities;*
9. *There is a clear process for iwi involvement in local government which recognises the importance and status of iwi in the region;*
10. *Water management occurs at a scale that includes entire catchments;*
11. *Local government is successful across the whole region;*
12. *There is an understanding of the diversity of communities of interest with respect to local governance.*
13. *There is strong community support for any change.*

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/38)

2014/15 Draft Annual Plan and Summary content

File: 01 12 14A (Agenda Item 5.5) Doc: 2975116

The Group Manager, Finance (M Garrett) spoke to the report which presented the content of the 2014/15 Draft Annual Plan and its summary, and sought approval thereof. Council approved the content with a number of minor editing amendments.

On consideration of the information presented, one matter was discussed at length. Council sought to confirm whether the money collected for TBFREE to fund possum control (only) would be allocated to a national programme of priorities. Staff undertook to provide clarification to Council at its meeting on 13 March 2014.

Cr Buckley moved/Cr Hennebry seconded.

WRC14/39

1. **THAT the report 2014/15 Draft Annual Plan and Summary content (Doc #2975116 dated 17 February 2014)] be received; and**
2. **THAT the content as submitted be approved for inclusion in the 2014/15 Draft Annual Plan.**

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/39)

Cr Southgate vacated the Chair, Cr Mahuta assumed the Chair (12.15pm).

Proposal to establish the Maungahaumia Drainage Subdivision

File: 75 80 30 (Agenda Item 5.6) Doc: 2974324

The Group Manager, River and Catchment Services spoke to the report which provided an update on the process to establish the Maungahaumia Drainage Subdivision. At the time of agenda preparation, a petition and/or valid demand for a poll had not been forthcoming. Subsequently, a valid demand for a poll had been received. Therefore, Council was required to undertake a poll of electors. The proposal could only be confirmed if the outcome of the poll resulted in majority support.

The likelihood that the poll would not result in majority support was discussed and Council requested that other options to resolve drainage issues be explored and reported to the Integrated Catchment Management Committee.

Cr Mahuta vacated the Chair, Cr Southgate assumed the Chair (12.20pm).

Cr Husband moved/Cr Stark seconded.

WRC14/40

1. **THAT the report "Proposal to establish the Maungahaumia Drainage Subdivision" (Doc # 2974324) dated 19 February 2014 be received, and**
2. **THAT pursuant to s504(1)(d) of the Local Government Act 1974, Council resolves to undertake a poll of electors on the proposal to alter the boundaries of the Taupiri Drainage and River Area to include additional land that forms part of the upper Maungahaumia Stream catchment to form a new drainage subdivision to be known as the Maungahaumia Drainage Subdivision.**

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/40)

Special General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand

File: 04 05 02 (Agenda Item 5.7) Doc: 2981735

The Chief Executive (V Payne) spoke to the report which sought confirmation of Council's representation at the Special General Meeting of LGNZ, and its view on the proposed amendments. The three main amendments proposed were:

- 1) National Council composition.
- 2) Non-voting associate members.
- 3) Presidential term.

Council reserved its decision with regard to the proposed amendments, following the pending LGNZ Zone 2 meeting (on 28 February 2014). Council indicated its intention to confirm its view on the proposed amendments, no later than 13 March 2014 (the date set for the Special General Meeting).

Cr Southgate moved/Cr Vercoe seconded.

- WRC14/41
1. **That the report "Special General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ)" (Doc #2981735 dated 24 February 2014) be received, and**
 2. **That council confirms Doug Leeder and if not available Fran Wilde as its proxy to vote at the Special General Meeting.**

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/41)

Report of Routine Documents Executed Under Seal

(Agenda Item 6)

Cr Buckley moved/Cr L Livingston seconded.

- WRC14/42
- THAT the following routine documents executed under the Common Seal for the period to 19 February 2014 be received for information.**

Drainage easement in gross of right to drain water over that land shown as C, E on DP 466545 Lot 2 CT 623247 between Andre David John Syben, Paula Anne Syben and SR Hamilton Corporate Trustee Ltd (grantor) and WRC (grantee). WRC1825.

Drainage easement in gross of right to drain water over that land shown as B on DP 406320 Lot 2 CT422205 and C on DP 406320 Lot 5 CT422206 between Darcy Paul Robinson & Celeste Helen Clark-Robinson, Stephen Robert Warner & Penelope Gale Warner (grantor) and WRC (grantee). WRC1826.

Release of Bond and Guarantee between WRC, Waikato Aggregates Limited (Titoki Sands Ltd) (collectively WAL) and Heartland Bank for Resource Consents 121240, 121241, 121242, 121244, 121245 and 121247. WRC1827.

Replacement bond to secure performance of terms and conditions of Resource Consents 121240, 121241, 121242, 121244, 121245 and 121247 between WRC, Titoki Sands Ltd and Bank of New Zealand. WRC1828.

Partial cancellation of drainage easement B617789.6 over Lots 1-7 (inclusive) DP 470363 (Shown 'B' on DP 349201). WRC1829.

Drainage easement in gross of right to drain water over that land shown as C on DP 466665 Lot 1 CT 642121 between Heather Eileen Mary Swan, Beryl Gwendoline McCauley & Margaret Jean Boatwright (grantor) and WRC (grantee). WRC1830.

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/42)

Resolutions to Exclude the Public

(Agenda Item 7)

Cr Hennebry moved/Cr White seconded.

WRC14/43 THAT in accordance with the provisions of Standing Orders NZS 9202:2003 Incorporating Amendment No 1, Appendix A&B (p40/42) and Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public be excluded from the following part/s of the meeting:

The general subject 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(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item No.	Item Name and general subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
8.1	Council Minutes 12 December 2013	Good reason(s) to withhold exist(s) under Section 7	Section 48 (1) (a)
8.2	Council Minutes 22 January 2014	Good reason(s) to withhold exist(s) under Section 7	Section 48 (1) (a)
8.3	Appointment of External Appointee to the Audit and Risk Subcommittee	Good reason(s) to withhold exist(s) under Section 7	Section 48 (1) (a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No	Reason/s for withholding official information	Section/s
8.1, 8.2, 8.3	Protection of privacy of natural persons	S7 (a)
8.1, 8.2	Prejudice commercial position	S7 (b) (ii)
8.1, 8.2, 8.3	Conduct of negotiations	S7 (i)
8.1	Maintain legal professional privilege	S7 (g)

The motion was put and carried (WRC14/43)

Return to Open Meeting 12.45pm.

Item Reported from Public Excluded

Council resolved that the following decision with respect to item 8.3 Appointment of External Appointee to the Audit and Risk Subcommittee”:

1. THAT the report Appointment of External Appointees to the Audit and Risk Subcommittee (Doc #2976733 dated 18 February 2014) be received.
2. THAT council confirm the appointment of Mr Hamish Stevens as Chair of the Audit and Risk subcommittee for a period of up to the 2016 triennial election.
3. THAT the appointment of the second external appointee to the Audit and Risk subcommittee be deferred pending Mr Stevens confirmation of appointment as Chair and input into the selection process, and
4. THAT the Group Manager, Finance be delegated to negotiate and agree the contractual arrangement with Mr Stevens;

Be reported in Open Meeting.

Meeting closed 12.45pm.

Chairperson