

Agenda Items

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1 MEMBERS

Chairperson

Due to the non attendance of Councillor GRP Webber, a chairperson will need to be elected for this meeting. Nominations will be called for at the commencement of the meeting.

Recommendation

That xxx be elected Chairperson for this meeting due to the apology for non attendance from Councillor GRP Webber.

Members

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston; Councillors – EH Barnes, MEH Cox, LWE Hoverd, GH Jull, PL Lee, EC Newlands, GG Scaramuzza, DL Sharpe, GW Simmons, BJ Taranaki, BS Thomas, and Iwi Representative, G Roberts.

2 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

3 APOLOGIES

Councillor GRP Webber

4 LATE ITEMS

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-12

Recommendation

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 01-85-30

Minutes of Meeting held on 4 November 2008 are included in the agenda.

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Recommendation

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2008, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

7 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW PROJECT – UPDATE WAIPA 2050

File: 65-06-36

Report of Project Manager – District Plan Review, F Hill dated 25 November 2008, including a summary of submissions received, is included in the agenda. 11 - 63

Copies of the submissions received are bound separately. (provided separately)

The Growth Strategy is the first stage of the District Plan review project. The Growth Strategy will outline how growth is intended to be provided for and managed in a sustainable manner over the next 40 years. It will provide a planning framework including preferred options for new growth areas and timing of growth cells.

A major first step in the development of the Growth Strategy has been the development of scenarios. The scenarios paint pictures of possible futures for the District. Three scenarios have been developed with a common set of criteria. The Scenarios are:

- Business as usual
- Managed growth to urban areas
- Concentrated growth

It is appropriate that the Committee hear the submissions, consider the feedback received and determine its growth preferences. These preferences will form the basis of a preferred scenario, which will guide the development of a draft District Growth Strategy.

Recommendation

That:

- a) *The information be received; and,*
- b) *Having regard to the submissions, growth scenario evaluation workshop outcomes, and other supporting information, the Strategic Planning and Development Committee determines its preferred growth scenario and that this information be used to prepare a draft Waipa District Growth Strategy for consideration by the Committee in February 2009.*

8 FUTURE PROOF UPDATE

File: 01-69-23

Submission process

Submissions on the FutureProof growth scenarios closed on Monday 10 November. A total of 54 submissions were received by that time, although some late submissions are expected. A selection of submitters will be invited to speak to their submissions at a hearing of the Joint Committee on 17 and 18 December.

The Joint Committee will then make recommendations on the scenarios which will be reflected in the draft strategy.

Ngā Karu Atua o te Waka Perceptions Paper

A perceptions paper from Ngā Karu Atua o te Waka was presented to the joint Committee's November meeting.

A range of matters are noted in the report including:

- A revised vision
- Inclusion of mihi/kōrero from King Tūheitia
- Relationship with Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Strategy alignment with iwi and hapu documents
- Provision for papakainga
- Community development

There is also a request that implementation structures be considered, with co-management as a benchmark.

The report will be considered in development of the draft strategy.

Growth Management Tools

Growth management tools were briefly discussed at the last Strategic Planning and Development Committee Meeting. The two tools under consideration are the setting of urban limits and growth management areas. Work is progressing on the development of these tools for incorporation into the draft strategy document.

Growth management areas are likely to be defined by census mesh blocks. There are currently four growth management areas suggested for Waipa District including Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Airport and Rural.

An update on progress on development of these tools will be provided to the meeting.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

9 HEART OF TE AWAMUTU PROJECT – PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORKS FOR THE ALEXANDRA STREET ENHANCEMENT

File: 01-23-01/01

Following the recent Heart of Te Awamutu (HOTA) public consultation process, Council's Strategic Planning and Development Committee subsequently reduced the scope of an upgrade to Alexandra Street. In doing so, the Committee did not specify a revised scope but referred to an enhancement of the main street in line with the budget of \$380,000 (available in 2008/09).

In order that a project to enhance Alexandra Street can proceed this year, the scope of that project needs to be confirmed. With this in mind, the Steering Group met to consider possible project components, with a view to progressing towards an agreed scope that met budget constraints. From that meeting a proposed scope has been prepared and is set out below:

Activity	Element(s) / Description	Cost (\$)	Comment
Maintenance	Fix broken kerbs and areas of poor paving	\$30,000	Needs to be completed (this work was included in the original project signalled in the 2006 10-year Plan (LTCCP))
Drainage	Install catch-pits and remove grating	\$50,000	Not completing will significantly reduce the quality of the finish
Paving	Churchill Street to the end of the Courier Building – matching paving	\$50,000	Changes to business operations in this area are likely to see enhanced retail activities
Paving	Feature areas – likely to be focused around seating and pedestrian crossing areas	\$25,000	Removal/replacement of seating will necessitate restoration of paving
Lighting*	Median – triple globes	\$70,000	*Investigate renewing road side lighting – not provided for in proposed scope due to budget constraints
Street furniture	Litter Bins	\$22,000	
	Seats	\$45,000	
	Fencing (feature/seating areas)	\$45,000	Separate pedestrian space from road
Estimated construction cost (including contingency)		\$345,000	
Estimated design and project management costs		\$30,000	
Consultation / communication		\$5,000	
Estimated total cost		\$380,000	

With the limited budget available, the Steering Group have focused on those enhancement elements that will generate a significant improvement to the amenity of the main street. It may be possible to achieve further enhancements through such areas as replanting and footpath/street cleansing programmes, and these initiatives would need to be funded from other approved budgets. In addition, some enhancement elements, such as the installation of feature art, could attract external funding and be advanced accordingly.

It is important that all aspects of the enhancement are coordinated around an agreed design theme and completed to a high standard.

Assessments of underground services (water, sewer and stormwater) are currently being completed. Any near term upgrades of these services need to be coordinated with the proposed enhancement project so that rework is avoided. The timing of any drainage and paving-related enhancement works are likely to be most affected.

The scope of works for the Alexandra Street enhancement will need to be confirmed by the Strategic Planning and Development Committee, which is in line with their involvement in confirming the overall scope of the HOTA initiative.

Subject to scope confirmation, and the timing of any underground services upgrades, enhancement works could commence in March/April 2009. The budgets for 2009/10 are currently being prepared, and further funding for this and other HOTA projects may be confirmed as part of the 2009 10-year Plan (LTCCP).

Recommendation

That

- a) the information be received; and,*
- b) the proposed scope of works for the Alexandra Street enhancement project (as presented) be approved.*

10 WAIKATO BROADBAND

File: 01-91-34

Report of Strategic Planning Manager, G Knighton dated 13 November 2008 is included in the agenda. 65 - 76

A Waikato Regional Broadband Governance Group has recently been established with the objective of facilitating enhanced delivery of high speed broadband internet services to the Waikato Region.

The Governance Group is seeking formal endorsement from individual Waikato Councils to continue to meet and develop a strategy that is appropriate for the region. In particular a mandate is sought to continue investigation of the case for enhanced Broadband for the region, with the intention that the outputs of this process will assist each Council to adopt a strategic position in relation to this matter, upon which further action could be based.

Recommendation

That

- a) *The report of the Strategic Planning Manager dated 13 November 2008 be received; and,*
- b) *The Strategic Planning and Development Committee endorse the Whole of Waikato High Speed Broadband Governance Group to develop a strategy that is appropriate for the region; and,*
- c) *The Strategic Planning and Development Committee endorses Waipa District Council's involvement in the group.*

11 MEETING SCHEDULE 2009

File: 01-85-30

The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council and its Committees to set the dates of meetings, or a schedule of meetings, for a period of time.

It is now appropriate to adopt a schedule of meeting dates for the Strategic Planning & Development Committee for 2009. The Committee's practice is to meet at 9.00am on the first Tuesday of every month, except for January.

Recommendation

That in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7 Clause 19(6)(i) the Strategic Planning & Development Committee adopts the following schedule of meeting dates for 2009 (generally being the first Tuesday of every month except for January) –

3 February

3 March

7 April

5 May

2 June

7 July

4 August

1 September

6 October

3 November

1 December