
REPORT 12
(1215/11/IM)

Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee
Meeting of Thursday 3 December 2009

Members: Mayor Prendergast (Deputy Chair), Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon (Chair), Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain.

MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

The Strategy and Policy Committee dealt with a number of issues for which it has delegated powers to act and therefore these are before the Council for noting.

The Committee hereby recommends that the information be received.

1. **ITEM 235/09P ENVIRONMENTAL REFERENCE GROUP UPDATE**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that there were three resignations during 2009 and that vacancies will be publicly advertised for the appointment of new members to the Environmental Reference Group.*
3. *Note that the Strategy and Policy Committee forward programme includes a review of the Environmental Reference Group Terms of Reference in 2010.*

2. **ITEM 236/09P THE DRAFT 2010 CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

2. *Note that Council's 2007 Climate Change Action Plan committed the Council to long-term reduction targets and has achieved good progress, such as:*
 - *developing more accurate emissions monitoring and reporting systems*
 - *developing an energy management programme delivering savings of \$50,000 annually*
 - *offering \$300 grants to households for installation of sustainable energy solutions (30 taken-up to date)*
 - *removing barriers to installation of solar hot water heating systems through amendments in the District Plan.*
 - *gaining approval in principle for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority grant (\$500,000 over four years) to assist with the cost of insulation for the council housing upgrade programme.*

3. *Agree that the approach for the Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan should be to:*
 - *focus on the dual aspects of mitigation and adaptation*
 - *shift the mitigation focus to community emissions, while also enhancing organisational actions*
 - *adopt an interim emissions reduction target for community emissions of 3% by June 2013*
 - *build on the city's distinct advantages, past decisions and key opportunities*
 - *develop a series of pragmatic actions which are linked to targets and achievable in the short-term*
 - *continue to grow Wellington's leadership role and opportunities*
 - *provide the foundation for further advancing climate change work as part of the 2012/22 LTCCP*
 - *present the diverse opportunities and action being undertaken across Council activities that has climate change benefits.*

3. *Agree to the five new initiatives (with additional funding implications) to be included for consideration as part of the Draft Annual Plan deliberations (2010/11). The new initiatives are:*
 - (a) *Preparing for the impacts of climate change*
 - (b) *A residential energy efficiency programme*
 - (c) *Business energy efficiency programme (eMission)*
 - (d) *Council energy efficiency programme*
 - (e) *Electric vehicle pilot project*

4. *Agree that the Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan be considered by Council in March 2010 and consulted on in conjunction with the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan.*

3. **ITEM 237/09P PARKING POLICY IMPLEMENTATION:
RESIDENT AND COUPON PARKING SCHEMES
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)**

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to;*
 - (a) *Continue to provide:*
 - (i) *A resident parking permit scheme to provide pools of parking spaces for residents to come and go in areas dominated by non-residents such as commuter and institutional parking.*
 - (ii) *A coupon payment scheme in high demand areas in order to manage demand, reduce congestion and encourage more sustainable modes of transport, i.e. public transport, walking or cycling.*
 - (b) *Increase the amount of resident parking within existing permit areas, subject to the following guidelines:*
 - (i) *No more than around 50 % of a street to be resident parking.*
 - (ii) *Evidence of consistent pressure on resident spaces.*
 - (iii) *Consideration is given to availability of off-street parking facilities and other on-street parking demands; i.e. Visitors, businesses, servicing and potential effects caused by migration of parking pressure into neighbouring streets.*
 - (c) *The use of the following guidelines to evaluate requests for new resident parking areas beyond the current 6 areas:*
 - (i) *A minimum of 50 resident parking permits required in the area.*
 - (ii) *75 per cent of residents in the affected area support the proposal.*
 - (iii) *Residential zoned streets only considered (i.e. not suburban centres or the central area).*
 - (iv) *Consideration is given to availability of off-street parking facilities and other on-street parking demands; i.e. Visitors, businesses, servicing and potential effects caused by migration of parking pressure into neighbouring streets.*
 - (d) *Restrict eligibility to the resident parking scheme to properties in residential zones or heritage listed residential buildings as defined in the District Plan and shown on the eligibility maps*

(see Appendix 2 of the officer's report). To take effect on 1 January 2010

- (e) Reduce the maximum allowance of resident permits from 2 per household unit to 1 per unit for multi-unit dwellings (being a property with three or more individually rateable residential household units) for any new applications.*
- (f) See Part A*
- (g) Authorise Officers make minor adjustments to resident eligibility between adjacent designated resident parking areas for properties located next to the boundary.*

- 3. Note that changes to permit eligibility criteria will not affect current permit-holders. Existing permits will be renewed indefinitely for the person who originally applied, as long as they continue to reside at the same address.*
- 4. Note that any residents living within the eligibility areas will continue to be eligible for an unlimited number of coupon exemption permits regardless of whether they are eligible for a resident parking permit.*

4. ITEM 238/09P THORNDON QUAY – PROPOSED CYCLE IMPROVEMENTS
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree that the long term option for cycling between Kaiwharawhara and the Central Business District is via a new shared footpath along Aotea and Waterloo Quays as part of the Great Harbour Way.*
- 3. Agree that in the interim officers proceed with consultation on a traffic resolution for a 7-9am weekday clearway on the southbound lanes of Thorndon Quay and the associated parking changes. This is to include a new pedestrian crossing on Thorndon Quay, approximately midway between Tinakori Road and Davis Street.*
- 4. Request officers to investigate the 90 minute parking north of the motorway over bridge being converted to 10 hour commuter parking to replace those lost as part of the proposed cycling improvements.*
- 5. In addition to the Council's proposal above, the following discarded proposal also be described in the background consultation material:*
 - Changing one side from angle parking to parallel parking to provide dedicated cycle lanes, as proposed in 2001.*

6. *Request that officers investigate in addition to the cycling and parking issues, improve pedestrian access to the "motorway walk" that starts at Thorndon Quay and connects The Correspondence School, Hill St to Bowen House and Bolton St Cemetery. This could include a crossing and/or signage.*

5. **ITEM 239/09P PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION: ARO STREET SHOPPING AREA, TE ARO**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *See Part A*
3. *Note the results of the public consultation process: i.e., 179 submissions were received for Aro Street of which 153 supported the proposal, 38 agreed to lower speed limits but would like to see the area extended; 2 agree with lowering the speed limit but only to 40km/h not the proposed 30km/h and 23 are opposed to the lower speed limit.*
4. *Note that the process to change a speed limit as described in both the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits (2003) and Part 6 (Speed Limits) of the Wellington City Consolidated Bylaw, has been followed.*
5. *Note that in accordance with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits (2003) and Part 6 (Speed Limits) of the Wellington City Consolidated Bylaws, the resolution will be recorded in the Register of Speed Limits and the relevant speed limits on the Councils Speed Limit Plans cease to have effect.*
6. *Request officers to consult on a proposal for a 30km/h speed limit on Aro Street, extending from 70 metres east of the intersection with Devon Street to the junction with Boston Terrace, in accordance with the requirements of the Land Transport Rule 2003 and Part 6 of the Wellington Consolidated Bylaw 2008 (Speed Limits).*

6. **ITEM 231/09P RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LAW ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE – REPORT BACK**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 6)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

7. **ITEM 232/09P STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE
FORWARD PROGRAMME
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 7)**

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree the Forward Programme, attached as Appendix One of the officer's report.*

**Andy Foster
Chair**