

**Environmental Reference Group Meeting Minutes
3rd October 2011, Committee Room 2, Wellington City Council**

Present:

Hamish Allardice (Co-chair)
Sea Rotmann (Co-chair)
Peter Gilbert
Phil Hancock
Claire Graeme
Bev Abbott

Apologies

Cllr Ritchie
Cllr Lester
Sarah Free
Marc Slade
Mike Ennis
Tushara Kodikara

WCC Officers:

Zach Rissel (Senior Policy Advisor)
Martin Rodgers (Senior Strategic Analyst)
Michael Okkerse (Principal Adv City Strat & Mon)
Graeme Shimmin (Consultation & Engagement Advisor)

Agenda

1. Long Term Plan Process
2. ERG Chairmanship, recruitment and term

1. Long Term Plan Process

Martin Rodgers gave an up date on Wellington 2040, explaining it had been adopted by the council and how the Long Term Plan (LTP) will now link up with it and the priorities within. There will be four Community Outcomes in the LTP, linked to the four goals of 2040; Eco-City, People Centered City, Connected City, Dynamic Central City. Within in these, priorities will be developed and consulted on. Methods for consultation were queried, including the use of online deliberative budgeting. Martin responded that this was one technique currently being considered.

Martin and Michael Orkkerse ran a group discussion around the four goals and key projects or issues that were important to achieving the long term vision of Wellington 2040. The results can be seen in the attached ERG LTP Prioritising Workshop notes document.

Action: The group to review the notes from the workshop and make any additions/changes. ERG members not present to comment on their four priorities.

2. ERG Chairmanship, recruitment and term

A discussion was held around recruitment of new members and the chairing of ERG.

Zac explained that Tushara and Mike have now both had six year anniversaries (two 3-year terms) and both have indicated that they will resign at the end of this year (but are interested in staying involved in some capacity). It was decided recruitment for between 4 – 7 new members should be started shortly, with a particular focus on filling any skills or knowledge gaps, i.e. town planning. The group will also try and widen the demographics by

encouraging more applications from a wider socio-economic mix and ethnic backgrounds. Specific attention should be made to encourage applications from:

- Māori
- Youth
- CBD residents
- Non professionals

Sea and Hamish are also close to completing their 3 year term as co-chairs. While thappy to stay on, they are also happy for anyone else to step forward if they so wish. It was noted that one member had so far expressed an interest in becoming a chair. The group agreed the best option would be for one co-chair to remain, with another new co-chair elected. This would enable the duties to be shared and remain fresh, while also retain some skills.

Action: Interested members to email Graeme if they wish to be considered as a co-chair.

A blind vote will be held at the next meeting to elect the co-chairs.

Next meeting: 5.30pm, 21st November 2011, Committee Room 1, Wellington City Council