
REPORT 12
(1215/11/IM)

Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee
Meeting of Thursday 23 April 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 081/09P AMENDMENTS TO THE EARTHQUAKE-PRONE BUILDINGS POLICY 2006**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that 30 written submissions were received, 10 oral submissions heard by the Strategy and Policy Committee in August and September 2008 and two stakeholder workshops held in October 2008 as part of the special consultative procedure for review of the Council's Earthquake-prone Buildings Policy 2006.*
3. *Recommend to Council that it:*
 - (a) *Agree that the special consultative procedure for review of Council's Earthquake-prone Buildings Policy 2006 has been completed pursuant to section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.*
 - (b) *Agree to the amended policy, Earthquake-prone Buildings Policy 2009, attached as Appendix 1 to the officers report.*
 - (c) *Agree that the Earthquake-prone Buildings Policy 2009 will be operational from 1 July 2009.*

4. *Note that Council's Built Heritage Policy 2005 is the principle means by which built heritage issues in the city are managed.*
5. *Note that Officers from the Building Control and Heritage units will jointly organise and facilitate a Special Interest Group consisting of a group of interested people involved in heritage and property management and development to facilitate the identification and promotion of cost effective strengthening solutions for buildings of all types.*

2. **ITEM 082/09P SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT FORESTRY ALLOCATION PLAN FOR PRE-1990 FORESTS**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that the submission on the Draft Forestry Allocation Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to the officers report, is forwarded to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry by 30 April 2009.*
3. *Authorise the Chief Executive and the Climate Change Portfolio Leader to make any changes to the submission required as a result of the Committee discussion, and to make editorial changes as required.*
4. *Authorise the Chief Executive to carry out all further steps required to apply for an allocation of emission units for the Councils pre-1990 forests.*
5. *Note that under the Draft Forestry Allocation Plan the Council would receive approximately 12,000 emission units for its 200 ha of pre-1990 forests.*

3. **ITEM 083/09P SUBMISSION ON BROADBAND INITIATIVE**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note the previous work in the broadband area that has set a policy framework for future Council involvement, particularly:*
 - (a) *Intervening to the least extent necessary.*
 - (b) *Promoting shared open access infrastructure to encourage electronics and services competition rather than infrastructure competition.*

- (c) *Prioritising social and community benefits, followed by 'transformative' economic development benefits.*
 - (d) *Leveraging ownership and management of Council assets in a way that balances these and other Council objectives.*
 - (e) *Leveraging Council's existing expertise and experience in management of Rights of Way (RoW) and infrastructure networks.*
 - (f) *Making council assets available for nil or nominal charge, and conducting a shallow trenching trial (both subject to open access provisions).*
3. *Agree that the Council continues to work within a collaborative regional framework (consistent with the Wellington Regional Strategy, for developing broadband initiatives) in response to future requests for proposals under the Broadband Investment Initiative.*
 4. *Agree that the submission on the New Zealand Government Broadband Investment Initiative, attached at Appendix 1 to the officers report, be forwarded to the Ministry of Economic Development.*
 5. *Authorise the Chief Executive to make any changes to the submission required as a result of committee discussion, and to make editorial changes as required.*
 6. *Note the likely timeframes for this process which are submissions by 27 April 2009, release of a Request for Proposals by mid-August 2009, and contracts for an initial round of successful bids by January 2010.*
 7. *Agree that the Council role in terms of the proposed Broadband Investment Initiative will be as a facilitator of a regional project – which would include providing access to existing assets, appropriate regulatory settings for road and aerial access, and involvement in demand-side initiatives – but is unlikely to include an equity investment from the Council.*
 8. *Note that a further paper will be brought to SPC for agreement to a specific proposal once the final form of the Broadband Investment Initiative is known, and the timing of the paper is likely to be September 2009.*

3. **ITEM 084/09P ALAC WORKING TOGETHER CONFERENCE,
WELLINGTON, 13-15 MAY 2009**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the attendance of Councillors Best and Goulden at the 'Sister Cities Conference' to be held in Cambridge, Waipa District, 22-24 April 2009 and agree that the costs associated with attending the conference are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
3. *Note that there is a Strategy and Policy Committee meeting on Thursday 23 April 2009 and a Partnership Wellington Trust Board meeting on Friday 24 April 2009.*
4. *Note that a report on the conference will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in accordance with Council policy.*

Ian McKinnon
Chair