

Environmental Reference Group

Meeting Minutes

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Wellington City Council

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

Details:	Date:	Monday, 14 June 2021
	Time:	5:03pm – 7:00pm
	Venue:	Ngake (16.09), Level 16, Tahiwī 113 The Terrace
	Chair:	Lynn Cadenhead

Members present:	Steven Almond	Sally Faisandier
	Mike Britton	George Hobson
	Lynn Cadenhead	Claire Stringer
	Arron Cox	Chris Watson
	Isla Day	Eleanor West

Councillors present: Cr Tamatha Paul

Support staff:	Tom Williams, Chief Infrastructure Officer	Hedi Mueller, Democracy Advisor
	Moana Mackey, Chief Advisor to CIO/CPO	Devon Nuku, Elected Member Support Advisor

Presenters:	Sherilyn Hinton, Senior Advisor Planning	Abby Jensen, Programme Manager
	Judy Alexander, Group Manager Network Strategy and Planning	Water Quality (WWL)

Topic	Description	Start time
1.	Welcome & Apologies Apologies: Apologies were received from Michelle Rush for absence and from Clare Stringer and Arron Cox for lateness.	5:03pm
2.	Conflicts of Interest No conflicts of interest were declared.	5:06 pm
3.	Draft Spatial Plan Update Sherilyn Hinton presented on the draft Spatial Plan, the key drivers of Planning for Growth, the relationship between the Spatial Plan and the District Plan, and the themes that came through consultation. Members discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Representation – demographic of submissions and weightings of findingsProtection of biodiversityIncoming resource management policies	5:07 pm

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking network models • Character areas designations and the Boffa Miskell report • Working in with mana whenua around indigenous heritage protection. 	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Know your pipes Abby Jensen and Julie Alexander from Wellington Water Limited presented on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term objectives • Water quality monitoring • Discharges and ownership • Catchment selection process • Progress update <p>Members discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge of consistent enforcement around the region, conversation to happen with WCC officers • Linking in with Watercare in Auckland • Managing expectations of customers • Implementing a system if people can't pay their bill to fix pipes as noted in recent Dominion Post article • Whether property owners are made aware of this when purchasing houses – would need to engage own drainlayer or plumber. If it has been tested by WWL it would be on LIM report. • Amount of time to a homeowner had fix a fault – 90 days to come back to WWL, and WLL could fix on behalf and then invoice the homeowner. • Whether property owners can refuse to do testing – yes, but would make aware of objectives. • Working with GWRC to publish data on website. • Target areas in each Territorial Authority, using learnings from each to target in different catchment areas • Picking up council network faults at the same time 	<p>5:38 pm</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Portfolios Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submission on airport notice of requirement • Biodiversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ George is now Biodiversity lead • Waste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sludge minimisation plan is a good step forward • Urban design/growth 	<p>6:14 pm</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spatial plan decision on 24th, agenda out on 17th – concern about equity and underrepresentation of views ○ Invited all to panel at Sustainability Trust ● Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Traffic bylaw and Waka Kotahi submission ▪ LGWM consulting on next phase, buses next ▪ Brooklyn temporary cycleway underway ● Resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New spatial plan won't show resilience issues which will be on District Plan <p>General Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consider ERG concerns may be for RMA reforms. 	
6.	<p>Update from Councillor Paul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LTP agreed at committee, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ funding for Te Atakura and option 4 for cycling ○ Officers to bring back reprioritisation of cycleways ○ Funding for Courtenay Place city safety improvements ● Te Atakura Steering group ● Climate Change Commission advice, WCC submission on congestion charging ● Gearing up on Spatial Plan ● Recycling trial has come to an end – not helpful and will be scrapped as there was such high contamination <p>Members discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Whether WCC would consider lobbying GWRC to make public transport free – looking at other options eg congestion charging but not specifically at free public transport. ● Public transport operating model tells councils that 50% or more of spending on public transport must come from fares – WCC to submit on this to GWRC ● Incorporate biodiversity into transport outcomes – green corridors. 	6:23pm
7.	<p>Previous Minutes Confirmation – 10 May 2021</p> <p>The previous minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>Moved Lynn Cadenhead, seconded Arron Cox Carried</p>	6:46 pm
8.	<p>Next meeting - Monday, 12th July 2021</p>	7:08pm

Actions: The following tables the actions, responsibilities and deadlines from previous meetings

Action Points		Responsibility	Deadline
1.			
2.			

General Business	
1.	

Portfolio Groups	ERG Lead		Council Officer
Transport	Michelle Rush		Joe Hewitt, Team Lead Transport Strategy and Siobhan Procter, Manager Transport and Infrastructure
Climate Change	Chris Watson	Isla Day, Steven Almond	Alison Howard, Climate Change Response Manager
Waste	Steven Almond	Clare Stringer	Emily Taylor-Hall, Waste Operations Manager
Water	Arron Cox		Zac Jordan, Principal Advisor Resilience Infrastructure
Resilience	Lynn Cadenhead		Mike Mendonca, Chief Resilience Officer
Urban Design Agency/Urban Growth	Eleanor West	Sally Faisandier	Vida Christeller, Manager City Design & Place Planning; Phil Becker, Manager Build Wellington
Mana whenua iwi & Treaty Relations			Nicky Karu, Manager Tira Poutama-Iwi Partnership
Biodiversity/Open Space	George Hobson	Clare Stringer	Daniela Biaggio, Urban Ecology Manager
Heritage	Lynn Cadenhead	Clare Stringer	Mark Lindsay, Heritage Manager