

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

CITY STRATEGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Time: 9.30am
Date: Thursday, 6 September 2018
Venue: Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington

PRESENT

Mayor Lester
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Calvi-Freeman
Councillor Dawson
Councillor Fitzsimons
Councillor Foster
Councillor Free
Councillor Gilbert
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marsh
Councillor Pannett (Chair)
Councillor Sparrow
Councillor Woolf
Councillor Young

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Mihi

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 9.30am and invited Councillor Dawson to read the following mihi to open the meeting.

Taiō Pōneke[†] – City Strategy Committee

Te wero

Toitū te marae a Tāne

Toitū te marae a Tangaroa

Toitū te iwi

Taiō Pōneke – kia kakama, kia māia!

Ngāi Tātou o Pōneke, me noho ngātahi

Whāia te aratika

Our challenge

Protect and enhance the realms of the Land and the Waters, and they will sustain and strengthen the People.

City Strategy Committee, be nimble (quick, alert, active, capable) and have courage (be brave, bold, confident)!

People of Wellington, together we decide our way forward.

[†] The te reo name for the City Strategy Committee is a modern contraction from 'Tai o Pōneke' meaning 'the tides of Wellington' – uniting the many inland waterways from our lofty mountains to the shores of the great harbour of Tara and the sea of Raukawa: ki uta, ki tai (from mountain to sea). Like water, we promise to work together with relentless synergy and motion.

1.2 Apologies

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Gilbert

Resolved

That the City Strategy Committee:

1. Accept the apologies received from Deputy Mayor Day (Council business)

Carried

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Calvert

Resolved

That the City Strategy Committee:

1. Approve the minutes of the City Strategy Committee Meeting held on 23 August 2018, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

1.6 Public Participation

1.6.1 Don McDonald, individual.

Mr McDonald spoke in relation to plastic bags, the Wellington City Council fix it app, and other matters.

Attachments

1. Attachment 1 – Don McDonald

(Councillor Foster arrived to the meeting at 9.39am)

2. Strategy

(Councillor Foster left the meeting at 9.45am)

(Councillor Foster returned to the meeting at 9.46am)

2.1 Proposed single use plastic shopping bag ban - WCC submission

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Gilbert the following motion with officer support

Resolved

That the City Strategy Committee:

1. Receives the information.
2. Approve the draft submission to the Ministry for the Environment on the Government's "Proposed mandatory phase out of the sale or distribution of single-use plastic shopping bags" with the following changes in the relevant sections of the submission:
 - a) WCC submits that the scope of the ban include "oxo-degradable bags of any thickness or for any use" as oxo-degradable plastic amounts to the same as micro-beads in the environment where its containment as plastic pollution is near impossible.
 - b) Note that Wellington City Council has incurred direct financial costs due to plastic bag pollution. WCC has invested \$50,000 in additional fencing to reduce the amount of wind-blown litter escaping the landfill. Clean up crews are regularly deployed to help recover windblown litter. This equates to approximately one full time person over a year to do this work.

- c) On the subject of communication and education to the public, in section 32 add “in multiple languages” and ask the government to ensure that the communication is universally accessible and easy to understand.
 - d) Note the impact of the food markets using single use plastic bags in close proximity to the marine environment under the “small retailers included” section and that it is important that engagement is carried out with markets to avoid these impacts.
 - e) Note that WCC does not “manufacture, sell, provide or import for sale or personal use, single-use plastic shopping bags”. WCC is however committed to reducing single use plastic consumption, Council recycling and rubbish bags have a high utility value for households with difficult access, and Council is committed to exploring all of the viable alternative options for reducing the number of these across the city.
 - f) Agree that Wellington City Council would like to see more government action on single use plastics where viable reusable or compostable alternatives exist (straws, all plastic bags, event service ware, etc.). WCC acknowledges that this may involve exemptions for other product types, such as straws for hospitals and people with a disability.
 - g) Agree that Wellington City Council would like to see a greater emphasis on mandatory requirements for packaging, including:
 - i. Standardisation of packaging materials imported and manufactured in NZ and/or collected at kerbside e.g. if all plastic packaging that could be either PET (1s) or HDPE (2s) was made of these materials, it would be easier to maintain a high level of recovery, recycling and manufacturing in NZ.
 - ii. Mandatory labelling of packaging products so as to ensure their end of life is appropriately managed (e.g. landfill, compost or recycling)
 - iii. Mandatory labelling of packaging as to whether it is made from recycled materials, and then whether it is made from NZ recycled materials (such as the Flight Plastics example)
 - iv. Mandatory requirement for packaging to have a proportion of recycled content and be labelled as such, ideally this requirement would also be for NZ recycled plastic; WCC notes that our onshore capabilities aren't currently near capacity to meet this demand and so it would need to happen over a period of time, and alongside sustained levy investment in the sectors capacity, to enable the transition to occur.
3. Delegate to the Chief Executive and the Mayor or Infrastructure and Sustainability portfolio leader the authority to amend the submission as per any proposed amendments agreed by the Committee at this meeting, and any minor consequential edits, prior to it being submitted to the Ministry for the Environment.

Carried

3. Operational

3.1 Report Back on Mayoral Travel to Singapore

Moved Mayor Lester, seconded Councillor Foster

Resolved

That the City Strategy Committee:

1. Receives the information.

Carried

3.2 Youth Engagement Framework

Moved Mayor Lester, seconded Councillor Calvert

Resolved

That the City Strategy Committee:

1. Receives the information.
2. Thanks the Wellington City Youth Council for developing the Youth Engagement Framework (**Attachment 1** refers).
3. Notes that officers will work with the Youth Council to operationalise the Framework
4. Notes that officers will integrate the Youth Engagement Framework into engagement practices and use it when considering changes that impact on young people.
5. Notes this framework will be part of a programme of increasing engagement with children and young people which includes the upcoming Youth Summit and the development of a child and youth-friendly city framework.

Carried

The meeting concluded at 10.20am.

Confirmed: _____
Chair