

STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE



MINUTES

THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2012

**9.17AM – 10.48AM
11.12AM – 12.51PM**

**Committee Room One
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield St
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Mayor Wade-Brown	(9.17am – 9.55am, 10.14am - 10.48am, 11.12am - 11.35am, 12.12pm – 12.51pm.)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.19am – 10.48am, 11.12am – 12.51pm.)
Councillor Best (Deputy Chair)	(9.17am – 10.48am, 11.12am – 12.51pm.)
Councillor Cook	(9.26am – 10.48am, 11.12am – 12.51pm.)
Councillor Coughlan	(9.29am – 10.48am, 11.12am – 12.51pm.)
Councillor Eagle	(9.17am – 9.20am, 9.25am – 10.48am, 11.18am – 12.51pm.)
Councillor Foster (Chair)	(9.17am – 10.48am, 11.12am – 12.51pm.)
Councillor Gill	(9.17am – 10.48am, 11.12am – 12.51pm.)
Councillor Lester	(9.17am – 10.48am, 11.15am – 12.51pm.)
Councillor McKinnon	(9.17am – 9.55am, 10.14am - 10.48am, 11.12am – 12.51pm.)
Councillor Marsh	(9.20am – 10.48am.)
Councillor Pannett	(9.17am – 9.55am, 10.00am – 10.05am, 10.09am - 10.48am, 11.12am – 12.51pm.)
Councillor Pepperell	(9.17am – 10.15am, 10.16am - 10.48am, 11.12am - 11.18am, 11.22am - 12.26pm, 12.35pm – 12.51pm.)
Councillor Ritchie	(9.20am – 10.03am, 10.14am – 10.26am, 10.33am - 10.48am, 11.12pm - 11.20am, 11.36am – 12.51pm.)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Morrison (absence while on Council business)

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Antoinette Bliss - Committee Advisor

264/12P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown, the motion that the Strategy and Policy Committee accept apologies for absence from Councillor Morrison while on Council business.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Accept apologies for absence from Councillor Morrison while on Council business.*

265/12P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Mayor Wade-Brown declared a conflict of interest in relation to the E-Petition – Improve public access between the Railway Station and Harbour Quays across Waterloo Quay and advised that she would not take part in discussion or vote on the matter.
2. Councillor McKinnon declared a conflict of interest in relation to the E-Petition – Improve public access between the Railway Station and Harbour Quays across Waterloo Quay and advised that he would not take part in discussion or vote on the matter.

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer arrived at the meeting at 9.19am.)

(Councillor Ritchie arrived at the meeting at 9.20am.)

(Councillor Marsh arrived at the meeting at 9.20am.)

(Councillor Eagle left the meeting at 9.20am.)

266/12P **DEPUTATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Tom Law representing Federation of Wellington Progressive Association addressed the Committee on Report 1, 55-58 Curtis Street rezoning: Approach to Plan Change, Stakeholder Engagement and Plan Change Notification.

(Councillor Eagle returned to the meeting at 9.25am.)

2. Andrew Monaghan representing Terrace Heights Holdings Ltd and Prime Property Group addressed the Committee on Report 1, 55-58 Curtis Street rezoning: Approach to Plan Change, Stakeholder Engagement and Plan Change Notification.

(Councillor Cook arrived at the meeting at 9.26am.)

(Councillor Coughlan arrived at the meeting at 9.29am.)

3. Sarah Holden, Heather Sharpes, Paul Barker and Wayne Newman representing the Creswick Valley Residents Association addressed the Committee on Report 1, 55-58 Curtis Street rezoning: Approach to Plan Change, Stakeholder Engagement and Plan Change Notification.

TABLED INFORMATION: Speaking notes reference 266/12P(A).

267/12P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Michael Gibson addressed the Committee as an individual on Report 1, 55-58 Curtis Street rezoning: Approach to Plan Change, Stakeholder Engagement and Plan Change Notification.
2. Gareth Hughes addressed the Committee as an individual on Report 1, 55-58 Curtis Street rezoning: Approach to Plan Change, Stakeholder Engagement and Plan Change Notification.

(Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 9.55am.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown withdrew from the table and left the meeting at 9.55am due to a conflict of interest.)

(Councillor McKinnon withdrew from the table and left the meeting at 9.55am due to a conflict of interest.)

268/12P **E-PETITION – IMPROVE PUBLIC ACCESS BETWEEN THE RAILWAY STATION AND HARBOUR QUAYS ACROSS WATERLOO QUAY** (9.55AM – 10.11AM)

NOTED:

The Committee received an E-Petition from Louise Harvey-Wills and Scott McKinnon representing the Bank of New Zealand employees located at Waterloo Quay regarding 'Improve public access between the Railway Station and Harbour Quays across Waterloo Quay'.

(Councillor Pannett returned to the meeting at 10.00am.)
(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 10.03am.)
(Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 10.05am.)
(Councillor Pannett returned to the meeting at 10.09am.)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Pepperell, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the petition and refer to it to Officers to inform their work.*

TABLED INFORMATION: Speaking notes reference 268/12P(A).

(Mayor Wade-Brown returned to the meeting at 10.14am.)
(Councillor McKinnon returned to the meeting at 10.14am.)
(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 10.14am.)

269/12P **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

The Chair advised the meeting that the remainder of the agenda would be taken as follows:

Report 4 – Report Back on Mayoral Trip to China
Report 1 – Plan Change to rezone 55-85 Curtis Street, Karori
Report 2 – A submission on the Productivity Commission's Issues Paper -
Local Government Regulatory Performance
Report 3 – Local Government New Zealand Conference 2012 - Report
Back.

270/12P **MAYORAL DELEGATION TO CHINA 2012**
REPORT BACK (10.15AM – 11.30AM)
Report of Mayor Wade-Brown and Councillor Coughlan.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 10.15am.)
(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 10.16am.)
(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 10.26am.)
(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 10.33am.)

Three members of the civic delegation, Ian Douglas of Village Goldsmith, Bernadette Casey of The Formary and Liz Mellish of Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust were invited to speak of their experience.

Moved Mayor Wade-Brown, seconded Councillor Coughlan, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.48am and reconvened at 11.12am.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, McKinnon, Pannett, Pepperell and Ritchie were present when the meeting reconvened.)

(Councillor Lester returned to the meeting at 11.15am.)

(Councillor Eagle returned to the meeting at 11.18am.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 11.18am.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11.20am.)

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 11.22am.)

271/12P **55-58 CURTIS STREET REZONING: APPROACH TO PLAN CHANGE, STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND PLAN CHANGE NOTIFICATION (11.31AM – 12.23PM)**
Report of Andrew Macleod, Principal Programme Advisor – District Plan and Sarah Edwards, Senior Policy Advisor – District Plan.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

(Mayor Wade-Brown left the meeting at 11.35am.)

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 11.36am.)

Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Ritchie, the substantive motion.

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Gill, the following amendment:

THAT Strategy and Policy Committee:

Add a new recommendation 7.

7. **Note site specific zoning would still allow PC73 to be made operative on resolution of existing appeals.**

(Mayor Wade-Brown returned to the meeting at 12.12pm.)

The amendment was **put** and declared **CARRIED**.

The substantive motion as amended was **put** and declared **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED:

THAT Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that the rezoning proposal be for a site specific “Business (Curtis Street) Area” as described generally in this report.*
3. *Instruct officers to commence a new rezoning process for the site at 55 – 85 Curtis Street, by preparing proposed plan change documents for the approval of the Committee at a November 2012 meeting.*
4. *Agree that officers follow the consultation and notification proposal set out in Section 8 of the officers report.*
5. *Agree in-principle to the recommended approach to future plan changes as also set out in Section 8 of the officers report.*
6. *Note that a decision to promote a Council-led plan change for the Curtis Street site represents a deviation from the Committee decision of 16 February 2012 not to promote further plan changes (other than a “minor amendments” plan change) until the 2013/14 financial year or until all existing Environment Court appeals are resolved.*
7. ***Note site specific zoning would still allow PC73 to be made operative on resolution of existing appeals.***

NOTED:

The Resolution differs from the recommendations in the officers report as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold**.

272/12P **A SUBMISSION ON THE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION'S
ISSUES PAPER – LOCAL GOVERNMENT
REGULATORY PERFORMANCE (12.23PM – 12.40PM)**
Report of Corwin Wallens, Senior Policy Advisor and Andrew Stitt,
Manager Policy and Planning.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

Moved Councillor McKinnon seconded Mayor Wade-Brown, the substantive motion.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 12.26pm.)
(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 12.35pm.)

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Councillor Pepperell, the following amendment:

THAT Strategy and Policy Committee:

Amendment to recommendation 2.

2. Approve the draft submission (attached as appendix one of the officers report) to be forwarded to the Productivity Commission, **with the following addition:**

(i) **Section 6.4, Local Perspective leads to good regulation insert new paragraph:**

Although you note that anyone can make a submission you should consider how the public can engage and make a contribution to this inquiry. It may be that you need to investigate options to engage more actively with the public.

The amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

The substantive motion as amended was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

2. *Approve the draft submission (attached as appendix one) to be forwarded to the Productivity Commission, **with the following addition:***

(i) ***Section 6.4, Local Perspective leads to good regulation insert new paragraph:***

Although you note that anyone can make a submission you should consider how the public can engage and make a contribution to this inquiry. It may be that you need to investigate options to engage more actively with the public.

3. *Agree to delegate to the Chief Executive and the Governance Portfolio Leader, the authority to amend the proposed submission from Wellington City Council to the Productivity Commission to include any amendments agreed by the Committee and any associated minor consequential edits.*

NOTED:

The Resolution differs from the recommendations in the officers report as follows:

The Committee added the text in **bold**.

273/12P **LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND**
CONFERENCE 2012 – REPORT BACK (12.40PM – 12.51PM)
Report of Deputy Mayor McKinnon, Councillors Foster, Ahipene-Mercer,
Coughlan, Eagle and Best.
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Ahipene-Mercer, the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

The meeting concluded at 12.51pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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