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HUTT CITY COUNCIL

POLICY AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Moera & Waiwhetu Rooms, Pelorus Trust Sports House,
93 Park Road, Seaview on
Monday 16 February 2015 commencing at 5.30pm

PRESENT:

Cr M Cousins (Chair)	Cr L Bridson
Deputy Mayor D Bassett	Cr B Branch
Cr A Finlayson	Cr M Lulich
Cr C Milne	Cr M Willard

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Mayor WR Wallace and Crs Barry and Lewis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive
Ms K Kelly, General Manager, Strategic Services
Mr B Sherlock, General Manager, City Infrastructure
Mr B Hodgins, Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens (part meeting)
Mr D Kellow, Divisional Manager, Environmental Policy
Mr G Sewell, Principal Policy Advisor (part meeting)
Ms A Tindale, Intermediate Policy Analyst
Mr B Monaghan, Divisional Manager, City Promotions
Ms K Glanville, Senior Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. PandR 15101

"That the apologies received from Mayor WR Wallace, Cr Barry and Cr Lewis be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Deputy Mayor Bassett declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 4(iii) Future of Reserve Land at Mitchell Park Currently Leased to the Naenae Bowling Club and took no part in discussion or voting on the matter.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL - 24 MARCH 2015

i) Review of Speed Limits Bylaw 2005 (15/71)

The Principal Policy Advisor elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Principal Policy Advisor confirmed that national bodies with an interest in the Speed Limit Bylaw would be notified directly.

RESOLVED:**Minute No. PandR 15102**

“That the Committee:

- (i) notes that the Transport Act 1962 , the Land Transport Act 1998, and the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2003 Rule 54001, requires Council, as Road Controlling Authority, to be responsible for setting speed limits within its area;*
- (ii) notes that Council is required to review its current Speed Limits Bylaw 2004 which will lapse early 2015 and make a new Speed Limits Bylaw 2015;*
- (iii) notes that the proposed Bylaw will continue to provide the means by which speed limits can be set by Council in the future as currently provided for in the 2004 Bylaw;*
- (iv) notes that the requirements for the setting and content of the proposed Bylaw are set out in Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2003 (Rule 54001) and that the relevant legislation governing the making of traffic and roading bylaws is the Local Government Act 2002 (in terms of process); and*
- (vi) notes that advice has been received that the content of the proposed Speed Limits Bylaw does not breach any rights established in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.”*

RECOMMENDED:**Minute No. PandR 15103**

“That the Committee recommends that Council:

- (i) agrees that the proposed draft bylaw attached as Appendix 3 to the report, based on the model bylaw prepared by the Land Transport Safety Authority for use by road controlling authorities, is appropriate for the purpose of validating current speed limits and providing for setting speed limits in the future;*
- (ii) agrees to commence the process for making the proposed Hutt City Council Speed Limits Bylaw by consulting, by way of special consultative procedure, on the draft Summary of Information, Statement of Proposal and proposed Speed Limits Bylaw, attached as Appendices 1-3 to the report, and*
- (iii) agrees to establish, at its meeting to be held on 24 March 2015, a subcommittee, to:*
 - (a) hear submissions on the proposed Speed Limits Bylaw; and*
 - (b) recommend the appropriate bylaw to Council for consideration and approval.”*

ii) Avalon/Taita - Valley Floor Review (14/1603)

The Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens advised that the location of the public tennis court could be relocated within the area. He informed members that the disposal of the land at the northern end of Avalon Park would provide funding towards the Avalon Park upgrade.

Members discussed an an additional recommendation asking officers to undertake discussions with the Avalon Tennis Club about the appropriateness of the location of the public tennis court.

Members asked that discussions with representatives from Avalon Tennis Club be held urgently.

RESOLVED:**Minute No. PandR 15104**

"That the Committee notes the report attached as Appendix 1 to the report from Planning Design Management (PAOS), which provides a more detailed analysis of reserve properties within the Avalon and Taita area and proposes improvements to enhance the reserves functionality."

RECOMMENDED:**Minute No. PandR 15105**

"That the Committee recommends that Council:

- (i) agrees to undertake consultation with the local community prior to formally adopting the report;*
- (ii) agrees to publicly notify a proposal to consider the revocation and disposal of reserve land and land managed as reserve at the northern end of Avalon Park, as shown in the plan attached as Appendix 2 to the report, on the basis that it is not required for recreational purposes and the capital gained from its disposal will help offset the \$5M of planned development for Avalon Park; and*
- (iii) asks officers to undertake specific discussions with Avalon Tennis Club about the appropriateness of the location of the public tennis court."*

- iii) Future of Reserve Land at Mitchell Park Currently Leased to the Naenae Bowling Club (14/1633)

Deputy Mayor Bassett declared an interest and took no part in discussion or voting on the matter.

The Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens elaborated on the report.

Cr Bridson asked that the walkway through Witako Street through to the Hutt Hospital campus be maintained. Members agreed to add an additional recommendation to reflect this.

Cr Milne asked officers to report back on the land size of the Waimarie Croquet Club compared to the land at Mitchell Park occupied by the Naenae Bowling Club.

RECOMMENDED:

Minute No. PandR 15106

"That the Committee recommends that Council:

- (i) agrees to publicly notify a proposal to revoke the reserve status of that part of Mitchell Park occupied by the Naenae Bowling Club, being Lot 1 DP 53389 comprising 0.7517 hectares, so that the land can be sold and the proceeds be used to help develop a bowls centre at Walter Mildenhall Park; and*
- (ii) notes that, if at all possible, public access from Witako Street to the Hutt Hospital campus be maintained."*

iv) Proposal to Declare Reserve Land to be Road - Parkway (14/1713)

The Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens advised that the developer would cover the cost of developing the road and Council would cover the cost of maintaining the road.

RESOLVED:**Minute No. PandR 15107**

"That the Committee:

- (i) *notes that a residential development of approximately 60 lots is proposed for land situated at 153-201 Parkway; and*
- (ii) *notes that the developer has a right of way over the adjacent Council firebreak, which is designated scenic reserve, to enable access to the land to be developed."*

RECOMMENDED:**Minute No. PandR 15108**

"That the Committee recommends that Council consents to 2971m² of scenic reserve land, which is currently formed as an unsealed track and which is shown in blue on the plan attached as Appendix 1 to the report, being declared road."

5. **FEEDBACK ON SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS ON DISCUSSION DOCUMENT FOR PROVIDING FOR RESIDENTIAL GROWTH IN EPUNI, WATERLOO AND THE CBD EDGE** (15/69)

Report No. PandR2015/1/27 by the Intermediate Policy Analyst

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Stephen Pattinson** spoke in support of the proposal to intensify residential growth around Waterloo and Epuni train stations and the edge of the CBD. He advised that a new paradigm shift for urban living was required to create quality intensive living environments around mixed-use centres which people walked to called "walkable urbanism".

In response to questions from members, Mr Pattinson provided examples of successful "walkable urbanism" and "suburban villages" in Denmark, Sweden and Belgium. He advised that that work would be incremental and could take up to 30 years.

The Divisional Manager, Environmental Policy elaborated on the report. He advised that the proposal took steps towards Mr Pattinson's suggestions. He said that Council's current District Plan would limit achieving what Mr Pattinson suggested.

In general, members agreed that it was important to have a long term vision for residential growth.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. PandR 15109

"That the Committee:

- (i) *notes the contents of the 'Overview of the Summary of Submissions' and 'Summary of Submissions' on the Discussion Document for Providing for Residential Growth in Epuni, Waterloo and the CBD Edge, attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to this report;*
- (ii) *notes the results of other consultation activity will be provided at the March Policy and Regulatory Committee meeting; and*
- (iii) *directs officers to prepare a report outlining options, recommendations and additional information needs for accommodating additional housing growth in this area, to be reported at the Policy and Regulatory Committee in April 2015."*

6. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

Cr MJ Cousins
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 24th day of March 2015