

UPPER HUTT CITY COUNCIL**HUTT VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Report of a meeting held in the Upper Hutt City Council Chambers,
Level 2, Civic Administration Building, 838-842 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt on
Friday 8 May 2015 commencing at 9.34am

PRESENT: Cr D Wheeler, UHCC (Chair)
Cr A Finlayson, HCC (Deputy Chair)
Mayor W N Guppy, UHCC
Mayor W R Wallace, HCC
Cr T Lewis, HCC
Cr G McArthur, UHCC
Cr H Swales, UHCC

APOLOGIES: Cr C Milne, HCC

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr C Upton, Chief Executive, UHCC
Mr B Sherlock, General Manager, City Infrastructure, HCC
Mr A Bannatyne, Consultant (MWH Ltd), HCC
Mr G Stuart, Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services, HCC
Mr D Newth, Senior Financial Accountant, HCC
Mrs K Falconer, Executive Assistant Democratic Services, UHCC

REPORT TO COUNCIL**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

The Chair welcomed Councillor Lewis to the meeting who is replacing Councillor Branch on the Hutt Valley Services Committee.

1. APOLOGIES**RESOLVED:**

That the apology received from Councillor Milne for absence be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Nil.

4. MINUTES

A member asked for more information relating to the Project Pencarrow Progress Report in the March minutes under item 5 and asked for clarification regarding - *This plan replaces the current Discharge Plans to Land, Water and Air. The new draft plan will take a zero based approach including work that has been previously approved.* The member queried whether taking a zero based approach to the implementation of the plan, would have any financial implications that required future planning. The Consultant explained the intent that any consideration of

treatment of sewerage and its discharge indicated the preferred treatment disposal methods were to land. In relation to the Wellington region, there was the Hutt Valley plant at Seaview, Moa Point in Wellington, Karori and Porirua and they all discharged to the marine environment. In establishing what was the best option for the Hutt Valley a number of studies and options including land disposal were considered as well as extensive consultation with iwi groups and the result was the current system. During the studies it was established to have a wetlands type treatment for the size of Hutt Valley wastewater the land would need to be in excess of 100 hectares. The draft Natural Resources Plan had not taken into account all the work undertaken to date. As far as cost implications, the discharge consent for Pencarrow expires in 2031.

The General Manager, City Infrastructure also added that the above points had been made to Greater Wellington staff through the development phase of the plan and Greater Wellington had acknowledged the practicalities of what already happens in the Wellington region.

The Consultant advised there is still a formal consultation process to be undertaken when the final draft is released and MWH Limited make a further submission if required. The final draft will be ready for consultation shortly.

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Hutt Valley Services Committee meeting held on 6 March 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

5. PROJECT PENCARROW PROGRESS REPORT | 3 FEBRUARY 2015 – 15 APRIL 2015

Report from the Consultant (MWH New Zealand Ltd) agenda pages HVSC A5-1 to HVSC A5-3.

The Consultant provided an update on the odour complaints. An external expert had been commissioned to do an assessment of the treatment pond and would receive the results soon. The expert would then investigate any measures that could be taken to improve the odour performance. The Consultant noted there had been no issues since it started to rain following the long dry, hot summer.

A member asked about the design and cost of the new sewer line. The Consultant advised the design is nearing completion and the tender process would open in July 2015. The cost is approximately \$5million, funded over two years. It was anticipated the physical work would commence in September 2015 and take six to nine months to complete. The Consultant also explained the location of the new sewer line.

A member asked if any structural ratings were available for the Main Pumping Station and the Milliscreen buildings at Seaview. The Consultant noted the initial report had been received for the Milliscreen building but he was still waiting to receive the remainder of the report about the Main Pump Station and would then investigate what work was required.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Committee notes the progress on Project Pencarrow as outlined in the report.

6. HUTT VALLEY TRUNK WASTEWATER SERVICES FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD END 31 MARCH 2015

Report by the Senior Financial Accountant, Hutt City Council agenda pages HVSC A6-1 to HVSC A6-7.

A member asked for a verbal update about the revaluation. The Senior Financial Accountant noted that overall there was not any significant movement. A revaluation was completed every three years prior to coincide with the Long Term Plan and there was no indication of any significant impact on the financials through to June 2015.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Committee:

- 1. NOTES the financial statements for the Hutt Valley Trunk Wastewater Services for the period ended 31 March 2015; and**
- 2. NOTES a breakeven position has been achieved against a full year breakeven budget.**

7. SILVERSTREAM LANDFILL UPDATE

Report by the Landfill Consultant, Tonkin and Taylor agenda pages HVSC A7-1 to HVSC A7-4.

The General Manager, City Infrastructure commented it was the first fire in 15 years and noted that it was small. He also added that landfills are prone to fires and can be very difficult to extinguish. Other landfills have had to be closed for months at a time.

A member asked if processes had been put in place to ensure a fire did not happen again. The General Manager, City Infrastructure explained that someone was on site for 12 hours of the day. It was a large plume of smoke which was noticed fairly quickly. The best process that can be put in place to minimise the chances of a fire occurring again was the work that was being completed around gas control with Pioneer Energy Limited.

A tour of the landfill and Seaview treatment plant for elected members of both Councils will take place on 29 May 2015.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Committee notes the progress at Silverstream Landfill.

8. AKATARAWA CEMETERY UPDATE

Report by the Parks and Reserves Manager, Upper Hutt City Council agenda page HVSC A8-1.

A member asked a question relating to the draft design on the new entry point for Akatarawa Road. The Chief Executive, UHCC advised that it had been completed and would follow this up.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Committee notes the Akatarawa Cemetery update.

9. DOG CONTROL UPDATE

Report by the Manager Compliance Services, Upper Hutt City Council agenda page HVSC A9-1.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Committee notes the Dog Control update.

10. DOG CONTROL UPDATE

Report by the Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services, Hutt City Council agenda page HVSC A10-1.

The Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services advised that Hutt City Council was currently reviewing its Dog Control bylaw and had been holding focus group meetings. Issues raised during the focus group meetings included the prohibition of dogs on Jackson Street and requests for more dog parks in Days Bay and Woburn.

The Hutt City Council customer services survey results for dog control were released with customer satisfaction going up from 83% to 88%.

A member asked what Upper Hutt's bylaws were relating to dogs and whether they could be walked through the CBD. It was advised that dogs could be walked through the CBD on a lead.

A general discussion was had on the different walking areas available for dog owners between the two cities and what rules were in place for having dogs under control. The Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services also explained the dog park facility in Wellington and also a best practice model used overseas.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Committee notes the Dog Control update.

11. HEALTH OFFICE ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Report by the Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services, Hutt City Council agenda pages HVSC A11-1 to HVSC A11-4.

The Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services noted that the Ministry for Primary Industries was taking over the work that was previously completed by the Regional Public Health around the selling of products outside the point of manufacture in regard to food regulations.

The Divisional Manager also mentioned the noise statistics noting that Lower Hutt received 1235 noise complaints/14 per day; 666 attended which is 7.4 per day for

the contractor to investigate and for Upper Hutt it was 3.2 per day which was also quite low across the country.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Committee notes the Health Office Activities update.

12. QUESTIONS

A member noted that previously there was an agenda item 'Joint Services Update' as a standing item on the Hutt Valley Services agenda, they asked for this to be returned to the agenda to enable discussions to take place on how the two councils can work together actively to explore possible further shared services. The member added that the two communities through the Local Government Commission review had stated that they do not want boundary changes, however they indicated they wished to see the two councils work collaboratively where they are able to. The member suggested a report be provided by the two Chief Executives on what had been achieved to date and what could be explored further in the future.

Another member added that it was important to take a regional approach to any further shared services suggesting that working collaboratively between the two councils was no longer enough.

The Chief Executive, UHCC advised that some councils are currently working together on Information and Communications Technology, and early discussions across the region had been held on transport. He also noted that joining tendering contracts between Hutt City and Upper Hutt had been investigated in the past for roading contracts but they delivered little savings at a contractual level.

A discussion took place on the role of the Hutt Valley Services Committee, the mandate for the Committee to suggest other shared service options and its future.

The Chief Executive gave an example of sharing dog pound facilities, adding where it made operational and commercial sense Council Officers would investigate options and report this information to the individual councils for consideration.

The member withdrew the request for a report and would have discussions with the Chief Executive, HCC.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.01am.

Cr D Wheeler
CHAIR