

HUTT CITY COUNCIL**DISTRICT PLAN COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road,
Lower Hutt on

Monday 20 February 2017 commencing at 5.30pm

PRESENT: Cr L Bridson (Chair) Cr MJ Cousins (Deputy Chair)
Cr C Barry Cr J Briggs
Cr T Lewis Cr C Milne

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms K Kelly, General Manager, Strategic Services
Ms A Cumming, Divisional Manager, Environmental Policy
Ms C Tessendorf, Senior Environmental Policy Analyst
Mr T Johnstone, Team Leader Resource Consents
Mr N Geard, Environmental Policy Analyst
Ms R Bangi, Environmental Policy Analyst
Ms S Haniel, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

4. RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL - 14 March 2017

Ecosites, Landscapes and Coastal Natural Character (16/1442)

Report No. DPC2017/1/20 by the Divisional Manager Environmental Policy

In a response to questions from members, the Divisional Manager Environmental Policy said that affected land owners would be notified of the proposed district plan changes prior to policy being set. He added that the process would include technical reports from experts, consultation with Iwi, landowners and interest groups.

Cr Cousins said that clearance of vegetation within 10m of a dwelling may not comply with fire regulations. She further said that Council needed to maintain strong earthwork rules to prevent illegal dumping and land moving.

RESOLVED: (Cr Bridson/Cr Lewis)

Minute No. DPC 17101

"That the Committee notes the work currently being undertaken on the District Plan review of ecosites, landscape areas and coastal natural character areas."

RESOLVED: (Cr Bridson/Cr Lewis)

Minute No. DPC 17102

"That the Committee recommends that Council

- (i) *approves the management of significant ecosites, landscape areas and coastal natural character areas involves a whole-of-Council approach including regulatory management in the District Plan complemented by non-regulatory methods including:

 - (a) *a new Parks and Gardens Division role to work on biodiversity and landscape matters on Council land and to work with private landowners on property management plans and access to funding and information;*
 - (b) *a fund for land management and enhancement works including planting, fencing, weed and pest management, and covenanting assistance;*
 - (c) *consent fee remission including where consent requirements are triggered solely by ecosite, landscape or coastal natural character District Plan provisions or activities are being carried out in accordance with an agreed management plan;*
 - (d) *amendment (via Special Consultative Procedure) of the existing rates remission policy for protected culturally significant sites, historic buildings, structures and places, and archaeological sites to address significant ecosites, landscape areas and coastal natural character areas; and**
- (ii) *recommends to the Community Plan Committee that an additional \$87,000 per year for Parks and Gardens work and consent fee remission is provided for in the Long Term Plan."*

5. **DISTRICT PLAN WORK PROGRAMME** (16/1441)

Report No. DPC2017/1/21 by the Divisional Manager Environmental Policy

In response to questions from members, the Divisional Manager Environmental Policy said that the three options for achieving greater building height on the Petone west site were a plan change over the wider area, a site specific plan change or a resource consent process by an applicant. He further said that he could commission a development economics report for the area to ascertain the development types that would be viable in the current market.

In response to questions from members, the Team Leader Resource Consents said that Council had a design guide for developments on the Petone foreshore, and that the effects of a development would be assessed against the District Plan rules and the Design Guide.

Members considered that the Central Business District (CBD) project should be developed after the Making Places project. They agreed that Council would hold another function for developers and investors regarding the CBD project, and to hold the meeting jointly with members of the City Development Committee. Members further considered that the Heritage Building project should be moved to "Projects on the Radar" and that the project utilise a whole of Council approach.

RESOLVED: (Cr Bridson/Cr Lewis)

Minute No. DPC 17103

"That the Committee:

- (i) notes the work currently being undertaken on the District Plan review;*
- (ii) notes the matters which will influence the review of the District Plan in the next three years including Urban Growth Strategy (UGS) initiatives, Resource Management Act (RMA) 10 year review requirements and on-going RMA reforms;*
- (iii) confirms the continued approach of a rolling review of the District Plan;*
- (iv) approves the District Plan work programme for the next three years;*
- (v) recommends to the Community Plan Committee that an additional \$200,000 for District Plan work is provided in the Long Term Plan for each of the next three years;*
- (vi) requests officers to report back on the development economics of the Petone west esplanade area;*
- (vii) requests officers to arrange a meeting for developers and investors regarding the Central Business District project; and*
- (viii) requests officers to raise the priority of the Heritage Buildings project to Projects on the Radar."*

6. **INFORMATION ITEM**

District Plan Update (16/1440)

Report No. DPC2017/1/28 by the Divisional Manager Environmental Policy

The Divisional Manager Environmental Policy elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED: (Cr Bridson/Cr Cousins)

Minute No. DPC 17104

"That the report be noted and received."

7. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

Cr L Bridson
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 14th day of March 2017