

HUTT CITY COUNCILPOLICY AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

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

Monday 25 September 2017 commencing at 5.30pm

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**PRESENT:**

Cr M Cousins (Chair)	Cr M Lulich
Cr L Bridson	Cr L Sutton
Cr S Edwards (Deputy Chair)	Cr C Milne
Cr T Lewis	Mayor WR Wallace

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Deputy Mayor Bassett, Cr Briggs and Cr Barry.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive  
 Ms H Oram, Acting General Manager, Governance and Regulatory  
 Ms W Moore, Divisional Manager, Strategy and Planning (part meeting)  
 Mr J Pritchard, Senior Research/Policy Advisor, Strategy and Planning (part meeting)  
 Ms H Goodin, Manager, Healthy Families Lower Hutt (part meeting)  
 Mr B Gall, Settings Co-ordinator (part meeting)

PUBLIC BUSINESS1. **APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED:** (Cr Cousins/Mayor Wallace)

**Minute No. PRC 17401**

*"That the apologies received from Deputy Mayor Bassett, Cr Briggs and Cr Barry be accepted and leave of absence be granted."*

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2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## 2. PRESENTATION

### Whaitua Process and Hutt City Council role as a Partner Organisation

Cr Swain from Greater Wellington Regional Council gave his apologies and members noted the deferral of the presentation.

## 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

## 4. RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL - 10 October 2017

Smoke-free Policy – Report Back on First Year of Implementation (17/1335)

The Senior Research/Policy Advisor, Strategy and Planning and the Settings Co-ordinator elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Settings Co-ordinator said that signage in Smoke-free areas would be tailored to the site, either integrated into existing signs or stand alone signs. He noted that all signs would carry the Smokefree logo. He further noted that he was talking to stakeholders in Wainuiomata about Council's Smoke-free Policy.

The Mayor expressed support for the Smoke-free Policy and said that it promoted a healthy community which would support the City's young people.

**RECOMMENDED:** (Mayor Wallace/Cr Sutton) **Minute No. PRC 17402**

*"That the Committee recommends that Council:*

- (i) notes the report of the first 12 months of implementing the Smoke-free Lower Hutt Action Plan 2016-19;*
- (ii) notes the decision of the Wainuiomata Community Board to work to increase awareness and support of current smoke-free areas before adding new areas;*
- (iii) agrees to Scott Court in Stokes Valley being designated as a smoke-free area under clause j of the Smoke-free Policy, attached as Appendix 1 to the report;*
- (iv) notes that officers will continue to explore designating areas in suburban shopping centres as smoke-free;*
- (v) notes that in 2017/18 officers will explore the following areas: the CBD, Jackson Street, Taita, Naenae, Moera and Queen Street (Wainuiomata); and*
- (vi) notes that officers will report back to Council with recommendations in relation to the above areas."*

*For the reasons:*

*Designating Scott Court in Stokes Valley as a smoke-free area increases the number of*

*smoke-free outdoor public places with a particular focus on areas where children and families congregate and socialise and where the impact from the visibility of smoking is greatest. It also supports the rejuvenation work that Council's Community Services Group is doing to coincide with the opening of the Community Hub in October 2017.*

*Explore designating CBD, Jackson Street, Taita, Naenae, Moera and Queen Street (Wainuiomata) as smoke-free areas is because these are centres that either have high foot traffic or high rates of smoking.*

## 5. HUTT CITY COUNCIL - PARKING POLICY (17/1393)

Report No. PRC2017/4/237 by the Senior Research/Policy Advisor, Strategy and Planning

The Senior Research/Policy Advisor, Strategy and Planning, and the Divisional Manager Strategy and Planning elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Senior Research/Policy Advisor said that the Parking Policy worked in conjunction with proposed Plan Change 39 – Transport, with regard to the supply of on-street and off-street parking. Specifically; the proposal to abolish minimum parking requirements in the Central Business District and Petone; and also support of Council's work to improve access via public transport and active transport. He further said that during stage 1 of the policy development work, officers had spoken to Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) about people parking in Park and Ride carparks when they should not be using them, and that officers would raise the issue with GWRC again.

Cr Milne expressed support for grandfathering of residential parking permits and noted that Council needed to be able to be flexible in its approach to residents parking on the street.

MOVED: (Cr Cousins/Cr Lulich)

That the Committee:

- (i) agrees to the proposed parking policy attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (ii) directs officers to consult publicly on the parking policy.

AMENDMENT MOVED: (Cr Milne/Mayor Wallace)

That the Committee:

- (i) agrees to the proposed parking policy attached as Appendix 1 to the report subject to the following change, as shown in bold and strikethrough;

‘If a residential parking scheme is created in an area, any new developments within that area ~~will~~ **may** not be eligible for a parking permit’; and

- (ii) directs officers to consult publicly on the parking policy.

Mayor Wallace said that changing the wording to “may” would send a clear signal to developers and purchasers.

Cr Edwards said that it would be inappropriate for developers/buyers of new-build apartments in the Central City where there was no provision made for on-site parking to demand on-street resident parking permits.

Cr Bridson expressed support for the comments made by Cr Edwards. She noted that existing residents had an expectation that they would be able to park on the street and the Parking Policy addressed concerns about an increased number of people who may want to park on the street.

The amendment was declared CARRIED on the voices.

**RESOLVED:** (Cr Cousins/Cr Lulich)

**Minute No. PRC 17403**

*“That the Committee:*

- (i) *agrees to the proposed parking policy attached as Appendix 1 to the report subject to the following change, as shown in bold and strikethrough;*

*‘If a residential parking scheme is created in an area, any new developments within that area ~~will~~ **may** not be eligible for a parking permit’; and*

- (ii) *directs officers to consult publicly on the parking policy.”*

## 6. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (17/1378)

Report No. PRC2017/4/225 by the Divisional Manager Environmental Consents and the Divisional Manager Regulatory Services

The Acting General Manager, Governance and Regulatory elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Acting General Manager, Governance and Regulatory said that officers could provide additional information about the 800 dog owners that have not registered their dogs. She further said that officers could consider how Council could seek to employ Māori Planning Officers. She added that she would provide additional information about the progress of a building consent application for the hotel at 54 High Street.

**RESOLVED:** (Cr Cousins/Cr Edwards)

**Minute No. PRC 17404**

*“That the Committee notes the contents of this report.”*

## 7. **INFORMATION ITEM**

**Policy and Regulatory Committee Work Programme** (17/1290)

Report No. PRC2017/4/16 by the Committee Advisor

RESOLVED: (Cr Cousins/Cr Bridson)

Minute No. PRC 17405

*"That the report be noted and received."*

8. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

Cr MJ Cousins  
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record  
Dated this 10th day of October 2017