



Minutes of a meeting of the Data and Information Committee
held via Zoom on Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 2:00 PM

Membership

Hon Cr Marian Hobbs

(Co-Chair)

Cr Alexa Forbes

(Co-Chair)

Cr Hilary Calvert

Cr Michael Deaker

Cr Carmen Hope

Cr Gary Kelliher

Cr Michael Laws

Cr Kevin Malcolm

Cr Andrew Noone

Cr Gretchen Robertson

Cr Bryan Scott

Cr Kate Wilson

Welcome

Co-Chair Alexa Forbes welcomed Councillors and staff to the electronic meeting at 02:02 pm. Staff present included Sarah Gardner (Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Gwyneth Ellum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Richard Saunders (GM Regulatory and Communications), Liz Spector (Governance Support), Julian Phillips (Implementation Lead - Transport), Abi Loughnan (National Project Manager EMaR / LAWA), Pete Stevenson (Team Leader Environmental Monitoring), Hugo Borges (Scientist - Lakes), and Sarah Harrison (Scientist - Air Quality).

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were submitted.

Cr Laws joined the meeting at 2:08pm.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum was held.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Co-Chair Forbes said a request to reorder the agenda had been made. She said the Queenstown and Dunedin Patronage report would be considered first and the Air Quality 2010-2019 SoE report would be considered last.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Calvert Seconded

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2021 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

6. ACTIONS

The outstanding actions of the Committee were reviewed.

7. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

7.1. Queenstown and Dunedin 2020-21 FY Public Transport report

This report was provided to update the Committee on the performance of its public transport and total mobility services for the 2020/21 financial year. Julian Phillips (Implementation Lead – Transport) and Gavin Palmer (General Manager Operations) were available to respond to questions about the report.

Councillors asked questions about bus emissions per passenger compared to car emissions, and how to increase the use of public transport to balance out any potential loss of revenue due to lower fares. Questions were also asked about how the high level of satisfaction and low number of complaints about the ORC transport system compared with the same measures for other regional councils. Mr Phillips said he would address those issues during the upcoming workshop scheduled for 28 September. Cr Malcolm then moved:

Resolution DAIC21-108: Cr Malcolm Moved, Cr Hope Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes this report.**

MOTION CARRIED

7.2. The Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Framework - a Regional Sector Strategic Initiative

This paper was presented to inform about the Environmental Monitoring and Reporting (EMaR) framework and the Land, Air, Water Aotearoa (LAWA) project which are

regional sector strategic initiatives hosted by Otago Regional Council on behalf of the sector. Abi Loughnan (National Project Manager EMaR/LAWA) and Gwyneth Elsum (General Manager Strategy, Planning and Science) were available to respond to questions about the report. After a discussion of the report, Cr Wilson moved:

Resolution DAIC21-109: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Noone Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

7.3. SoE Monitoring Biannual Update

This paper was provided to inform about the data capture and quality produced from the environmental monitoring network operated by the ORC Environmental Monitoring team over the period 1 July 2020 through 30 June 2021. Pete Stevenson (Team Leader Environmental Monitoring) and Gwyneth Elsum (General Manager Strategy, Policy and Science) were available to respond to questions.

After a discussion of the paper and questions for staff, Cr Calvert moved:

Resolution DAIC21-110: Cr Calvert Moved, Cr Hope Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

7.4. LakeSPI Report

This report was provided to update the Committee on the ecological condition of six lakes in the Otago region (Hāwea, Wakatipu, Wānaka, Hayes, Dunstan, and Onslow) using the Lake Submerged Plant Indicator (LakeSPI) developed by NIWA. Hugo Borges (Scientist – Lakes) and Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Planning and Science) were available to respond to questions.

After a discussion of the report, Cr Laws suggested the report be forwarded to the Strategy and Planning Committee as part of upcoming discussions about a Strategic Lakes Plan. Ms Elsum agreed and said the report could be forwarded to staff as part of information considered during work on a lakes strategic plan which was scheduled to be brought to that committee in November. Cr Wilson then moved:

Resolution DAIC21-111: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Hope Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Refers** this report to staff for consideration as part of the Lakes Strategic Plan before their report to the 10 November 2021 Strategy and Planning Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

7.5. Air Quality 2010-2019 SoE Report

This paper was provided to report on the state and trends of air quality in the Otago region during the period 2010 – 2019 as part of the ORC's obligations under the *Resource Management*

Act 1991. Sarah Harrison (Scientist – Air Quality) and Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Planning and Science) were available to respond to questions about the report.

Questions from Councillors were around differences between air quality in various areas of the region, changes seen that could be related to climate change, and potential correlation in improvements in air quality with the work done by Cosy Homes and other government programmes which were aimed to help homeowners insulate their homes. Ms Harrison noted Cosy Homes representatives will present some of this information to Council with their final report scheduled for later in the year.

Cr Malcolm asked that areas of North Otago be incorporated into this work. Cr Forbes suggested that answers to some of the questions be addressed in a report to Strategy and Planning. Sarah Gardner (Chief Executive Officer) noted that any additional work should be referred to the Committee now to allow financial consideration in the next year's budget.

Cr Wilson then moved:

Resolution DAIC21-112: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Noone Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Requests** a report on areas of concern regarding potential knowledge gaps regarding Otago's air quality be brought to an upcoming Strategy and Planning Committee meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

8. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Cr Forbes declared the meeting closed at 3:53pm.

Chairperson

Date