



Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy  
and Planning Committee held in the  
Council Chamber on  
Wednesday 13 October 2021 at 11:00 AM

**Membership**

Cr Gretchen Robertson *(Co-Chair)*

Cr Kate Wilson *(Co-Chair)*

Cr Hilary Calvert

Dr Lyn Carter

Cr Michael Deaker

Mr Edward Ellison

Cr Alexa Forbes

Hon Cr Marian Hobbs

Cr Carmen Hope

Cr Gary Kelliher

Cr Michael Laws

Cr Kevin Malcolm

Cr Andrew Noone

Cr Bryan Scott

**Welcome**

Chairperson Robertson welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 10:32 am. Staff present included Sarah Gardner (Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Richard Saunders (GM Regulatory and Communications), Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture and Customer), Dianne Railton (Governance Support), Ryan Tippet (Media Communications Lead), Anne Duncan (Manager Strategy), Ann Yang (Senior Economist) and Sylvie Leduc (Senior Strategic Analyst).

## **1. APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received. Cr Laws joined the meeting at 10:38am, via electronic link.

## **2. PUBLIC FORUM**

No public forum was held.

## **3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was confirmed as published.

## **4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest were advised.

## **5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Noone Seconded**

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2021 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **6. ACTIONS**

The status report on the resolutions of the Strategy and Planning Committee was reviewed.

## **7. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **7.1. TAG Report**

*Cr Kelliher sat back from the table for this item.*

The report was provided for TAG to report to Strategy and Planning Committee on the progress towards finalising the required science for the Manuherekia catchment. Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science) was present to speak to the paper and respond to questions. Ms Elsum advised that the TAG minutes from the meeting held on 23 September 2021 have not been formally approved by TAG, and if there were any changes the minutes would need to be brought back to the Strategy and Planning Committee. There was lengthy discussion regarding TAG and the science that is being reviewed. Ms Elsum said that some members of the group have only committed to TAG short term. Sarah Gardner advised there is no budget for TAG, so if further work was required TAG would advise ORC. Following further discussion, Cr Malcolm moved:

**Resolution SP21-112: Cr Malcolm Moved, Cr Noone Seconded**

*That the Committee:*

1) **Notes** this report.

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Cr Kelliher returned to the table.*

*Cr Scott left the meeting at 11:20 am and returned at 11.21am.*

### **7.2. Strategic Directions - Approval**

The report was provided to adopt ORC's Strategic Directions. Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science), Anne Duncan (Manager Strategy) and Sylvie Leduc (Senior Strategic Analyst) were present to speak to the report and respond to questions. There was lengthy discussion about the Strategic Directions document.

**Resolution SP21-113: Cr Calvert Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded**

*That the Committee:*

- 1) **Adopts** the following amendment to the Strategy Directions document:
  - a) Addition of reference to mitigation and reduction under climate change.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution SP21-114: Cr Calvert Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded**

*That the Committee:*

- 1) **Adopts** the following amendment to the Strategy Directions document:
  - a) Customer needs to be moved up the list of commitments.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution: Cr Laws Moved, Cr Calvert Seconded**

*That the Committee:*

- 1) **Adopts** the following amendment to the Strategic Directions document:
  - a) Change the wording to cleaner rather than clean in the reference to good air quality

A division was called:

**Vote**

For:	Cr Calvert, Lyn Carter, Cr Hope, Cr Kelliher, Cr Laws, Cr Noone and Cr Wilson
Against:	Cr Deaker, Edward Ellison, Cr Forbes, Cr Hobbs, Cr Malcolm, Cr Robertson and Cr Scott
Abstained:	Nil

There were 7 votes for and 7 votes against. Cr Robertson used the Chairperson's casting vote:

**MOTION LOST** (7 votes for and 8 votes against)

**Resolution SP21-115: Cr Calvert Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded**

*That the Committee:*

- 1) *Adopts* ORC's Strategic Directions in Appendix 1.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Cr Laws voted against and requested his vote be recorded.

**7.3. Cosy Homes Trust Annual Report 2021**

The annual programme activity report was submitted to fulfil article 6.1.6 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ORC and the Cosy Homes Trust (CHT). Jeremy Baker and Sarah Harrison joined the meeting via zoom to speak to the report and respond to questions. Cr Robertson acknowledged the work that has been done, particularly with a relatively small budget, and the strategic direction.

**Resolution SP21-116: Cr Malcolm Moved, Cr Noone Seconded**

*That the Committee:*

- 1) **Notes** this report.

**MOTION CARRIED**

*The meeting adjourned for a break at 12.30pm and reconvened 1.00pm.*

*Cr Hope and Cr Deaker left the meeting at 12.30pm*

#### **7.4. Otago Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Profile Update**

The report was provided to address resolution DAIC21-101 made by the Data and Information Committee on 9 June 2021, referring this report to the 13 October Strategy and Planning Committee meeting to review the five-metre tree rule and other methods of capturing carbon sequestering of tussocks, soil, and other horticultural activity. The paper addressed the resolution by providing further information on the Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) sector and how this is treated in greenhouse gas (GHG) accounting approaches. Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy & Science), Anne Duncan (Manager Strategy) and Ann Yang (Senior Economist) were present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

#### **Resolution SP21-117: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Calvert Seconded**

*That the Committee:*

- 1) *Notes this report.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **Resolution SP21-118: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Calvert Seconded**

*That the Committee:*

- 1) *Delegate to the Chair, writing a letter to appropriate Ministers to seek clarification and consideration of issues based on the Otago Greenhouse Gas paper October 2021 that are presenting to Otago; And invite representatives to meet with Council.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **7.5. LWRP Governance Group Update - October 2021**

The report is to provide an update from the LWRP Governance Group. Cr Noone spoke to the report, and advised that Rachel Currie now working as the LWRP Project Manager. He noted that the Land and Water Plan was launched on 1 October 2021. Cr Scott asked about having ongoing evidence to show how it is tracking and Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science) advised that the ORC website has public facing information, which also includes timelines for consultation.

#### **Resolution SP21-119: Cr Calvert Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded**

*That the Committee:*

- 1) *Notes this report.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **9. CLOSURE**

There was no further business and Chairperson Robertson declared the meeting closed at 2:00pm.



Chairperson

10 November 2021

Date