



Minutes of a meeting of the Data and Information Committee  
held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 9 March 2022 at  
9:00 AM

**Membership**

Cr Alexa Forbes

*(Co-Chair)*

Cr Michael Laws

*(Co-Chair)*

Cr Hilary Calvert

Cr Michael Deaker

Cr Carmen Hope

Cr Gary Kelliher

Cr Kevin Malcolm

Cr Andrew Noone

Cr Gretchen Robertson

Cr Bryan Scott

Cr Kate Wilson

**Welcome**

Committee Co-Chair Alexa Forbes welcomed Councillors and staff to the meeting at 10am. Staff present included Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture and Customer), Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science) and Liz Spector (Governance Support, minutes). Present electronically were Sarah Gardner (Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Richard Saunders (GM Regulatory and Communications), Garry Maloney (Principal Advisor Transport Planning), Julian Phillips (Implementation Lead, Transport), Doug Rodgers (Manager Transport), Kyle Balderston (Team Leader Urban Growth and Development), Sarah Harrison (Air Quality Scientist), Simon Wilson (Manager Regulatory Data and Systems), Susan Wells (Team Leader Data and Systems), Tom Dyer (Manager Science), and Rachel Ozanne (Water Quality Scientist).

## **1. APOLOGIES**

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

*That the apologies for Cr Scott and the lateness of Cr Laws be accepted.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **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 Calvert Seconded**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **6. ACTIONS**

Open Actions from resolutions of the Committee were reviewed. No updates were indicated.

## **7. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **7.1. Annual Air Quality Report 2021**

The report was provided to detail results of the annual State of the Environment (SoE) monitoring for air quality for 2021. The report also provided details on recent updates to World Health Organisation air quality guidelines. Air Quality Scientist Sarah Harrison was present electronically to respond to questions about the report. Chair Forbes thanked Ms Harrison and GM Gwyneth Elsum for the report and said it was critical to communicate this information to the wider community. Cr Noone asked a question about the core functions for ORC related to air quality. Ms Elsum said the ORC monitored and maintained air field stations for monitoring and compliance, and provided standard comms campaigns over winter months regarding air quality. She also noted work on the air plan would proceed as per established timelines.

Following further discussion, Cr Noone moved that the report be noted.

**Resolution DAIC22-101: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Kelliher Seconded**

*That the Data and Information Committee:*

- 1) **Notes** this report.

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Cr Laws joined the meeting at 10:06 am.*

## **7.2. Annual Water Quality and Biomonitoring Results (SoE Report Card)**

The report presented State of Environment (SoE) monitoring results which assess Otago's water quality compliance with its *Regional Plan: Water for Otago* (Regional Plan Water, 2004), for Schedule 15 numerical limits and targets. Water Quality Scientist Rachel Ozanne was present electronically to respond to questions about the report. She noted the reports were informational and should not be used to make trend analyses against reports from previous years. Ms Ozanne said that type of analysis was reported with the five-year SoE report provided to the Committee in April 2021.

An in-depth discussion was held regarding why the data in the report couldn't be used to note trends in water quality. Cr Malcolm said it was important for the community to be able to see what is happening with waterways and he suggested a comms piece should go out showing the work underway at the Council is showing positive trends. Ms Ozanne said localised variables which may influence the data being collected are not included in the report, only the specific data. She said while it was tempting to compare year over year data, this report was not provided for that purpose.

Cr Malcolm moved the report be noted.

**Resolution DAIC22-102: Cr Malcolm Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded**  
*That the Committee:*

- 1) **Notes** this report.

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Cr Laws left the meeting at 10:28 am.*

*Cr Calvert left the meeting at 10:28 am.*

*Cr Calvert returned to the meeting at 10:39 am.*

*Cr Laws returned to the meeting at 10:39 am.*

## **7.3. SoE Monitoring Biannual Update**

The report was provided to update the Committee about the extent and quality of data captured by the environmental monitoring network operated by the ORC Environmental Monitoring team. The report covered the period 1 July 2021 – 31 December 2021. Tom Dyer (Manager Science), Simon Wilson (Manager Regulatory Data and Systems) and Susan Wells (Team Leader Data and Systems) were present electronically to respond to questions about the report. Mr Wilson noted the report is also provided to show the completeness and quality of data being gathered.

Cr Malcolm said it was important to show the community the work underway behind the scenes in water and air quality and he asked how this information was available for the public. Ms Wells said all the data is available on the ORC website in the water monitoring and alerts section.

Following further discussion, Cr Malcolm moved:

**Resolution DAIC22-103: Cr Malcolm Moved, Cr Calvert Seconded**  
*That the Committee:*

- 1) **Notes** this report which provides an SoE Monitoring Biannual Update.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **7.4. Quarterly Monitoring Report - Urban Development**

This report presented the Urban Development Quarterly Monitoring Report (QMR) to December 2021 as required by the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (NPSUD). The report covered the period up to and including the last quarter of 2021 and updated since the previous QMR which was to March 2021. Gwyneth Elsum (Manager Strategy, Policy and Science) and Kyle Balderston (Team Leader Urban Growth and Development) were present to respond to questions about the report.

Following questions from Councillors, Councillor Noone moved to note the report.

#### **Resolution DAIC22-104: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Calvert Seconded**

*That the Committee:*

- 1) **Notes** this report and the Quarterly Monitoring Report up to and including December 2021.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **7.5. Queenstown and Dunedin Patronage Report**

This report was provided to update the Committee with statics on the performance of its public transport system (bus and ferry) and total mobility services for the first and second quarters of the 2021/22 financial year. Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Doug Rodgers (Manager Transport), Julian Phillips (Implementation Lead, Transport) and Garry Maloney (Principal Advisor Transport Planning) were present electronically to respond to questions about the report.

Questions were responded to concerning customer complaints and the impact from COVID-19 on patronage and fares. Cr Noone asked when the real time network would be in place for Dunedin. Mr Phillips said Transport are testing real time output to screens in the Bus Hub and will push to the real time app hopefully within the next month. Cr Wilson asked what methods and systems were in place to get real time messaging to the communities. Mr Phillips noted Facebook, the ORC website, and apps such as My Little Local were used to provide updates to fluid situations such as roadworks.

Following further discussion, Cr Noone moved receipt of the report.

#### **Resolution DAIC22-105: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Malcolm Seconded**

*That the Data and Information Committee:*

- 1) **Notes** this report.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

*Cr Noone left the meeting at 11:32 am.*

*Cr Noone returned to the meeting at 11:34 am.*

*Cr Wilson left the meeting at 11:34 am.*

*Cr Wilson returned to the meeting at 11:36 am.*

*Cr Laws left the meeting at 11:39 am.*

#### **8. CLOSURE**

Chair Forbes noted this would be the final meeting of the Committee for GM Strategy, Policy and Planning Gwyneth Elsum and thanked her for all the work she had put into the role during her time at the ORC. Cr Noone then moved formal acknowledgement:

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

*That the Committee:*

- 1) Acknowledges** the significant contribution to the Otago Regional Council by Gwyneth Elsum, General Manager Strategy, Policy and Science and thanks her for her work during her tenure.

**MOTION CARRIED**

There was no further business and Chairperson Forbes declared the meeting closed at 11:54 am.

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Chairperson

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