

## OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 20 July 2016 commencing at 12:16pm

**Membership:**

- Cr Gretchen Robertson (Chairperson)
- Cr Michael Deaker (Deputy Chairperson)
- Cr Graeme Bell
- Cr Doug Brown
- Cr Louise Croot MNZM
- Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
- Cr Gary Kelliher
- Cr Trevor Kempton
- Cr Sam Neill
- Cr Bryan Scott
- Cr David Shepherd
- Cr Stephen Woodhead

**Leave of absence:** Cr Sam Neill

**In attendance:**

- Peter Bodeker
- Nick Donnelly
- Fraser McRae
- Scott MacLean
- Gavin Palmer
- Caroline Rowe
- Gerard Collings
- Lauren McDonald
- Karin Little

#### **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest advised.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No public forum.

## MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2016, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Cr Deaker and Cr Croot.

### Matters arising from minutes

## FOR NOTING

### Item 1

2016/0907 **Director's Report on Progress.** DPPRM, 8/7/16

The report provided an overview of significant activities undertaken by the Policy section since the last meeting of the Policy Committee on 8 June 2016.

#### *Proposed National Policy Statement (NPS) on Urban Development Capacity*

Discussion was held on the NPS on urban development pressures in the high population growth area of Queenstown which is unique to other New Zealand locations as a large section of the population were short term visitors.

Mr McRae outlined the historical issues from the 1980s including the failure in the fundamental model behind the RMA, which resulted in zoning which created constraints on the housing market. One of the main problems had been around what markets do maximise the returns (i.e. the market will hold on to pieces of land for this purpose). There is a need to get the planning industry to understand how these markets work and the need for Council to focus on infrastructure such as waste and water services.

#### *Implementation Review of the NPS Freshwater management 2014*

Mr McRae advised that ORC were doing relatively well in comparison to the rest of the country for compliance to the NPS and that the Ministry for the Environment were currently undertaking a review of how regional councils were implementing the NPS for Freshwater Management.

A workshop to be held on the comprehensive water strategy once the Urban Water Strategy has been completed.

#### *Queenstown Transport business case planning*

Mr Bodeker advised the multi agency meeting held on 18 July have agreed on the Terms of Reference and this will be presented to the next Policy Committee round in September.

Cr Kempton commented that one of the topics for the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committee cycle trail workshop being held on 30 July will be the development of the "slow tourism" concept.

Moved Cr Deaker

Seconded Cr Kelliher

*That the report be noted*

**Motion carried**

*Meeting closed at 12:41pm*



**Chairperson**