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Environmental Delivery Committee  
MINUTES

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Environmental Delivery Committee held in the Council Chamber, Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Thursday 4 September 2025, commencing at 9:00 am.

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**PRESENT**

Cr Kate Wilson

(Chair)

Cr Lloyd McCall

Cr Gary Kelliher

Cr Michael Laws

(online)

Mr Hoani Langsbury

Cr Kevin Malcolm

Cr Tim Mephram

Cr Andrew Noone

Cr Gretchen Robertson

Cr Alan Somerville

Cr Elliot Weir

## **1. WELCOME**

Chair Wilson welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 9.00 am. Mr Langsbury said a karakia for the committee. Staff present included Joanna Gilroy (GM Environmental Delivery), Richard Saunders (Chief Executive), Anita Dawe (GM Regional Planning and Transport), Tom Dyer (GM Manager Science and Resilience), Amanda Vercoe (GM Strategy and Customer, Deputy CE), Kylie Darragh (Governance Support).

## **2. APOLOGIES**

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

*That the apologies for Cr Alexa Forbes be accepted.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **3. PUBLIC FORUM**

No requests to address the Committee under Public Forum were received.

## **4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was confirmed as published.

## **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillors were reminded by the Chair of their need to stand aside if a conflict of interest arises.

## **6. PRESENTATIONS**

**Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand** Francesca Cunninghame (Otago Projects Manager) presented "*Hilltops to the sea: Striving to protect threatened species and ecosystems in Coastal Otago - learnings and challenges from Forest & Bird's Tautuku Restoration and Bring Back the Seabirds projects*" funded by ORC's Large-scale Biodiversity Project. There was an opportunity for questions and Chair Wilson thanked Ms Cunninghame for attending.

**Otago Catchment Community** Craig Simpson (Regional Manager) presented the Annual Report and shared a presentation of some of the year's highlights. There was an opportunity for questions and Cr Wilson thanked Mr Simpson for attending.

## **7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

There was a minor edit to the minutes, with that:

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

*That the minutes of the Environmental Delivery Committee meeting held on 5 June 2025 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **8. OPEN ACTIONS FROM RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE**

There are currently no open actions for this Committee.

## **9. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **9.1. Biosecurity Update**

[YouTube 56:15] This paper updated the Committee on the activities relating to Biosecurity between 1 July 2025 and 14 August 2025. Libby Caldwell (Manager Environmental Implementation) and Rob Winn (Team Leader Biosecurity) were present to respond to questions.

At 10:22 am it was moved by Cr Wilson, seconded Cr Kelliher:

*That the Environmental Delivery Committee adjourned for ten minutes.*

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **Resolution EDC25-109: Cr McCall Moved, Cr Weir Seconded**

That the Environmental Delivery Committee:

- 1) Notes** *this report.*
- 2) Recommends** *that the Council endorses a request for the Chairperson to write to the Chair of Environment Canterbury, Environment Southland and West Coast Regional Council expressing ORC's support for collaborative work on regional pest management noting the collaborative work on wilding pines and wallabies to date.*

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **9.2. Integrated Catchment Management (ICM) Review Update**

[YouTube 1:40:20] This paper provided an update on the independent review of the Integrated Catchment Management Programme. Libby Caldwell (Manager Environmental Implementation) was available to respond to questions on the report.

### **Resolution EDC25-110: Cr Weir Moved, Cr Somerville Seconded**

That the Environmental Delivery Committee:

- 1) Notes** *this report and progress to date on the review.*
- 2) Notes** *that the review will be presented to Council for noting in September, at this time options will be provided to Council for implementing the findings of the review and a decision will be sought around if the paper should come to the new Council post the elections for consideration.*

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

*Cr Laws left the meeting at 10:54am.*

### **9.3. Catchments Team Annual Report and Upcoming Work Programme**

[YouTube 151:00] This report presented to the Environmental Delivery Committee a summary of the work completed by the Catchment Advisors for the 2024/25 financial year and the proposed work programme for the 2025/26 financial year. Libby Caldwell (Manager Environmental Implementation) was available to respond to questions on the report.

### **Resolution EDC25-111: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr McCall Seconded**

That the Environmental Delivery Committee:

- 1) Notes** *this report and the work completed in the 2025/2026 financial year.*
- 2) Recommends** *that Council endorses the 2025-2026 Catchment Advisor work programme (Attachment 1 of the report).*

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **9.4. Biosecurity Operational Plan Annual Report 2024-2025**

[YouTube 2:05:20] This paper reported on the implementation of the Biosecurity Operational Plan 2024-25 for the period of 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, as required under Section 100C (2) of the Biosecurity Act 1993. Rob Win (Team Leader Environmental Implementation), Murray Boardman (Performance and Reporting Specialist), and Libby Caldwell (Manager Environmental Implementation) were available to respond to questions on the report.

#### **Resolution EDC25-112: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Noone Seconded**

That the Environmental Delivery Committee:

- 1) Notes** *this report and the range of work undertaken to give effect to Otago's Regional Pest Management Plan and the Biosecurity Act (1 Notes the lessons learnt from the 2024-25 Biosecurity Operational Plan are being applied to the delivery of the 2025-26 Biosecurity Operational Plan).*
- 2) Notes** *that this report and the attached Biosecurity Operational Plan 2024-25 Report will be provided to the Minister for Biosecurity as required under Section 100C (2) of the Biosecurity Act 1993.*
- 3) Recommends to Council** *to ask the Chairperson to write to the Minister for the Biosecurity and the Minister for Conservation for the review of the Biosecurity Act noting that the RPMP process lacks flexibility and our inability to meet community expectations for support and the considerable community concern about pigs, deer and goats.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **9.5. Environmental Delivery Group Regulatory Activities Quarterly Update**

[YouTube 2:22] This report updated the Committee on the activities of the Environmental Delivery Group between 1 July 2024 and 31 July 2025. Alexandra King (Manager Consents and Manager Environmental Data and Systems), Simon Wilson (Manager Compliance), Steve Rushbrook (Harbourmaster), and Libby Caldwell (Manager Environmental Implementation) were available to respond to questions on the report.

#### **Resolution EDC25-113: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Weir Seconded**

That the Environmental Delivery Committee:

- 1) Notes** *this report.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **9.6. Annual Compliance Report**

[YouTube 2:35] This report provided the Committee with the Otago Regional Council (ORC) Annual Operational Compliance Monitoring Report for the 2024/25 financial year. Eve Aitkin (Team Leader Compliance), Simon Wilson (Compliance Manager), Alexandra King, (Manager Consents and Manager Environmental Data and Systems), and Byron Pretorius, (Principal Compliance Specialist) were available to respond to questions on the report.

#### **Resolution EDC25-114: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Malcolm Seconded**

That the Environmental Delivery Committee:

- 1) **Notes** *this report and the Draft ORC Annual Operational Compliance Monitoring Report 2024/25FY.*
- 2) **Notes** *that the content of the Draft ORC Annual Operational Compliance Monitoring Report 2024/25FY may be updated post feedback from the Environmental Delivery Committee and to correct any minor grammatical errors.*
- 3) **Recommends** *to Council that they approve the Draft ORC Annual Operational Compliance Monitoring Report 2024/25FY, subject to the changes offered above in 2) being made.*

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **9.7. 2025 Infringement Regulations Update**

[YouTube 2:42:40] This report noted the increase in infringement fees for offences under the Resource Management Act 1991, as set out in the Resource Management (Infringement Offences) Amendment Regulations 2025. Simon Wilson (Compliance Manager), and Peter Kelliher (Team Leader Investigations) were available to respond to questions on the report.

#### **Resolution EDC25-115: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Noone Seconded**

That the Environmental Delivery Committee:

- 1) **Notes** *this report.*

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **9.8. Dam Safety Building Act Enforcement Policy**

[YouTube 2:48] This report was brought to consider Otago Regional Council's Dam Safety (Building Act) Enforcement Policy. Simon Wilson (Compliance Manager), and Peter Kelliher (Team Leader Investigations) were available to respond to questions on the report.

#### **Resolution EDC25-116: Cr Malcolm Moved, Cr Noone Seconded**

That the Environmental Delivery Committee:

- 1) **Notes** *this report and the proposed Otago Regional Council Dam Safety (Building Act) Enforcement Policy.*
- 2) **Notes** *that the content of the proposed Policy may be updated post feedback from the Environmental Delivery Committee and to correct any minor grammatical errors.*
- 3) **Recommends to Council that it approves** *the Otago Regional Council's Dam Safety (Building Act) Enforcement Policy, subject to the changes offered above in 2) being made.*

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

No notices of motion were received for this meeting.

#### **12. CLOSURE**

There was no further business and Chair Wilson declared the meeting closed at 11:41 am.

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Chairperson

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Date