



Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, 156 High Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 5 March 2025 commencing at 9:30am.

1. Present

Councillor S M Wards (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor), N L Chase, A K Franklin, S M Gilmore, P A Johns, M F Long, and S A Wallace

In Attendance

Mr B Nicholson - Chief Executive
Mr R Suppiah - Group Manager – Corporate and Regulatory
Mrs K Tani - Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing
Ms G Nock - Strategy and District Development Manager
Ms A Rule - Policy and Planning Advisor
Mrs S Anthony - Democracy Support Officer

2. Welcome and Meeting Opening

The Chairperson opened the meeting with karakia

3. Apologies

Nil

4. Public Forum

There were no requests for public forum.

5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Nil

6. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business

Nil

7. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee meeting held on 4 December 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Johns/Gilmore

Carried

8. Reports

8.1 Policy and Bylaw Update

The Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee considered the report of the Policy and Planning Advisor dated 10 February 2025 that provided an update on the policies and bylaws work programme.

It was advised that the submissions on the Freedom Camping Bylaw has now closed and the process is now to analyse the results. A brief overview of results was provided and the full analysis will be available in the next report to be presented at the next Council meeting.

It was queried as to when the asset disposal policy will be completed as currently still in draft. A timeline was unable to be confirmed, this policy is still being reviewed with the view to complete this month.

It was requested that the policies in draft be identified in order of priority for future meetings.

That the report from the Policy and Planning Advisor dated 10 February 2025 concerning the Policy and Bylaw Update be received.

Johns/Long

Carried

8.2 Strategy Update

The Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee considered the report of the Strategy and District Development Manager dated 26 February 2025 that provides updates on key strategic initiatives, including strategy development, central government submissions, and performance reporting improvements, and outlined the review of existing strategies, the exploration of a Council Facilities Strategy to guide land rationalisation, and upcoming legislative changes affecting

Council reporting.

It was noted that the strategy register is now complete and captures activities for all items. Next steps are to decide on all strategies/plans as to whether to adopt, are they relevant to Council activities, or whether they need to be updated or removed. Development is in progress for a performance reporting dashboard to streamline management reports. The current economic environment cannot support all strategies so the focus needs to be to streamline priorities as much as possible. Later this year there is expected to be a legislative change for reporting that will likely change how we collect information, however further details are not yet available.

It was requested that there be actions recorded for a systematic audit of the register, also to explore council facilities strategy and provide an update, performance monitoring by the Executive Leadership Team against the framework and streamline, and an update on the impact of Department of Internal Affairs introduced dashboards.

That the report from the Strategy and District Development Manager dated 26 February 2025 concerning the Strategy Update be received.

Wallace/Gilmore

Carried

9. Acknowledgement

A thank you to Grace Nock - Strategy and District Development Manager was expressed for her work during her time at Tararua District Council as she takes up a new role for Palmerston North City Council.

10. Items not on the Agenda

Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:45am.

Chairperson