

# **Minutes of inaugural meeting of the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee held in the Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Thursday, 29 July 2021 at 10.30am**

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## **Present**

Chair Jenny Hughey (Co-Chair)  
Councillor Peter Scott (Co-Chair)  
Councillor Craig Pauling  
Councillor Phil Clearwater  
Councillor Vicky Southworth  
Councillor John Sunckell  
Councillor Nicole Marshall

Councillor Claire McKay  
Councillor Elizabeth McKenzie  
Tumu Taiao Iaeen Cranwell\*  
Councillor Lan Pham  
Councillor Grant Edge  
Councillor Ian Mackenzie

Via MS Teams\*

## **Management and officers present**

Stefanie Rixecker (Chief Executive), Tim Davie (Director Science), David Perenara-O'Connell (Acting Director Strategy & Planning), Jesse Burgess (Senior Strategy Manager), Judith Earl-Goulet (General Manager–Regulatory Services), Catherine Schache (General Counsel), Andrew Parrish (Regional Planning Manager),

Cam Smith (Acting Senior Strategy Manager), Olivia Cook (Principal Strategy Advisor), Adrienne Lomax (Senior Strategy Advisor), Mel Ranganathan\* (Principal Strategy Advisor Water), Juliet Bruce (Committee Advisor).

Via MS Teams\*

## **1. Mihi/Karakia Timatanga – Opening**

Committee Co-Chair Peter Scott welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the Regional and Strategy Leadership Committee. Councillor Lan Pham gave a mihi whakatau and a karakia.

## **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Megan Hands (Deputy Chair), Tumu Taiao Yvette Couch-Lewis, and Councillor Tane Apanui.

## **3. Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest recorded.

## **4. Deputations and Petitions**

There were no deputations or petitions.

## **5. Decision Items**

Before beginning the Decisions Items, Councillor Peter Scott drew the Committee's attention to the Terms of Reference and purpose of the Committee.

Councillor Scott highlighted the fact that the non-financial reporting for this Council will come through this Committee.

### **5.1. New contestable fund**

*Refer page 8 – Regional and Strategic Leadership agenda*

Adrienne Lomax spoke to this report and explained that the purpose of the contestable fund is to test funding requests that are currently coming in, and to use the \$100,000 that was allocated for this purpose through the Long-Term Plan. This is based on feedback from the community that it can be difficult to understand how best to access funding from the Council. Adrienne recommended the "Waitaha Action to Impact Fund" name.

Councillors were largely supportive of the contestable fund. Clarification was sought on the process and timing of applications closing from a rural perspective, the flexibility of multiyear funding, and ensuring that funding is allocated evenly across the region.

Questions were also raised about the delegation approach to decision making as in Recommendation 3, in particular whether having Councillors involved in decision making would improve transparency and accountability.

### **Resolved**

**That the Committee:**

1. agrees to a pilot contestable funding round for 2021/22, to support the strategic direction of Environment Canterbury
2. agrees that the applications be accepted from early August for a period of at least six weeks
3. agrees that existing processes for receiving and assessing requests for funding be used for the 2021/22 pilot round
4. notes that feedback will be sought from staff and community organisations on these processes and Councillors will be asked to provide direction on establishing an enduring approach for 2022/23 onwards
5. agrees that name for the new contestable fund be the Waitaha Action to Impact fund.

Co-Chair Hughey/Cr McKay

CARRIED

## **5.2. Environment Canterbury submission on the Inquiry into the Natural and Built Environment: Parliamentary Paper and exposure draft**

*Refer page 25 – Regional and Strategic Leadership agenda*

Olivia Cook spoke to this report and explained that staff are recommending that the Council Chair can submit the Environment Canterbury submission on the Natural and Built Environment Bill. Olivia was able to take questions of clarification. Olivia briefly spoke to the process used to draft the Bill and the process of drafting Environment Canterbury's submission on the Bill.

The submission process on the Inquiry closed on 4 August 2021. Submissions then opened on the whole content of the Bill.

There was a question of clarification about the Bill's purpose in supporting resource management reform objectives. It was acknowledged that the legislation needed cohesion as to these objectives.

An amendment to Recommendation 2 was proposed and carried:

### **Resolved**

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

2. delegates authority to the Council Chair and Deputy Chair to approve the final submission.

Cr Mackenzie/Cr McKay

CARRIED

The amendment became part of the substantive motion which was then put and carried:

### **Resolved**

That the Committee:

1. receives the draft submission points on the exposure draft of the Natural and Built Environments Bill; and
2. delegates authority to the Council Chair and Deputy Chair to approve the final submission.

Cr Mackenzie/Cr Pham

CARRIED



## **6. Information Items**

### **6.1. Ngāi Tahu engagement – update on the local Bill**

*Refer page 37 – Regional and Strategic Leadership agenda*

Catherine Schache spoke to this report and explained the changes in timing since the report was written. There was a delay due to Parliament recess until 3 August.

#### **Resolved**

**That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:**

- 1. receives the update on the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill.**

Cr Sunckell/Cr Southworth

CARRIED

### **6.2. Standing items – verbal Councillor updates**

*Refer page 40 – Regional and Strategic Leadership agenda*

Catherine Schache spoke to this report and explained meeting processes are governed by the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act. Verbal updates therefore do not meet the standards required by the statute, and highlighted that written reports in advance are sufficient.

Co-Chair Scott suggested that this advice was noted and the recommendation was left on the table as follows:

#### **Recommendation**

**That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:**

- 1. receives the reports concerning engagement with key stakeholders.**

### **6.3. Market Research**

*Refer page 41 – Regional and Strategic Leadership agenda*

Katherine Trought presented this paper and explained that community engagement processes have been reviewed over the past several years. This response was due to the feedback we have received from the community and to the Levels of Service the Council sought to achieve.

There was a question of clarification as the surveys were anonymous, and perhaps this were to remain an alternative approach if the survey were conducted directly in future. Katherine confirmed that our relationships in this survey were confirmed to be healthy enough that direct questioning was an option.

#### **Resolved**

**That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:**

- 1. notes the report on current and future approaches to market research.**

Cr Southworth/Cr Mackenzie

CARRIED

**7. Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

**8. Extraordinary and urgent business**

There was no extraordinary or urgent business.

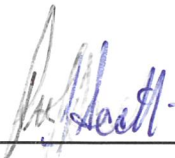
**9. Next meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 9 September 2021.

**10. Closure**

The meeting closed at 11.58am. Co-Chair Peter Scott invited Councillor Pham to close the meeting with a karakia.

**CONFIRMED**

Chair 

Date 11/11/2021

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