

# **Minutes of the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee (under COVID-19 Orange Traffic Light restrictions), held at Environment Canterbury, Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Thursday, 11 August 2022 at 1.00pm.**

## **Present**

Committee Co-Chairs Chair Jenny Hughey and Cr Peter Scott, Deputy Chair Cr Megan Hands, Cr Phil Clearwater, Tumu Taiao laean Cranwell\*, Cr Grant Edge, Cr Ian Mackenzie\*, Cr Nicole Marshall, Cr Claire McKay, Cr Elizabeth McKenzie, Cr Lan Pham, Cr Vicky Southworth, and Cr John Sunckell.

Report writers and other staff were also present.

\*via MS Teams

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

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Cr Peter Scott opened the meeting with a mihi whakatau, followed by Cr Lan Pham with a karakia.

## **2. Apologies**

The apologies for absence were received from Tumu Taiao Yvette Couch-Lewis, Cr Craig Pauling, and Cr Tane Apanui. The apologies for lateness were received from Cr Megan Hands and Cr Ian Mackenzie.

## **3. Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest reported.

## **4. Public Forum, Deputations, and Petitions**

There were no requests for public forum, deputations and petitions.

## **5. Extraordinary and Urgent Business**

There was no extraordinary or urgent business.

## **6. Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

## **7. Minutes**

### **7.1. Unconfirmed Minutes - Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee - 22 June 2022**

#### **Resolved RSLC/2022/25**

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee meeting held on 22 June 2022.

Cr Claire McKay/Cr John Sunckell  
CARRIED

## **8. Report Items**

### **8.1. Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee Resolutions Status Report - August 2022**

Staff provided visibility on the status of resolutions made by the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee.

#### **Resolved RSLC/2022/26**

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. Notes the status of previous resolutions provided in the Status of Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee Resolutions report August 2022.

Cr Grant Edge/Cr John Sunckell  
CARRIED

### **8.2. Youth Rōpū - Representation**

Alice Docking, Colter Carson (Environment Canterbury Youth Rōpū (EYR)), and staff seeked support for the development of a mechanism to enhance youth representation on regional and strategic leadership matters.

*Councillor Megan Hands joined the meeting at 1.10pm.*

*Councillor Ian Mackenzie joined the meeting online at 1.13pm.*

*Chair Jenny Hughey left the meeting at 1.15pm and returned to the meeting at 1.26pm.*

*Councillor Megan Hands left the meeting at 1.17pm and returned to the meeting at 1.19pm.*

**Resolved RSLC/2022/27**

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. Notes the Youth Rōpū's intention to develop a proposed mechanism to enhance youth representation on regional and strategic leadership matters.
2. Notes that the Youth Rōpū will present a proposal to the September 2022 meeting of the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee, for approval to be passed to the new Council for consideration.

Cr Phil Clearwater/Cr Lan Pham  
CARRIED

### **8.3. Future for Local Government Review**

Staff provided an update to the Committee on the Future for Local Government review which presents an opportunity to create a local government, governance and democracy system that will effectively respond to a changing New Zealand.

**Resolved RSLC/2022/28**

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. Notes the update on the Future for Local Government review and next steps.

Cr John Sunckell/Cr Grant Edge  
CARRIED

### **8.4. District Planning Liaison Update**

Staff provided an update on the planning work undertaken to support Canterbury territorial authorities in giving effect to the Regional Policy Statement.

**Resolved RSLC/2022/29**

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. Notes the wide range of ongoing planning processes that staff are involved in, including district plan reviews, private plan change requests, district development strategies, bylaws, and regionally significant notified resource consent applications.

2. Notes the ongoing benefits of this work programme, providing support to the territorial authorities and ensuring that there is consistent implementation of the regional planning framework across Canterbury.

Cr Claire McKay/Cr Lan Pham

CARRIED

## **8.5. Environment Canterbury (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill Update**

Staff provided an update on the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill (the Bill). There was extensive conversation on this report and the following points were requested to be recorded:

- Ngāi Tahu representatives on the Regional Council are not a new arrangement. Over the past 8-10 years Environment Canterbury has had direct mana whenua representation on the Council.
- Mana whenua were first represented on the Council, with the appointment of a Ngāi Tahu commissioner alongside six Crown appointments under the Environment Canterbury (Temporary Commissioners and Improved Water Management) Act 2010.
- Two Ngāi Tahu representatives recommended by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu were appointed as members of Environment Canterbury for the 2016-2019 local government term.
- In 2019, the Regional Council and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu put forward a local Bill which sought to continue mana whenua representation on Council. The local Bill did not proceed through Parliament at that time.
- The Regional Council returned to a fully elected council at the 2019 local elections. This Council appointed two Tumu Taiao – expert mana whenua advisors in September 2020.
- This experience, across different representation arrangements, has shown that aside from Treaty and legislative obligations, there are advantages to having direct input into decision making by mana whenua.
- Our current Tumu Taiao members make a valuable contribution to Council's governance and operations, including greater efficiency in planning and consenting processes, reduced costs for Council and consent applicants, and improved enforcement decisions.
- Currently for the new term of the Council Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRoNT) are running the process for the election of the two Ngāi Tahu Councillors and applications opened Monday, 8 August 2022. A notice was distributed to all tribal members over 18 years old.
- Applications close on 31 August 2022 thus giving the Papatipu Rūnanga appointments panel all of September to run their process and make their appointments.

- The notification of the Ngāi Tahu Councillors will occur the day after the official result of the 2022 election are declared via notification from the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Chief Executive Officer as set out in the Act.
- Staff are working closely with the Council Governance team and staff of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu to ensure the two Ngāi Tahu Councillors seamlessly integrate into the Council induction process.
- Support for the values of this milestone were noted, however it was pointed out that some conversations with constituents focused on their objection to the appointments and difficulty accepting the new legislation due to its challenge to the principles of democracy.

*Councillor Lan Pham left the meeting at 2:34 pm.*

Staff recommendations:

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. Notes the update on the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill (the Bill).
2. Notes, due to timing for this report a further update on the status of the Bill will be required and provided verbally on the day.

*Co-Chair Peter Scott recommended to remove the staff recommendation number two and update the staff recommendation number one as it was duplicative.*

1. Notes the verbal update on the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill (the Bill).

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Grant Edge  
CARRIED

*An amendment was moved by Chair Jenny Hughey and seconded by Councillor Phil Clearwater to add an additional resolution to celebrate this significant milestone.*

2. Celebrates the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill (the Bill) gaining Royal Assent on 8 August 2022.

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Phil Clearwater  
CARRIED

### **Resolved RSLC/2022/30**

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. Notes the verbal update on the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill (the Bill).
2. Celebrates the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill (the Bill) gaining Royal Assent on 8 August 2022.

## **9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21 September 2022 at 1.00pm.

## 10. Mihi / Karakia Whakamutunga – Closing

A karakia was provided by Cr Peter Scott.

The meeting closed at 2.53pm.

CONFIRMED:

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Co-Chair Peter Scott  
Councillor, Environment Canterbury

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Co-Chair Jenny Hughey  
Chair, Environment Canterbury

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