STRATEGIC PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held

THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2017

8.30am

In the Manawatu District Council Chambers,
135 Manchester Street, Feilding

Dr Richard Templer
Chief Executive
MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson

Councillor Phil Marsh

Deputy Chairperson

Councillor Shane Casey

Members

Her Worship the Mayor, Helen Worboys
Councillor Steve Bielski
Councillor Barbara Cameron
Councillor Stuart Campbell
Councillor Shane Casey
Councillor Michael Ford
Councillor Hilary Humphrey
Councillor Andrew Quarrie
Councillor Alison Short
Councillor Howard Voss
ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. MEETING OPENING

2. APOLOGIES

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Notification from elected members of:

3.1 Any interests that may create a conflict with their role as an elected member relating to the items of business for this meeting; and

3.2 Any interests in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as provided for in the Local Authorities (Members’ Interests) Act 1968

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Draft resolution

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee meeting held 2 March 2017 be adopted as a true and correct record.

5. NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS:

Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting, that item may be dealt with at that meeting if:

5.1 The committee by resolution so decides; and

5.2 The Chairperson explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public the reason why the item is not on the agenda, and the reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

6. PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

7. OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 PLAN CHANGES 52, 55 AND 60 – NOTIFICATION OF HEARING COMMITTEE DECISIONS


8. CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

9. MEETING CLOSURE
Minutes of a meeting of the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee held on Thursday 2 March 2017, commencing at 8.32am in the Manawatu District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT: Cr Phil Marsh (Chairperson)
Mayor Helen Worboys
Cr Steve Bielski
Cr Barbara Cameron
Cr Stuart Campbell
Cr Shane Casey
Cr Michael Ford
Cr Hilary Humphrey
Cr Andrew Quarrie
Cr Alison Short
Cr Howard Voss

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Templer (Chief Executive)
Frances Smorti (General Manager – People and Culture)
Shayne Harris (General Manager – Corporate and Regulatory)
Brent Limmer (General Manager - Community and Strategy)
Hamish Waugh (General Manager – Infrastructure)
Michael Hawker (Project Delivery Manager)
Paul Stein (Communications Adviser)
Danielle Balmer (Communications Officer)
Tracey Hunt (Strategy Manager)
Wendy Thompson (Principal Planner)
Colleen Morris (Chief Financial Officer)
Allie Dunn (Governance Team Leader)

SPP 17/025 MEETING OPENING

Councillor Marsh declared the meeting open.

SPP 17/026 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That apologies for lateness be accepted from Her Worship the Mayor, Helen Worboys.

Moved by: Councillor Hilary Humphrey
Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford

CARRIED

SPP 17/027 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.
SPP 17/028 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee meeting held 2
February 2017 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Councillor Alison Short
Seconded by: Councillor Howard Voss
CARRIED

SPP 17/029 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS:

There were no late items notified for consideration.

SPP 17/030 PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

SPP 17/031 MANAWATU DISTRICT PLAN – WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

presenting for information the Work Programme for completing the Manawatu District

Her Worship the Mayor joined the meeting at 9.05am.

RESOLVED

1. That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee receive for information the

2. That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee confirm that Option C is the
preferred management approach to deliver and fund the District Plan Review
Project.

3. Note that project budget changes will be considered as part of the 2017/18 Draft
Annual Plan process.

4. Note that for the current financial year, the urban growth workstreams have
been suspended.

5. That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee note that community
consultation undertaken as part of the Manawatu District Plan Review will be
consistent Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy and the Community
Engagement Guide, and in accordance with the First Schedule to the Resource

Moved by: Councillor Michael Ford
Seconded by: Councillor Shane Casey
CARRIED

SPP 17/032 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items for consideration.
SPP 17/033 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9.14am.

Approved and adopted as a true and correct record:

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CHAIRPERSON                               DATE
Plan Changes 52, 55 and 60 – Notification of Decisions of the Hearing Committee

Purpose

To present for information the programme to notify the decisions of the Hearing Committee on Plan Changes 52 (Industrial Zone), 55 (District-wide Rules) and 60 (Designations).

Significance of Decision

The Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy is not triggered by matters discussed in this report.

Recommendations

1. That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee receive the information relating to the forthcoming notification of decisions on Plan Changes 52, 55 and 60.

2. That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee note that public notification of decisions will be in accordance with Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991.

3. That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee note that Council approval to make Plan Change 60 operative will be sought at the 20 April Council meeting.

Executive Summary

1.1 Hearings were held on the 5th-7th, and the 16th of December 2016 in relation to proposed Plan Changes 52 (Industrial Zone), 55 (District-Wide Rules) and 60 (Designations). The Hearing Committee heard from 6 submitters on Plan Change 52 and 25 submitters on Plan Change 55. No submissions were received on Plan Change 60.
1.2 At the 2 March 2017 Council Workshop the Senior Policy Planner presented an overview of the proposed Plan Changes, key issues in contention at the Plan Change Hearing and the Decisions of Hearing Committee with respect to these issues.

1.3 The date of notification of the decisions to submitters on Plan Changes 52 and 55 and for landowners and affected parties in relation to Plan Change 60 is proposed for 1 May 2017. This notification date coincides with the publication of the Council’s Rates Newsletter.

1.4 Submitters on Plan Changes 52 and 55 will be written to directly in accordance with Clause 11 (1) and (2), Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act). They will receive a copy of the public notice, a statement of the timeframe for lodging an appeal and information on where the decisions can be viewed and how they can request a copy of the decisions.

1.5 With respect to Plan Change 60 and the new designation, notification of the decision of the Council, as a Requiring Authority, to owners and affected parties took place in March 2017.

1.6 It is proposed that the Rates Newsletter also include public notice that the District Plan has been amended in respect of two other Council designations: the Turners Road and Feilding Wastewater Treatment Plant. Council confirmed these designations in 2016 and they became operative in 2016.

1.7 Council’s Delegations Manual delegates to Council the final consideration to and approval of any Plan Changes, where all submissions have been disposed of, in accordance with Clause 17(2), Schedule 1 to the Act.

2 Contribution to the Council Vision and Council Outcomes

2.1 Relationship to the Council Outcomes that underpin the Council’s Vision:

*Connected, vibrant and thriving Manawatu – the best rural lifestyle in New Zealand*

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3 Background

3.1 The Hearing Committee have issued their decisions on provisions and matters raised in submissions on Proposed Plan Changes 52, 55 and 60.

3.2 Proposed Plan Changes 52, 55 and 60 were publicly notified on 14 July 2016 with the closing date for lodging further submissions being 10 August 2016. The submissions and summary of submissions requested were publicly notified for further submissions on 15 September 2016 with the closing date for lodging further submissions being 28 September 2016.

3.3 It is proposed the date of the notification of decisions of the Hearing Committee on Plan Changes 52 and 55 and 60 be 1 May 2017. This will enable the Public Notice of these decisions to be included within the Council’s Rates Newsletter, which is distributed throughout the
Manawatu District. This circulation reach is important as these Plan Changes have district-wide application. The appeal period for Plan Change 52 and 55 will close 12 June 2017. As advised, submitters to these Plan Changes will receive a letter in accordance with Clause 11 (1) and (2) of the Act.

3.4 Plan Change 60 – Designations, has a legal status of being technically operative. The Hearing Committee decision declared that the District Plan be amended in accordance with the recommendations of the Planning Officer’s Section 42A Report, presented to the Hearing Committee on 5 December 2017.

3.5 With no submissions lodged on Plan Change 60, it is proposed that officers prepare to notify the operative status of Plan Change 60, in accordance with Clause 20 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act). A separate Public Notice will declare that Plan Change 60 Designations is operative and record the operative date as 1 May 2017.

3.6 Formal approval from Council to make Plan Change 60 operative will be sought at the 20 April 2017 Council meeting, in accordance with Clause 17(2) of the Act.

4 Discussion and Options considered

4.1 There are no other options available. The Hearing Committee has issued their decisions on Plan Changes 52, 55 and 60. Officers must proceed to notify the decisions in accordance with Schedule 1 to the Act.

4.2 The timing of the notification of decisions is planned to coincide with the circulation of the Council’s rates newsletter. This is a timely and cost effective method to communicate this information to the public, especially in view of the district-wide scope of Plan Change 55 and to a lesser extent Plan Change 52.

4.3 Plan Change 60 is technically operative so officers are proposing to include the Public Notice in the Rates newsletter, pending the decision of Council on the 20th April 2017. Notification of the decision of the Council, as Requiring Authority will provide certainty to landowners and affected parties of the completion of this Plan Change process.

5 Operational Implications

5.1 The operating / expenditure implications associated with this report relate to the costs of public notification and the potential for appeals to be lodged with the Environment Court on Plan Changes 52 and 55.

6 Financial implications

6.1 This project is funded through the Long Term Plan 2015-25. The funding requirements are in accordance with the existing budgetary allocation. The Council’s Rates Newsletter is a cost effective method to notify the public of the decisions of the Hearing Committee on Plan Changes 52, 55 and 60.

7 Statutory Requirements

7.1 The statutory process for the review and consideration of a proposed Plan Change is prescribed by Schedule 1 to the Act and has been completed through to the procedural steps of Clauses
9 and 10: Recommendation and Decisions on Requirements (for Plan Change 60) and Clause 10 (for Plan Changes 52 and 55). Notification the decisions of the Hearing Committee on Plan Change 52, 55 and 60 in May will fulfil the statutory requirements of the Act.

8 Delegations

8.1 The Strategic Planning and Policy Committee does not have delegated authority to make a decision on this matter, being a report for information only.

9 Consultation

9.1 The statutory process for consultation set out in Schedule 1 to the Act has been followed. Submitters on these Plan Changes have been heard by the Hearing Committee in accordance with Clause 3 and 3B of Schedule 1 to the Act.

10 Cultural Considerations

10.1 There are no cultural considerations to be taken into account for this report. It is noted that the District Plan Review process prescribed in the Act takes these matters into account. Consultation was undertaken with Tangata Whenua in accordance with Clause 3B and no formal feedback was received.

11 Conclusion

11.1 Public notification of the decisions of the Hearing Committee on Plan Changes 52, 55 and 60 is proposed to take place on 1 May 2017. The communications objective for this notification programme is to utilise the Council’s rates newsletter. This publication has a district-wide circulation and is a cost effective option to notify the public that the decisions of the Hearing Committee have been issued. All submitters on Plan Changes 52 and 55 will be written to directly in accordance with Clause 11 (1) and (2) of the Act.