
Planning Committee Auckland Plan Refresh Workshop 16

MINUTES

Minutes of a workshop held in Room 1, Level 26, 135 Albert Street at 1.33pm on Wednesday 13 September 2017.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr Chris Darby	
Cr Cathy Casey	
Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore	
Cr Ross Clow	From 1.49pm, until 2.30pm
Cr Efeso Collins	From 1.34pm, until 2.46pm
Cr Alf Filipaina	From 2.24pm (on council business)
Cr Chris Fletcher	Until 4.04pm
Mayor Phil Goff	Until 2.16pm (on council business)
Cr Richard Hills	From 1.35pm
Cr Penny Hulse	From 1.36pm, until 2.36pm (on council business)
Cr Daniel Newman	From 1.42pm , until 2.02pm (apology for early departure)
Cr Desley Simpson	From 1.34pm
Cr John Watson	From 1.39pm, until 3.25pm

APOLOGIES

Cr Linda Cooper	
IMSB Member Tau Henare	
Deputy Chair Cr Denise Lee	On council business
Cr Mike Lee	
Cr Dick Quax	
Cr Greg Sayers	On council business
Cr Sharon Stewart	
Cr John Walker	

ALSO PRESENT

Christina Bettany	Hibiscus and Bays Local Board
Angela Fulljames	Franklin Local Board Chair
Peter Haynes	Albert-Eden Local Board Chair
Beth Houlbrooke	Rodney Local Board Chair
Richard Northey	Waitematā Local Board
Lisa Whyte	Upper Harbour Local Board Chair

Note: No decisions or resolutions may be made by a Workshop or Working Party, unless the Governing Body or Committee resolution establishing the working party, specifically instructs such action.

Purpose of workshop

Staff delivered updates on several aspects of the Auckland Plan refresh. The workshop was split into three parts:

Part one - Development Strategy

- business areas
- rural areas

Part two – draft content

- access and connectivity outcome
- belonging and participation outcome

Part three – draft outline for the front end of the Auckland Plan

Declarations of Interest

- There were no declarations of interest.

Workshop notes

Part one – development strategy

- **Business areas**
 - Discussion around whether substantial growth would occur in Manukau as the development strategy currently expects, or would it be concentrated in areas further south. Links to Hamilton assume even greater importance in light of this.
 - The idea of education facilities as anchor points for communities was discussed - opportunities for local people, links to wider community outcomes, and linking them to local businesses in terms of producing relevant skills.
 - The possibility of the port moving at some point over the next 30 years was raised – and probably somewhere in the golden triangle (Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Auckland). What would happen to existing industrial areas dependent on port related activity (such as Penrose)?
- **Rural areas**
 - Road safety in rural areas discussed particularly in relation to schools and congestion caused by trucks on quarry routes.
 - Quarries are protected against reverse sensitivity issues in the Unitary Plan. However the routes to and from quarries are not protected in the same way.
 - Discussion on the loss of production land to residential over the last 20 years. Zoning for most rural production categories has decreased significantly over the past 20 years. The only exception is land zoned for forestry, which has increased over that period.
 - Are we doing enough to protect highly productive areas? Especially given likely increasing premium in years to come for locally produced food.
 - Massive loss of land zoned for production partially offset by fact some of this was a correction of earlier planning practices whereby fragmented smaller plots of land were zoned production despite no prospect of ever being profitable.
 - Reverse sensitivity and managing resident expectations in FULSS areas around levels of service, rates and changing land use in surrounding areas.
- **Actions for officers**
 - Provide advice on expected growth in Manukau and likelihood for that growth to occur further south instead.
 - Provide advice on potential implications for existing industrial areas if the port were to move.
 - Provide breakdown of contribution of different rural areas to Auckland's overall economy.

Part two – draft content

- **Access and connectivity**
 - Suggestion that the narrative is not bold enough and reads more like a plan to guide short term decision making rather than setting out a 30 year vision.
 - The text needs to ensure that transport is portrayed as a means to desired outcomes, not an end in itself.
 - Clarification sought and provided on several of the proposed measures – officers to consider potential for an additional measure in relation to children’s trips to school by walking or cycling.
 - Concern that there is not enough emphasis in the text on inter-regional connectivity, particularly in regard to rail connections.
 - Issue of accessibility in relation to people with disabilities, elderly, people with prams etc. City not accessible for many and accessibility also needs to include this.
- **Belonging and participation**
 - Discussion on whether the language used is accessible for Aucklanders to understand. Clarification that some of the jargon in the text is used at the insistence of stakeholders as it conveys very specific meaning. More plain English asked for.
 - Discussion on several of the measures particularly the measure relating to “perceptions” of safety. Officials clarified that this is widely accepted elsewhere as it can reflect willingness of the public to engage with their communities irrespective of actual crime figures.
 - Concern that the proposed measures are oriented toward individual well-being rather than collective well-being. Discussion around whether to include “reduction in harm” both in the text and as a measure.
 - Discussion of importance of arts, recreation and sports to both physical and mental well-being, as well as a means of fostering belonging.
 - Brief discussion related to the reference to the “bicultural foundation for a multi-cultural Auckland” in the fourth focus area.
- **Actions for officers**
 - Tell a clearer and bolder 30 year story in the access and connectivity narrative
 - Consider adding a measure around children walking and cycling to school
 - Place more emphasis in the narrative on inter-regional connectivity
 - Change the language in the belonging narrative to make it more accessible
 - Consider more references in the text, and possibly the inclusion of a new measure, related to harm reduction (alcohol, smoking, obesity, gambling etc.)
 - Consider including accessibility for disabled people as a measure

Part three – front end of the Auckland Plan

- Discussion on the possibility of creating a set of values which would guide and set the context for the rest of the document.
- Discussion that these values would need to be simple, expressed in everyday language and there should be a small number of them.
- Officers will use te ao Māori values as the starting point for developing the values that would set the context for the rest of the plan, and as the basis for discussion with the IMSB and mana whenua groups.

The workshop closed at 4.12pm