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**Komiti Mahi Āta Torotoro Rawa /
Strategic Procurement Committee**
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Auckland Council

Public Input – Strategic Procurement Committee/Komiti Mahi Āta Torotoro Rawa

Introduction

The Waitemata Low Carbon Network (**WLCN**) welcomes the opportunity to provide public input to Item 9 Information Report – Group Source Procurement Update of the Strategic Procurement Committee/Komiti Mahi Āta Torotoro Rawa, 8 August 2018.

The WLCN is a diverse community of residents, groups and businesses passionate about making low carbon living, working and playing part of the distinct identity of central Auckland. An important point we wish to make at the outset is that the climate crisis is with us now. It is not something far off into the future.

Item 9 Information Report – Group Source Procurement Update

As noted in Item 9 Information Report – Group Source Procurement Update, a highlight for the Group Source programme was the adoption of the Sustainable Procurement Framework at the meeting of the Committee in December 2017. Sustainable procurement was said to be a focus of procurement activities during the year. Some examples for FY18 include:

- Sunnynook Dry Pond Upgrade: Clay excavated from the site and repurposed as fill to Wairau Intermediate School grounds to upgrade their sports fields.
- Skype for business: allows employees (and Local Board members) to collaborate without needing to travel contributing to reduced travel and a reduced carbon footprint.
- Awakeri Wetlands contract - removal of peat material from the Awakeri project to become cleanfill at neighbouring developments achieving significant cost avoidance and avoiding landfilling.

More highlights on what the council group has achieved are referred to Attachment A of the Report. The highlights note:

- A target of 50 electric vehicles into the Council's fleet over a three year period (2018-2020), with there being currently 14 Toyota Prius C hybrid vehicles and 12 Hyundai electric vehicles
- Procurement of uniforms across the Auckland Council Group having a sustainable attribute weighting of 5% included in the RFP.

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While the Waitemata Low Carbon Network welcomes the Sustainable Procurement Framework and these initiatives, we would like to ask:

- why the Sunnynook Dry Pond Upgrade project is considered a sustainable procurement initiative
- what target for reducing travel has been set and whether this target is being met in relation to Skype for business (in other words, is Skype for business being used by staff as opposed to travelling to local board meetings)
- whether the Awakeri Wetlands contract is primarily about achieving significant cost avoidance as opposed to being primarily a sustainable procurement initiative
- whether a sustainable attribute weighting of 5% included in the RFP for the procurement of uniforms has been set at a level that will make a difference in terms of sustainable procurement and also what 'sustainable objective' the attribute relates to (e.g. would it influence whether the uniforms might be made of recycled materials)

Full electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles

As we stated at the Committee meeting on 7 March 2018 earlier this year, we believe the Council must be more ambitious than the target of 50 electric vehicles (or 10%) by 2020. Indeed, it must be more ambitious if the Council is to meet the commitments made in the C40 Fossil-Fuel-Free Streets Declaration.

At that meeting the Committee resolved: "Resolution number STR/2018/5 MOVED by Cr C Casey, seconded by Cr P Hulse: That the Strategic Procurement Committee: a) receive this information report. b) request that staff create a business plan that includes support for the Auckland Council group passenger car fleet being replaced with full electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles to meet the C40 fossil fuel aspirations."

We are disappointed that the target seems to remain only 50 electric vehicles (or 10%) into the Council's fleet over a three year period (2018-2020) and that no business plan appears to have been created to meet a more ambitious target .

Sustainable Procurement

As the Report accompanying adoption of the Sustainable Procurement Framework noted, the work programme included: • A training plan to improve capability and understanding of Sustainable Procurement; • A communications strategy; • Specific sustainable procurement tools; and • a Supplier engagement plan. We asked that these be reported back to the Committee for information and would like to repeat that request.

In addition, we would like to see the Committee resolve at this meeting:

That officers prepare a Sustainable Procurement Action Plan in line with the Committee's Forward Work Programme with specific actions identified and an emphasis on Sustainable Procurement (including reducing greenhouse gas emissions), along with a monitoring programme to monitor implementation and impacts.

Finally, as noted by Auckland Council, public spending wields enormous purchasing power to influence supply chains and to achieve multiple benefits through sustainable public procurement. We agree and ask that this becomes a central focus of this Committee.

The Committee needs to look no further than the C40 Good Practice Guide on Sustainable Public Procurement.¹

Waitemata Low Carbon Network (Members)
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¹ https://www.c40.org/case_studies/c40-good-practic-guides-berlin-sustainable-public-procurement