

Tira Kāwana / Governing Body Workshop: Regional Policy Development MINUTES

Minutes of a workshop of the Governing Body held in the Reception Lounge, Auckland Town Hall, Auckland on Thursday, 7 March 2019 at 12.30pm.

PRESENT

Hon Phil Goff, CNZM, JP
Cr Josephine Bartley
Cr Bill Cashmore
Cr Cathy Casey
Cr Fa'anana Efeso Collins
Cr Chris Darby
Cr Alf Filipaina
Cr C Fletcher
Cr Richard Hills
Cr Penny Hulse
Cr Mike Lee
Cr Daniel Newman, JP
Cr Greg Sayers
Cr Desley Simpson, JP
Cr Sharon Stewart
Cr John Walker
Cr Wayne Walker
Cr Paul Young

APOLOGIES

Cr Ross Clow
Cr Linda Cooper, JP

Cr John Watson

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:

The purpose of the meeting is:

- A discussion document has been developed that sets out a number of key questions for Governing Body input that will then inform guidelines to be developed for staff to follow when developing regional policy. Input is also being sought from all local boards via workshop discussion

Apologies

Apologies from Cr R Clow, Cr L Cooper and Cr J Watson were noted.

Declaration of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

Governance Framework Review programme: Local board input into regional policy

This initiative is a key project within the Governance Framework Review programme.

Tanya Stocks, Theresa Stratton, Megan Tyler

A presentation was given.

The workshop closed at 1.30pm.

Governance Framework Review
Local Board involvement in Regional
Policy and Planning

Governing Body workshop

7 March 2019

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Introduction

Purpose of today:

- Reminder of the background
- Overview of the discussion document
- Feedback on proposal

Note: Key questions to assist in focus of discussion

Next Steps:

- Collate feedback and produce revised guidelines

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Background

Legislation provides:

- GB responsible for regional decisions, LBs responsible for local decisions
- LBs identify/communicate preferences of local community in relation to strategies, policies, plans, by-laws
- GB considers views/preferences of LBs where affects responsibilities, operations of LB or wellbeing of its community

GFR project 2017 identified:

- LBs have no input to regional policy programme
- LBs unhappy with their level of involvement in regional policy development (too late and too little in many cases)
- Series of recommendations to be implemented

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Current situation

Involvement of LBs in regional policy processes:

- Little consistency
- Negotiated for each project

Because

- Different understanding/interpretation of the relative governance roles
- Timelines or resources constrain involvement (more LB involvement = longer timeframe)

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Elements of proposal

Legislation provides for LB input into virtually any regional policy but to achieve balance of time and resources propose -

- Joint governance discussions on forward policy/planning work programme
- Categorising **support** for LB involvement based on:
 - Impact on local assets and activities
 - Specific community interest levels
- Remove individual project “negotiations” on involvement
 - Process guidelines based on categorisation
 - Clarity at beginning of each project/plan of governance role and process (part of initiation report)

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Elements of proposal (cont)

“Significant” involvement

- High impact on LB role, decision making or budgets
- Joint GB/LB discussions /workshops at initiation, draft and final stages
- Specialised staff support at local level at each key stage
- Sequencing reporting so LBs can receive and give feedback ahead of GB consideration
- Closing the loop with analysis of local impacts/implementation
- Will add 4-6 months to existing processes
- Existing resources will deliver less (or more resources)

Note: Statutory processes (RMA and By-laws) exclude final decision making steps

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Elements of proposal (cont)

“Moderate” involvement –

- Primarily regional but some local impact on assets or services
- LB input at draft and final policy stage
- Specialised staff support at local level up to draft policy stage
- Sequencing reporting so LBs can receive and give feedback ahead of GB consideration
- Closing the loop with analysis of local impacts/implementation (where necessary)
- Will add 3-4 months to existing processes
- Existing resources will deliver less (or more resources)

Note: Statutory processes (RMA and By-laws) exclude final decision making steps

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Elements of proposal (cont)

“Limited” involvement –

- No specific local impacts
- No specialised staff support (LB can develop own position at their discretion)
- No sequencing, timing or resourcing impacts

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Feedback on proposal

Key Questions for discussion:

- Is a joint governance discussion on the annual policy programme useful?
- Are the factors in the discussion document for categorising LB involvement appropriate?
- When community impact/interest is similar across the whole region what should be the level of LB involvement?
- Are the GB/LB roles and staff support as described appropriate?
- Are the mechanisms for engagement between LB and GB appropriate?
- Are there issues with the sequencing and additional timing implications as described?