
Te Komiti mō te Kaupapa Here me te Whakamahere / Policy and Planning Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee held in the Reception Lounge, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Thursday, 13 March 2025 at 10.00am.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Richard Hills	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Angela Dalton	
Members	Houkura Member Edward Ashby	
	Cr Andrew Baker	
	Cr Josephine Bartley	
	Mayor Wayne Brown	From 10.44am, Item 10, until 11.57, Item 11
	Cr Chris Darby	
	Cr Julie Fairey	
	Cr Christine Fletcher, QSO	Via electronic link, From 10.01am, Item 2
	Cr Lotu Fuli	Via electronic link, From 11.13am, Item 10 Until 12.24pm, Item 15
	Houkura Member Hon Tau Henare	
	Cr Shane Henderson	
	Cr Mike Lee	From 10.19am, Item 10
	Cr Kerrin Leoni	Until 12.25pm, Item 15
	Cr Greg Sayers	From 10.07am, Item 5.1
	Deputy Mayor Desley Simpson, JP	
	Cr Sharon Stewart, QSM	From 10.02am, Item 2
	Cr Ken Turner	
	Cr Wayne Walker	From 10.13am, Item 7
	Cr John Watson	From 10.22am, Item 10
	Cr Maurice Williamson	From 10.02am, Item 2

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Member	Cr Alf Filipaina, MNZM
	Cr Daniel Newman, JP

1 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/12

MOVED by Deputy Mayor D Simpson, seconded by Cr K Leoni:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

a) **whakaae / accept the apologies from members:**

Absence

**Mayor W Brown – on council business
Cr A Filipaina**

Lateness

**Cr L Fuli – on council business
Cr D Newman**

Early departure

**Cr A Baker
Cr C Fletcher – on council business**

CARRIED

Electronic Attendance

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/13

MOVED by Cr J Bartley, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Dalton:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

a) **whakaae / approve electronic attendance under Standing Order 3.3.3 for:**

- **Cr C Fuli (SO 3.3.3 a))**
- **Cr C Fletcher (SO 3.3.3 b))**

CARRIED

Note: Apologies were subsequently received from Cr J Watson for lateness.

Note: An apology had been received for Mayor W Brown for absence, however Mayor Brown arrived late and departed early.

Note: An apology had been received for Cr D Newman for lateness, however the meeting had concluded before Cr Newman could attend.

Note: Subsequently, Cr A Baker and Cr C Fletcher did not depart early.

2 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Cr C Fletcher joined the meeting at 10.01am.

Cr M Williamson entered the meeting at 10.02am.

Cr S Stewart entered the meeting at 10.02am.

3 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/14

MOVED by Cr J Fairey, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Dalton:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on [Thursday, 20 February 2025](#), including the confidential section, as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

4 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

There were no petitions.

5 Ngā Kōrero a te Marea | Public Input

5.1 Public Input: Extinction Rebellion Auckland - Climate-safe cities in 2025 and beyond

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Cr G Sayers entered the meeting at 10.07am.

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/15

MOVED by Chairperson R Hills, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Dalton:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the public input from Caril Cowan and David Thompson from the Extinction Rebellion Auckland regarding how the committee can ensure a climate-safe city in 2025 and beyond.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 13 March 2025, Policy and Planning Committee, Item 5.1 - Public Input: Extinction Rebellion Auckland - Climate-safe cities in 2025 and beyond - presentation

6 Ngā Kōrero a te Poari ā-Rohe Pātata | Local Board Input

There was no local board input.

7 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

Cr W Walker entered the meeting at 10.13am.

8 Proposed revocation of the reserve status of 2R Ti Rakau Drive, Pakuranga

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/16

MOVED by Cr M Williamson, seconded by Cr S Stewart:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whakaae / approve Auckland Council notifying the Minister of Conservation that it considers the reservation of the land as reserve should be revoked;**
- b) **tuhi tīpoka / note that in accordance with the process in the Reserves Act 1977, Auckland Council gave public notice on 18 October 2023 of its proposal to revoke the reserve status of reserve land at 2R Tī Rākau Drive, Pakūranga;**
- c) **tuhi tīpoka / note that objections to the proposal, together with submissions and evidence, have been heard and considered by the Independent Commissioner appointed by the council, who has recommended that Auckland Council proceed to seek the Minister of Conservation’s consideration of the reserve revocation proposal;**
- d) **whakaae / accept the Commissioner’s recommendation;**
- e) **whakaae / agree that the reasons for the reserve revocation are that;**
 - i) **the land does not have any or sufficient value as reserve land and holding it under the Reserves Act is not necessary or appropriate;**
 - ii) **the community benefit is better served by holding the land free of the Act’s restrictions and using it as part of the urban regeneration programme to take place alongside the Eastern Busway development;**
 - iii) **the provision of the reserve land for car parking for (mainly) private benefit is not a justifiable Reserves Act purpose;**
 - iv) **the revocation of the reserve status will not result in any appreciable loss of reserve amenity or value of the type intended to be protected by the Reserves Act.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 13 March 2025, Policy and Planning Committee, Item 8 - Proposed revocation of the reserve status of 2R Ti Rakau Drive, Pakuranga - presentation

9 Hauraki Gulf Islands section of the Auckland District Plan - Proposed Plan Change - Helipads

This item was withdrawn.

10 Auckland Council Group project list to be submitted to the Infrastructure Priorities Programme (Part of the National Infrastructure Plan)

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Cr M Lee entered the meeting at 10.19am.

Cr J Watson entered the meeting at 10.22am.

Mayor W Brown entered the meeting at 10.44am.

Cr L Fuli joined the meeting at 11.13am.

Cr W Walker left the meeting at 11.27am.

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/17

MOVED by Chairperson R Hills, seconded by Cr C Darby:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whakaae / approve the submission of the following packages of projects (further information included as Attachment A to this agenda report) to the second round of submissions to Te Waihangā / New Zealand Infrastructure Commission's Infrastructure Priorities Programme:**
 - i) **Infrastructure to support growth in Auckland**
 - ii) **Making Auckland's transport system more efficient**
 - iii) **Managing Auckland's Growing Travel Demand Through Rapid Transit Expansion**
 - iv) **Using 'Time-of-Use Charging' to reduce congestion**
 - v) **Renewing our ageing Ferry Fleet**
 - vi) **Delivering blue-green networks for flood resilience to parts of Auckland**
 - vii) **Alternative stormwater management methods for intensification.**
- b) **tuhi tīpoka / note that Watercare is preparing four Stage 1 submissions that cover water supply, wastewater and biosolids.**
- c) **tuhi tīpoka / note that Auckland Transport is proposing to include a further four submissions that sit under 'Managing Auckland's Growing Travel Demand Through Rapid Transit Expansion' (see recommendation a) iii) above) - two projects are proposed to be submitted as Stage 2 (optioneering), and two are proposed to be submitted as or Stage 3 (preferred option).**
- d) **tāpae / delegate authority to the General Manager Policy to approve the final submissions ahead of the 17 April 2025 deadline.**
- e) **tāpae / delegate authority to the Director of Policy Planning and Governance to prepare and issue a letter of support for the Level Crossing Removal Programme component of KiwiRail's Rail Business Case submission.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 13 March 2025, Policy and Planning Committee, Item 10 - Auckland Council Group project list to be submitted to the Infrastructure Priorities Programme (Part of the National Infrastructure Plan) - presentation

11 Priority submissions for Auckland Council Group

Cr W Walker returned to the meeting at 11.30am.
Cr G Sayers left the meeting at 11.37am.
Cr G Sayers returned to the meeting at 11.52am.
Cr L Fuli left the meeting at 11.55am.

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/18

MOVED by Cr A Baker, seconded by Cr K Turner:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whakaae / approve Auckland Council Group to prepare submissions to the following consultations: Building Act changes to enable building granny flats and other small structures, Local Government Systems Improvement Bill, national policy direction and standards packages, a four-year Parliamentary term, and wastewater environmental performance standards.**

CARRIED

Mayor W Brown retired from the meeting at 11.57pm.

12 Auckland Unitary Plan - Private Plan Change Request to Rezone Land at 70, 70A and 70B Lisle Farm Drive, Pukekohe

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Note: changes were made to the original recommendation, adding new clause d) as a Chair's recommendation.

Cr L Fuli returned to the meeting at 11.58pm.

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/19

MOVED by Cr A Baker, seconded by Chairperson R Hills:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whakaae / agree not to reject the private plan change request under clause 25(4) of Schedule 1 of the RMA as there are no grounds of rejection available, on the basis that:**
 - i) **the private plan change request is not frivolous or vexatious;**
 - ii) **the substance of the private plan change request has not been considered within the last two years;**
 - iii) **a coarse level of assessment of the private plan change request does not indicate that it is not in accordance with sound resource management practice;**
 - iv) **a preliminary assessment indicates the private plan change request will not make the AUP inconsistent with Part 5 of the RMA; and**
 - v) **the private plan change incorporates the Medium Density Residential Standards as required by section 77G(1) of the RMA**

- b) **whakaae / accept the private plan change request for the following reasons:**
 - i) **accepting the private plan change request for notification will enable a range of matters to be considered on their merits during a public participatory process**
 - ii) **it is inappropriate to adopt the private plan change. The council has no immediate intentions to rezone this area for development. A council plan change is not currently on the work programme**
 - iii) **it is not appropriate to deal with the private plan change as if it was a resource consent application because the FUZ is not suitable for the scale of residential subdivision and development proposed**
- c) **tāpae / delegate authority to the Manager Central South Planning to undertake the required notification and other statutory processes associated with processing the private plan change request**
- d) **tāpae / delegate authority to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Policy and Planning Committee, and a Member of Houkura, to approve a council submission on the Private Plan Change request to Rezone Land at 70, 70A and 70B Lisle Farm Drive, Pukekohe, that seeks changes to the request to ensure that development is not enabled until there has been provision of infrastructure (e.g. through strengthening the objectives, policies and precinct provisions included in the private plan change) to address stormwater and flooding issues, transport issues and water and wastewater issues.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 13 March 2025, Policy and Planning Committee, Item 12 - Auckland Unitary Plan - Private Plan Change Request to Rezone Land at 70, 70A and 70B Lisle Farm Drive, Pukekohe - presentation

13 Auckland Unitary Plan – Making Plan Change 92 (Private) Wellsford North operative

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Cr L Fuli left the meeting at 12.05pm.

Cr L Fuli entered the meeting in person at 12.05pm.

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/20

MOVED by Cr G Sayers, seconded by Cr A Baker:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whakaae / approve Private Plan Change 92 to the Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part) under clause 17(2) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 as set out in Attachment A to the agenda report**
- b) **tono / request staff to complete the necessary statutory processes to publicly notify the date on which the plan change becomes operative as soon as possible, in accordance with the requirements in clause 20(2) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 13 March 2025, Policy and Planning Committee, Item 13 - Auckland Unitary Plan – Making Plan Change 92 (Private) Wellsford North operative - presentation

Te Mihi | Acknowledgement

The meeting acknowledged the retirement of Warren Maclennan, Manager Planning North West. Warren's contribution to the Auckland Council, Rodney District Council and Northland Regional Council has been extensive and the committee wished him the best for his future.

14 Status Update on Action Decisions from Policy and Planning Committee – 13 March 2025

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/21

MOVED by Cr W Walker, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Dalton:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **tuhi tīpoka / note the status of decisions made at the 20 February 2025 meeting.**

CARRIED

15 Summary of Policy and Planning Committee information memoranda, workshops and briefings (including the Forward Work Programme) – 13 March 2025

Houkura Member T Henare retired from the meeting at 12.24pm.

Cr K Leoni left the meeting at 12.27pm.

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/22

MOVED by Deputy Mayor D Simpson, seconded by Cr W Walker:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **tuhi tīpoka / note the progress on the forward work programme appended as Attachment A of the agenda report**
- b) **whiwhi / receive the Summary of Policy and Planning Committee information memoranda, workshops and briefings – 13 March 2025.**

CARRIED

16 Te Whakaaro ki ngā Take Pūtea e Autaia ana | Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

12.29pm

The chairperson thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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AT A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND PLANNING
COMMITTEE HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....