
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, 10 April 2025 at 10.05am.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Richard Hills	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Angela Dalton	
Members	Houkura Member Edward Ashby	
	Cr Josephine Bartley	From 10.35am, Item 8
	Mayor Wayne Brown	From 11.50pm, Item 9 Until 2.50pm, Item 14
	Cr Chris Darby	From 10.07am, Item 5
	Cr Julie Fairey	Via electronic link; From 10.07am, Item 5 Until 3.04pm, Item 15 Until 2.27pm, Item 14
	Cr Alf Filipaina, MNZM	
	Cr Christine Fletcher, QSO	
	Cr Lotu Fuli	Until 2.51pm, Item 14
	Houkura Member Hon Tau Henare	From 10.06am, Item 3 Until 2.04pm, Item 13
	Cr Shane Henderson	
	Cr Mike Lee	
	Cr Kerrin Leoni	
	Cr Daniel Newman, JP	
	Cr Greg Sayers	
	Deputy Mayor Desley Simpson, JP	Via electronic link From 11.02am, Item 8
	Cr Sharon Stewart, QSM	
	Cr Ken Turner	
	Cr Wayne Walker	From 10.05am, Item 1
	Cr John Watson	
	Cr Maurice Williamson	

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Member	Cr Andrew Baker
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TE HUNGA ĀPITI KUA TAE MAI | ALSO PRESENT

Izzy Fordham, Chair – Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board
Robin Tucker, Member – Waiheke Local Board

Cr W Walker entered the meeting at 10.05am.

1 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/23

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

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

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

Absence

Cr A Baker, on council business

Lateness

Mayor W Brown, on council business

Cr J Bartley

Deputy Mayor Cr D Simpson, on council business

Early departure

Cr L Fuli

CARRIED

Note: An apology were subsequently received from Mayor W Brown for early departure.

Electronic Attendance

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/24

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson A Dalton, seconded by Cr K Leoni:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

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

- **Deputy Mayor Cr D Simpson (SO 3.3.3 a))**
- **Cr J Fairey (SO 3.3.3 a))**
- **Cr L Fuli (SO 3.3.3 a)).**

CARRIED

2 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Houkura Member T Henare entered the meeting at 10.06am.

3 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/25

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson A Dalton, seconded by Cr G Sayers:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on [Thursday, 13 March 2025](#) as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

4 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

There were no petitions.

5 Ngā Kōrero a te Marea | Public Input

There was no public input.

*Cr J Fairey joined the meeting at 10.07am.
Cr C Darby entered the meeting at 10.07am.*

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

6.1 Local Board Input - Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board - Hauraki Gulf Islands section of the Auckland District Plan - Proposed Plan Change - Helipads

Chair Izzy Fordham, Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board addressed the committee. 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/2025/26

MOVED by Cr M Lee, seconded by Cr W Walker:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whiwhi / receive Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board input regarding the Hauraki Gulf Islands section of the Auckland District Plan - Proposed Plan Change – Helipads whakamihi / thank the local board for their attendance.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 10 April 2025, Policy and Planning Committee, Item 6.1 - Local Board Input - Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board - Hauraki Gulf Islands section of the Auckland District Plan - Proposed Plan Change - Helipads, Presentation

6.2 Local Board Input - Waiheke Local Board - Hauraki Gulf Islands section of the Auckland District Plan - Proposed Plan Change - Helipads

Member Robin Tucker, Waiheke Local Board addressed the committee.

Resolution number PEPC/2025/27

MOVED by Cr M Lee, seconded by Cr W Walker:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whiwhi / receive Waiheke Local Board input regarding the Hauraki Gulf Islands section of the Auckland District Plan - Proposed Plan Change – Helipads whakamihi / thank the local board for their attendance.**

CARRIED

7 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

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

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 J Bartley entered the meeting at 10.35am.

Cr D Newman left the meeting at 10.55am.

Cr J Fairey left the meeting at 11.01am.

Deputy Mayor D Simpson joined the meeting at 11.03am.

Deputy Mayor D Simpson left the meeting at 11.10am.

Deputy Mayor D Simpson returned to the meeting in-person at 11.12am.

Note: changes were made to the original motion, amending clauses a) and b) and adding a new clauses c) and d), as a Chair's recommendation.

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

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) whakaae / approve the notification of proposed Plan Change 'Helipads – Restricted Discretionary Activities to the Hauraki Gulf Islands section of the Auckland Council District Plan – as outlined in Attachment B of the agenda report, subject to amending the plan change to enable the consideration of both noise and vibration.
- b) ohia / endorse the section 32 evaluation report contained as Attachment A of the agenda report, subject to amendments to reflect clause a) should this be required.
- c) tāpae / delegate to the General Manager of Planning and Resource Consents the authority to approve the specific wording required to give effect to clauses a) and b).
- d) tāpae / delegate to the General Manager of Planning and Resource Consents the authority to make minor amendments to the proposed plan change and/or Section 32 report prior to public notification.

Extension of Speaking Time

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/28

MOVED by Cr C Fletcher, seconded by Cr W Walker:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whakaae / agree to extend Cr M Lee's speaking time by two minutes to complete his address.**

CARRIED

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/29

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

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whakaae / approve the notification of proposed Plan Change 'Helipads – Restricted Discretionary Activities to the Hauraki Gulf Islands section of the Auckland Council District Plan – as outlined in Attachment B of the agenda report, subject to amending the plan change to enable the consideration of both noise and vibration.**
- b) **ohia / endorse the section 32 evaluation report contained as Attachment A of the agenda report, subject to amendments to reflect clause a) should this be required.**
- c) **tāpae / delegate to the General Manager of Planning and Resource Consents the authority to approve the specific wording required to give effect to clauses a) and b).**
- d) **tāpae / delegate to the General Manager of Planning and Resource Consents the authority to make minor amendments to the proposed plan change and/or Section 32 report prior to public notification.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 10 April 2025, Policy and Planning Committee - Item 8 - Hauraki Gulf Islands section of the Auckland District Plan - Proposed Plan Change - Helipads - presentation

The meeting adjourned at 11.30am and reconvened at 11.35am.

Deputy Chair A Dalton, Cr C Darby, Cr A Filipaina, Houkura Member T Henare, Cr M Lee, Cr S Stewart and Cr J Watson were not present.

9 Auckland Unitary Plan - On-site wastewater plan change

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.

C S Stewart returned to the meeting at 11.35am.

Cr A Filipaina returned to the meeting at 11.36am.

Cr A Dalton returned to the meeting at 11.36am.

Cr M Lee returned to the meeting at 11.36am.

Cr C Fletcher left the meeting at 11.36am.

Member T Henare returned to the meeting at 11.39am.

Cr J Watson left the meeting at 11.40am.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor D Simpson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Dalton:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) whakaae / approve the preparation of a council-initiated plan change to the Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part) to address issues with the provisions for on-site and small-scale wastewater management.
- b) note that staff will bring back a draft plan change to the Committee for approval to notify, once engagement with iwi and stakeholders has been undertaken.

Electronic Attendance

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/30

MOVED by Chairperson R Hills, seconded by Cr W Walker:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whakaae / approve electronic attendance under Standing Order 3.3.3 for:**
 - **Cr M Williamson (SO 3.3.3 c))**

CARRIED

Cr D Newman returned to the meeting at 11.42am.

Cr C Darby returned to the meeting at 11.46am.

Cr M Williamson left the meeting at 11.46am

Cr M Williamson returned to the meeting via electronic link at 11.48am.

Cr J Watson returned to the meeting at 11.48am.

Cr C Fletcher returned to the meeting at 11.49am.

Mayor W Brown entered the meeting at 11.51am.

Cr J Fairey returned to the meeting at 11.51am.

Deputy Mayor D Simpson left the meeting at 12.10pm.

Deputy Mayor D Simpson returned to the meeting via electronic link at 12.10pm

Deputy Mayor D Simpson left the meeting at 12.17pm.

Deputy Mayor D Simpson returned to the meeting in-person at 12.17pm.

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/31

MOVED by Deputy Mayor D Simpson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Dalton:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whakaae / approve the preparation of a council-initiated plan change to the Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part) to address issues with the provisions for on-site and small-scale wastewater management.**
- b) **tuhi tīpoka / note that staff will bring back a draft plan change to the Committee for approval to notify, once engagement with iwi and stakeholders has been undertaken.**

CARRIED

Note: Under Standing Order 1.8.3, Cr C Fletcher requested that her abstention be recorded.

Note: Under Standing Order 1.8.6, the following members requested that their dissenting votes be recorded as follows:

- Cr G Sayers
- Cr K Turner

Attachments

- A 10 April 2025, Policy and Planning Committee, Item 9 - Auckland Unitary Plan - On-site wastewater plan change - presentation

10 Auckland Unitary Plan - making operative Private Plan Change 99 (13 Cresta Avenue and 96 Beach Haven Road, Beach Haven)

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/32

MOVED by Cr S Henderson, seconded by Cr K Leoni:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whakaae / approve Private Plan Change 99: 13 Cresta Avenue and 96 Beach Haven Road, Beach Haven to the Auckland Unitary Plan under clause 17(2) of Schedule 1 of the RMA as set out in Attachments A and B to the agenda report;**
- b) **tono / request staff to complete the necessary statutory processes to publicly notify the date on which Private Plan Change 99: 13 Cresta Avenue and 96 Beach Haven Road, Beach Haven becomes operative in part as soon as possible, in accordance with the requirements in clause 20(2) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act.**

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12.33pm and reconvened at 1.07pm.

Cr C Darby, Cr M Lee, Cr W Walker, Cr J Watson and Cr M Williamson were not present.

11 Storm Recovery: Storm Affected Land Use Policy and implementation approach

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 J Watson returned to the meeting at 1.08pm.

Cr W Walker returned to the meeting at 1.11pm.

Cr M Lee returned to the meeting at 1.12pm.

Cr M Williamson returned to the meeting at 1.17pm.

Cr C Darby returned to the meeting at 1.23pm.

Note: changes were made to the original recommendation, amending clause b) with the agreement of the meeting.

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/33

MOVED by Deputy Mayor D Simpson, seconded by Mayor W Brown:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whai / adopt the Storm Affected Land Use Policy and implementation approach.**
- b) **tāpae / delegate approval of the final Policy and implementation approach incorporating all the proposed changes as outlined in Attachment B of the agenda report and any minor edits, as may be required, to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Policy and Planning Committee, Chair of the Parks Committee and a member of Houkura – Independent Māori Statutory Board.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments

- A 10 April 2025, Policy and Planning Committee, Item 11 - Storm Recovery: Storm Affected Land Use Policy and implementation approach - presentation

12 Shaping how Tāmaki Makaurau plans for climate disruption

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/34

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

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whakaae / agree Auckland Council's position on the national adaptation framework, consistent with previous submissions and these statements.**
- b) **tāpae / delegate authority to approve a future submission to central government on the national adaptation framework to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee and a member of Houkura – Independent Māori Statutory Board; or to the Chief Executive if the Chair and Deputy Chair are not available because of the local government election.**

CARRIED

13 Auckland Botanic Gardens masterplan process

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

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.

Houkura Member T Henare left the meeting at 2.04pm.

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/35

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson A Dalton, seconded by Cr C Fletcher:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whakaae / approve the scope, methodology and engagement approach for developing a masterplan for 120 Hill Road, Manurewa, which forms part of the Auckland Botanic Gardens, noting that the:**
 - i) **scope is focused on an ethnobotanic garden at the new site and its connection to the existing gardens**
 - ii) **methodology will involve three phases: planning, research and design**
 - iii) **masterplan development will be carried out in partnership with mana whenua**
 - iv) **input and feedback from the Manurewa Local Board, key stakeholders and local community will inform the final masterplan**
 - v) **opportunity will be given for all local boards to provide feedback on the draft masterplan during the design phase of the project.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 10 April 2025, Policy and Planning Committee, Item 13 - Auckland Botanic Gardens masterplan process - presentation

Te Mihi | Acknowledgement

The meeting acknowledged the retirement of Jack Hobbs, Manager Botanic Gardens for his 48 years of service and the committee wished him all the best for his future.

The meeting adjourned at 2.15pm and reconvened at 2.23pm.

14 Council group submission on proposed wastewater environmental performance standards to Water Services Authority - Taumata Arowai

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 A Filipaina retired from the meeting at 2.27pm.

Cr L Fuli retired from the meeting at 2.51pm.

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

Resolution number PEPC/2025/36

MOVED by Chairperson R Hills, seconded by Cr G Sayers:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **tuhi tīpoka / note that the proposed wastewater environmental performance standards, made under section 138 of the Water Services Act 2021, will prevail over comparable provisions made under the Resource Management Act, unless this statutory interface is altered through the passage of the Local Government (Water Services) Bill**
- b) **ohia / endorse the draft submission to the Water Services Authority (Taumata Arowai) being prepared in Attachment A of the agenda report, subject to editorial changes resulting from input from technical staff across the council group**
- c) **tāpae / delegate approval of the council's submission on the proposed wastewater environmental performance standards to the Mayor, Chair and Deputy Chair of the Policy and Planning Committee, and a member of Houkura – Independent Māori Statutory Board.**
- d) **tono / request that Taumata Arowai work directly with Auckland Council and Watercare experts to finalise the wastewater environmental performance standards.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 10 April 2025, Policy and Planning Committee, Item 14 - Council group submission on proposed wastewater environmental performance standards to Water Services Authority - Taumata Arowai - presentation

Mayor W Brown retired from the meeting at 2.50pm.

15 Auckland Council submission on the Term of Parliament (Enabling 4-year Term) Legislation Amendment Bill

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 J Fairey retired from the meeting at 3.04pm.

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

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/37

MOVED by Cr W Walker, seconded by Chairperson R Hills:

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **whiwhi / receive local board feedback in Attachment B of the agenda report and any further feedback tabled at the meeting.**
- b) **whakaae / approve the council submission on the Term of Parliament (Enabling 4-year Term) Legislation Amendment Bill (Attachment A of the agenda report) including the following high-level themes:**
 - i) **support for a referendum on a four-year parliamentary term with the following recommendations:**
 - A) **it is a fixed four-year term (i.e. is not variable between three and four years)**
 - B) **local government term of office should be of the same length and included in the referendum.**
 - C) **consideration of central and local government elections falling within the same calendar year, but not at the same time.**
- c) **tāpae / delegate authority to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Policy and Planning Committee and a member of Houkura - Independent Māori Statutory Board to approve any changes resultant from this meeting and the final submission ahead of the 17 April 2025 deadline.**
- d) **tāpae / delegate to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Policy and Planning Committee to speak to the council's submission as part of the select committee process.**
- e) **tuhi tīpoka / note the final submission will be circulated to members following 17 April 2025.**

CARRIED

Note: Under Standing Order 1.8.6, Houkura Member E Ashby requested that his abstention be recorded.

Note: Under Standing Order 1.8.6, the following members requested that their dissenting votes be recorded:

- Cr K Turner
- Cr J Watson

Note: Under Standing Order 1.8.6, Cr W Walker requested that his dissenting vote against clause b) i) C) be recorded.

16 Status Update on Action Decisions from Policy and Planning Committee – 10 April 2025

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/38

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

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

- a) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the status of decisions made at the 13 March 2025 meeting.**

CARRIED

17 Summary of Policy and Planning Committee information memoranda, workshops and briefings (including the Forward Work Programme) – 10 April 2025

Resolution number PEPCC/2025/39

MOVED by Cr S Henderson, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Dalton:

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 – 10 April 2025.**

CARRIED

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

3.30pm

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:.....