

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, 6 WAIPAREIRA AVENUE, LINCOLN,
WAITAKERE CITY, ON TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2003,
COMMENCING AT 9.39 AM.**

PRESENT: Councillors PA Hulse (Chairperson)
DA Yates, JP (Deputy Chairperson)
DQ Battersby, JP (from 9.45 am)
BA Brady, JP (until 10.40 am)
RP Dallow, QPM, JP
AC Fenton
OE Hoskin, MNZM, JP
JP Lawley
GE Nash, JP
GB Presland
GW Russell, JP
CA Stone

ALSO PRESENT RE Taylor (Waitakere Community Board)
KP Healy (Waitakere Community Board)

IN ATTENDANCE: Director: Strategy & Development
Group Manager: City Development Projects
Group Manager: Planning & Community Services
Group Manager: Strategic Planning & Policy
Urban Development & Design Manager
Security Manager
Strategic Leader
Principal Planner
Planner: Policy Implementation: E Shields
Service Planner: P Wells
Service Planner: A Hughes
Committee Secretary: O Schuster

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE Heather Ask, Legal Advisor to Council
Kathleen Ryan, Planning Consultant acting for Council
Conway Stewart, Planning Consultant acting for Council
Sarah Flynn - Kingett Mitchell, Consultant Acting for Council
Ken Tremaine, Ken Tremaine Consulting Limited
Nichola Woodward, Ken Tremaine Consulting Limited

1 APOLOGIES

4382/2003
MOVED by Cr Yates, seconded Cr Fenton:

That apologies from Crs Clews and Neeson for absence and be received and sustained.

CARRIED

2 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no Urgent Business.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4383/2003

MOVED by Cr Fenton, seconded Cr Nash:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Environmental Management Committee held on Monday, 1 December 2003 and reconvened on Tuesday, 2 December 2003, as circulated, be taken as read and now be confirmed.

CARRIED

4 STRUCTURE PLANNING REVIEW REPORT

9.45 am Cr Battersy entered the meeting.

10.40 am Cr Brady left the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

4384/2003

MOVED by Cr Nash, seconded Cr Fenton:

That the meeting stand adjourned until 11.20 am.

CARRIED

11.08 am The meeting adjourned.

11.25 am The meeting reconvened. Cr Hoskin was not present.

11.31am Cr Hoskin returned to the meeting.

4385/2003

MOVED by Cr Nash, seconded Cr Stone:

1. That recommendations in relation to each of the Structure Planning Review Report's recommendations are provided in subsequent resolutions. These recommendations were made prior to the receipt of the Peer Review.
2. That the information be received.

CARRIED

4386/2003

MOVED by Cr Presland, seconded Cr Yates:

That the amended Recommendation 1 in the Structure Planning Review Report dated November 2003 that the Council:

“first clarifies and then strongly affirms the vision and values for the Waitakere Ranges, including the foothills”;

be adopted.

CARRIED

4387/2003

MOVED by Cr Presland, seconded Cr Dallow:

That Recommendation 2 in the Structure Planning Review Report dated November 2003 that the Council:

“undertakes further work on its long term settlements strategy, particularly for rural areas, and that this -

reflects the vision and values developed in Recommendation 2;

takes a long term view, out to 2050, to ensure that future urban potential is protected;

considers rural residential development in the regional and sub regional context;

considers the role of non statutory instruments at this stage so that a proactive approach is taken to their use”;

be adopted.

CARRIED

4388/2003

MOVED by Cr Dallow, seconded Cr Fenton:

That Recommendation 3 in the Structure Planning Review Report dated November 2003 that the Council:

“considers any future potential development opportunities across the rural area in the light of Recommendations 2 and 3 above, and in conjunction with the range of management tools, including transferable development rights, minimum lot sizes, cluster housing in farm parks, site re-amalgamation, enhancement based incentives, assessment criteria for rural subdivision and other mechanisms”;

be adopted.

CARRIED

4389/2003

MOVED by Cr Yates, seconded Cr Presland:

That Recommendation 4 in the Structure Planning Review Report dated November 2003 that the Council:

“considers the use of prohibited activity status, and other mechanisms, such as restrictive covenants, to foreclose further development where this is essential to protect significant values into the longer term”;

be adopted.

CARRIED

4390/2003

MOVED by Cr Russell, seconded Cr Lawley:

That Recommendation 5 in the Structure Planning Review Report dated November 2003 that the Council:

“considers equity, consistency and transparency, where possible and appropriate, in the choice of planning mechanisms to be used”;

be adopted.

CARRIED

4391/2003

MOVED by Cr Nash, seconded Cr Fenton:

That Recommendation 6 in the Structure Planning Review Report dated November 2003 that the Council:

“considers the use of non statutory as well as statutory mechanisms to support and enhance key environmental outcomes”;

be adopted.

CARRIED

4392/2003

MOVED by Cr Dallow, seconded Cr Yates:

That Recommendation 7 in the Structure Planning Review Report dated November 2003 that the Council:

“considers the use of non statutory as well as statutory mechanisms to recognise and enhance cultural heritage of Tangata Whenua and other key cultural groups”;

be adopted.

CARRIED

4393/2003

MOVED by Cr Russell, seconded Cr Presland:

That Recommendation 8 in the Structure Planning Review Report dated November 2003 that the Council:

“ensures that comprehensive open space planning is undertaken at an appropriate time, after the first four matters in Recommendations 2 to 5 above are considered, and is included as an integral part of any future planning exercises across the city”;

be adopted.

CARRIED

4394/2003

MOVED by Cr Battersby, seconded Cr Nash:

That Recommendation 9 in the Structure Planning Review Report dated November 2003 that the Council:

“considers its systems, structures and resourcing to ensure it is able to:

provide appropriate leadership in the development of the above;

adequately manage and resource the work involved;

ensure any teams have the skill sets and resources needed for the task/s;

consult the appropriate communities and stakeholders, including landowners;

manage expectations of the diverse stakeholders”;

be adopted.

CARRIED

4395/2003

MOVED by Cr Nash, seconded Cr Russel:

That Recommendation 10 in the Structure Planning Review Report dated November 2003 that the Council:

“monitors the outcomes of the Oratia and Birdwood structure plans in terms of Policy 11.29 and the structure plan process undertaken, and in light of Recommendation 2 above”;

be adopted.

CARRIED

12.05 pm Brady returned the meeting.

4396/2003

MOVED by Cr Battersby, seconded Cr Yates:

That Recommendation 11 in the Structure Planning Review Report dated November 2003 that the Council:

“considers any changes needed to the management of landscape, rural character and amenity issues in light of Recommendations 2-11”;

be adopted.

CARRIED

4397/2003

MOVED by Cr Nash, seconded Cr Fenton:

That Recommendation 12 in the Structure Planning Review Report dated November 2003 that the Council:

“considers any changes needed to the management of ecological issues in the light of Recommendations 2-12, and in particular if further rural development opportunities are provided for, given the threats posed by weeds and pests”;

be adopted.

CARRIED

4398/2003

MOVED by Cr Battersby, seconded Cr Fenton:

That Recommendation 13 in the Structure Planning Review Report dated November 2003 that the Council:

“considers any plan changes needed in light of the above”;

be adopted.

CARRIED

4399/2003

MOVED by Cr Presland, seconded Cr Hoskin:

That Recommendation 14 in the Structure Planning Review Report dated November 2003 that the Council:

“considers changes that need to be made to the structure plan focus and process, and further policy and assessment criteria for subdivision in structure plan areas, through plan changes to the District Plan”;

be adopted, and that Recommendation 14 be incorporated into the work programme arising from the adoption of Recommendations 1-13, when the actions identified in Recommendation 14 accord with the achievement of that work programme.

CARRIED

4400/2003

MOVED by Cr Nash, seconded Cr Fenton:

1. That in relation to Recommendation 15 in the Structure Planning Review, the Council request that the Environment Court defer the appeal proceedings relating to Variation 88 until such time that the strategic vision for the Waitakere Ranges and the Foothills Environment is confirmed.
2. That once the strategic vision for the Waitakere Ranges and the Foothills Environment is confirmed, the Council seek to resolve the Environment Court appeals relating to Variation 88, in accordance with that confirmed vision.
3. That if the Environment Court declines the Council's request for deferral of proceedings, the matter be referred back to the Environmental Management Committee for further consideration.

CARRIED

4401/2003

MOVED by Cr Presland, seconded Cr Lawley:

“That after recommendations 2-5 above are completed, Council undertakes a future planning exercise for the Swanson rural and urban areas”

CARRIED

4402/2003

MOVED by Cr Russell, seconded Cr Yates:

That Recommendation 17 in the Structure Planning Review Report dated November 2003 that the Council:

“works with the Auckland Regional Council, other Auckland councils, and other interested councils nationally, to advocate to central government for research and action on developing effective management frameworks to support the protection of significant environmental values into the longer term”;

be adopted.

CARRIED

4403/2003

MOVED by Yates, seconded Cr Nash:

1. That no further action be taken by Council to progress the development of the Opanuku Structure Plan until the completion of the policy work identified in the Structure Planning Review and the Waitakere Ranges Project.
2. That the Council discuss the outcomes of the Structure Planning Review with the Pakanui Structure Plan landowners, and report back to the Environmental Management Committee on this matter.
3. That the Structure Planning Review Report be made freely available, and be incorporated into Phase II of the Waitakere Ranges Project.
4. That the two work programmes arising from the Structure Planning Review and the Waitakere Ranges Project be integrated where appropriate, and reported back to the Environmental Management Committee following the completion of Phase III of the consultation on the Waitakere Ranges Project.

CARRIED

12.37 pm

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

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DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....