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COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WAITAKERE CENTRAL, 6 HENDERSON VALLEY ROAD,  
HENDERSON, WAITAKERE, ON THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2009,  
COMMENCING AT 9.35 AM**

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**PRESENT:**

Deputy Mayor	PA	Hulse (Chairman) (until 11.07 am) (from 11.31 am)
Councillors	LA	Cooper, JP (Deputy Chairman) (from 10.18 am) (presiding from 11.08 am until 11.30 am) (until 12.23 pm)
	DQ	Battersby, QSM JP
	BA	Brady, JP
	MFP	Chan, JP
	JM	Clews, QSO, JP
	AK	Corban, OBE, JP (until 11.32 am) (from 11.49 am)
	RP	Dallow, QPM, JP
	PG	Mitchell
Mr	WH	Paki, JP (Chairman, Te Taumata Runanga)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director: Strategic Planning  
Director: Community Wellbeing  
Deputy Director: Strategic Planning  
Group Manager: Libraries and Information Services  
Manager: Sustainable Management  
Manager: Economic Development  
Manager: Transport Strategy  
Service Manager: Parks Planning  
Principal Advisor: Transport  
Senior Advisor: Strategic Governance  
Strategic Advisor: Community Outcomes  
Strategic Advisors: Waitakere Ranges – F Thomas  
M Tollemache  
Strategic Advisor: Sustainable Management  
Strategic Partnerships Advisor: Economic Development  
Parks Ecology and Policy Co-ordinator  
Executive Assistant to Deputy Mayor  
Committee Secretary: J Moore

**ALSO  
IN ATTENDANCE:**

Clive Fuhr, New Zealand Transport Agency  
Neil Cree, New Zealand Transport Agency  
Carol Greensmith, New Zealand Transport Agency  
Bob Dey, Publisher: The Bob Dey Property Report

**1 APOLOGIES**

869/2009

MOVED by Cr Mitchell, seconded Cr Brady:

That apologies from Crs Clow, Flaunty, Lawley, Neeson and Jolley for absence, and Cr Cooper for lateness and for early departure be received and sustained.

**CARRIED**

**2 URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Business.

**3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Elected Members were reminded via the agenda, of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have.

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

870/2009

MOVED by Cr Dallow, seconded Cr Mitchell:

The Policy and Strategy Committee resolved to:

**Receive** the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee held on Thursday, 7 May 2009, as circulated, and that they be taken as read and now be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

**5 PRESENTATION - STATE HIGHWAY 20 WATERVIEW CONNECTION**

New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) has investigated alternatives to the tunnel option for the State Highway 20 connection between Waterview and Maioro Interchanges. NZTA has a new proposal which is a combined tunnel and surface option. This comprises a bored tunnel under New North Road and Avondale Heights and a cut and cover tunnel under Great North Road. In the south it is proposed to be built at surface adjacent to an area already set aside for a rail line. The motorway will have bus shoulders and capacity for three lanes in each direction. An indicative cost of the project including a proposed widening of State Highway 16 has been proposed at \$1.4 billion. It is proposed to take four and a half years to build. The Policy and Strategy Committee will be asked to consider a formal response to the proposal at its July meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday, 2 July 2009.

Representatives from the New Zealand Transport Agency gave the presentation and responded to questions.

871/2009

MOVED by Cr Brady, seconded WH Paki:

The Policy and Strategy Committee resolved to:

**Receive** the Presentation – State Highway 20 Waterview Connection.

**CARRIED**

**6 GREEN NETWORK COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE UPDATE**

10.18 am Cr Cooper entered the meeting.

872/2009

MOVED by WH Paki, seconded Cr Cooper:

The Policy and Strategy Committee resolved to:

1. **Receive** the Green Network Community Assistance Programme Update report.
2. **Approve** the modification of the Green Network Community Assistance programme to focus on assistance for Sustainable Neighbourhoods.
3. **Approve** the re-branding of the Green Network Community Assistance Programme to the Sustainable Neighbourhoods programme.

**CARRIED**

873/2009

MOVED by Cr Corban, seconded Cr Brady:

The Policy and Strategy Committee resolved to:

**Recommend** to the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee that it call for a report from Council officers on the Green Network and Waitakere Ranges covenanting programme; and that it then reconsider the Long Term Council Community Plan provision for and accounting of an active covenanting programme to achieve the protection in perpetuity of significant natural areas in private ownership.

**CARRIED**

**7 DRAFT WAITAKERE THREATENED SPECIES MANAGEMENT POLICY**

874/2009

MOVED by Cr Cooper, seconded Cr Mitchell:

The Policy and Strategy Committee resolved to:

1. **Receive** the Draft Waitakere Threatened Species Management Policy report.
2. **Approve** the adoption of the Waitakere Threatened Species Management Policy attached at pages A1 to A22 to the agenda report.
3. **Direct** the Chief Executive Officer to prepare displays showing threatened species in the City as an educational and advocacy tool, including information about the processes and prevention of population decline and extinction in partnership with Te Taumata Runanga and relevant agencies.

**CARRIED**

## 8 PROPOSED LOCAL AREA PLANS FOR THE FOOTHILLS

875/2009

MOVED by Cr Mitchell, seconded Cr Clews:

The Policy and Strategy Committee resolved to:

1. **Receive** the Proposed Local Area Plans For The Foothills report.
2. **Agree** that further Local Area Plans for the remainder of the foothills be developed through the 2009/2010 financial year in a sequence beginning with Henderson Valley/Opanuku, then Swanson and finally Anzac Valley.
3. **Agree** that the process for undertaking the preparation of the Local Area Plans follow the process used for the development of the Oratia and Waitatarua Local Area Plans including:
  - preliminary research on the characteristics and issues of the area;
  - definition of the local area, in consultation with the local and wider community;
  - consultation through a mixture of small group and larger public meetings; and
  - a “community enquiry” workshop to develop the draft Local Area Plan.

**CARRIED**

## 9 WAITAKERE BUS ISSUES

11.07 am Cr Hulse vacated the Chair and left the meeting.

11.08 am Cr Cooper assumed the Chair.

876/2009

MOVED by Cr Dallow, seconded Cr Brady:

The Policy and Strategy Committee resolved to:

1. **Receive** the Waitakere Bus Issues report.
2. **Agree** that the Chief Executive Officer write to the Chief Executive Officer of the Auckland Regional Transport Authority outlining considerations that the Council believes should be taken into account in the Waitakere Bus Service Review, based on the contents of the agenda report and any feedback from the Policy and Strategy Committee at this meeting.
3. **Note** the planned cancellation of the route 167 Waitatarua Feeder service from 3 July 2009 and request that Council officers work with the affected communities to facilitate community based transport initiatives if those communities so wish.
4. **Direct** that Council officers engage with the Ministry of Education and other organisations in order to attempt to facilitate a solution to the school bus issues raised by the Waitakere Village community.

**CARRIED**

## 10 WAITAKERE ECONOMIC WELLBEING STRATEGY 2009

11.31 am Cr Hulse resumed the chair.

11.32 am Cr Corban left the meeting.

11.49 am Cr Corban returned to the meeting.

877/2009

MOVED by Cr Clews, seconded Cr Brady:

The Policy and Strategy Committee resolved to:

1. **Receive** the Waitakere Economic Wellbeing Strategy 2009 report.
2. **Approve** the adoption of the Waitakere Economic Wellbeing Strategy 2009, subject to any final changes directed by the Policy and Strategy Committee.

**CARRIED**

## 11 **ECONOMIC WELLBEING IN THE WAITAKERE RANGES HERITAGE AREA**

878/2009

MOVED by Cr Cooper, seconded Cr Battersby:

The Policy and Strategy Committee resolved to:

1. **Receive** the Economic Wellbeing In The Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area report.
2. **Direct** the Director: Strategic Planning and Group Manager: Planning and Community Services to prepare a plan change (Economic Wellbeing in the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area plan change) with a view to improving the quality of the resource management regulation within the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area:
  - a. to create more certainty of outcomes (especially for landowners), particularly where it relates to matters in the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008 such as social and economic wellbeing and rural character; and
  - b. to identify, recognise and provide for gateway uses and functions at appropriate locations.
3. **Agree** that consultation be undertaken with the community in accordance with the first schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 and the provisions of the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008.
4. **Agree** that Council officers undertake further focussed consultation with landowners and business leaders to clarify and test necessary changes to the District Plan to enable and facilitate appropriate rural economic activity.
5. **Note** that the procedures for a plan change are likely to be affected by changes to the Resource Management Act 1991 and Auckland governance.
6. **Agree** to recommend to the Planning and Regulatory Committee that Economic Wellbeing in the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area plan change is a priority that should be notified during 2009 if possible.
7. **Direct** the Chief Executive Officer to keep both the Policy and Strategy Committee and the Planning and Regulatory Committee updated with progress on the preparation of the Economic Wellbeing in the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area plan change and issues arising.

8. **Agree** that further investigation should be carried out on opportunities for the Council under the Local Government Act 2002 and Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008 to provide guidance to landowners on rural land uses which accord with the intention of the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area and that this work be reported back to the Policy and Strategy Committee along with matters arising from the preparation of the Economic Wellbeing in the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area plan change.

**CARRIED**

**12 GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE**

12.23 pm Cr Cooper left the meeting.

879/2009

MOVED by Cr Clews, seconded WH Paki:

The Policy and Strategy Committee resolved to:

1. **Receive** the Growth Management Strategy Update report.
2. **Agree** that the Growth Management Strategy for Waitakere 2009 be adopted, subject to any final amendments to be approved by the Chairman of the Policy and Strategy Committee.

**CARRIED**

**13 DRAFT WAITAKERE CITY LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2009 - 2019**

880/2009

MOVED by Cr Brady, seconded Cr Chan:

The Policy and Strategy Committee resolved to:

1. **Receive** the Draft Waitakere City Library Development Plan 2009 - 2019 report.
2. **Approve** the draft Waitakere City Library Development Plan 2009 – 2019 being used as the basis for community consultation for the development of the final Waitakere City Library Development Plan 2009 – 2019.

**CARRIED**

**14 PROPOSED LOCAL AREA PLANS - UPDATES**

The Director: Strategic Planning updated the Policy and Strategy Committee on the Proposed Local Area.

**15 ROYAL COMMISSION - ISSUES AND UPDATES**

There was no update on the Royal Commission – Issues And Updates.

12.36 pm

The Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AT A MEETING OF THE POLICY  
AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRMAN:**.....