



Mackenzie

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Notice is given of a Strategy Committee Meeting to be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 17 August 2021

Time: Following the Planning and Regulations Committee

Location: Council Chambers

Fairlie

AGENDA

Strategy Committee Meeting

17 August 2021

Note: This meeting may be digitally recorded by the minute-taker.

Strategy Committee Membership:

James Leslie (Chair)
Stuart Barwood
Anne Munro
Graham Smith
Emily Bradbury
Murray Cox
Matt Murphy

The purpose of local government:

(1) The purpose of local government is—

- (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and
- (b) to meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.

(2) In this Act, good-quality, in relation to local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions, means infrastructure, services, and performance that are—

- (a) efficient; and
- (b) effective; and
- (c) appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances.

(Local Government Act 2002)

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- 1 OPENING**
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5 REPORTS

5.1 MINUTES OF STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING - 20 APRIL 2021

Author: Arlene Goss, Governance Advisor

Authoriser:

Attachments: 1. Minutes of Strategy Committee Meeting - 20 April 2021

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Minutes of the Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 20 April 2021 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.



Unconfirmed MINUTES

Strategy Committee Meeting

20 April 2021

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE
ON TUESDAY, 20 APRIL 2021**

FOLLOWING THE PLANNING AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor James Leslie (Chairman), Cr Stuart Barwood, Cr Anne Munro, Mayor Graham Smith, Cr Emily Bradbury, Cr Murray Cox, Cr Matt Murphy

IN ATTENDANCE: Suzette van Aswegen (Chief Executive), Paul Numan (GM Corporate Services), Tim Harty (GM Operations), Chris Clarke (Communications Advisor), Katherine Hill (Corporate Planner), Aaron Hakkaart (Planning Manager), Arlene Goss (Governance Advisor)

1 OPENING

The chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 VISITORS

There were no visitors.

5 REPORTS

5.1 MINUTES OF STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING - 2 MARCH 2020

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION STR/2021/29

Moved: Mayor Graham Smith

Seconded: Cr Anne Munro

That the Minutes of the Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2 March 2020 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

5.2 UPDATE ON LONG TERM PLAN 2021-2031

It was noted that a workshop was planned to follow the meeting and this was to discuss the Long Term Plan financials and financial strategy.

Council has received legal advice that the date to strike the rates was not fixed as stated in the report. The Mayor expressed concern that target dates would not be fixed. The corporate planner said she would come back to Council with an achievable plan, in conjunction with Audit NZ's timeframes.

Cr Munro asked to note in the minutes her disappointment at the suggestion that the date of 6th August be shifted again. She was reluctant to see that deadline moved again.

The chairperson said he wanted to comment in defence of staff trying to get the Long Term Plan across the line. The chief executive said the legal advice was that once the statutory deadline passed you could adopt the plan and strike the rates whenever you want. It was not possible to cut budgets just to make things work. It had to be done properly and done right.

The chairman said acknowledging that the dates had changed has raised a level of discomfort and concern.

Cr Cox said there was a significant increase coming for ratepayers and it was important to meet the timeframe of ratepayers expectations.

5.3 UPDATE ON SPATIAL PLANNING AND DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

The chairperson said he appreciated the recent consultation and drop-in sessions conducted by Mr Hakkaart's team.

Workshops were held last week with one person attending in Fairlie, seven in Tekapo and 24 in Twizel. These were productive and people were happy to engage and contribute.

A survey is currently underway and booklets were being taken by members of the public from the Twizel and Fairlie offices.

Following the consultation there would be a final document come to Council for adoption on June 30.

A draft procurement plan was being written up for the district plan review. A steering group has been established. An invitation will be extended to Runanga to join this group.

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION STR/2021/30

Moved: Cr Anne Munro

Seconded: Cr Emily Bradbury

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
<p>6.1 - Update on Te Manahuna Ki Uta/Destination Mackenzie Project</p>	<p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>
<p>CARRIED</p>		

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION STR/2021/31

Moved: Deputy Mayor James Leslie
 Seconded: Cr Stuart Barwood

That the meeting moves out of closed meeting into public meeting.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 2.00pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Strategy Committee Meeting held on .

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CHAIRPERSON

5.2 UPDATE ON SPATIAL PLAN PROJECT

Author: Aaron Hakkaart, Manager - Planning
Authoriser: Tim Harty, General Manager - Operations
Attachments: Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the information be noted.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to update the Strategy Committee on the Spatial Plan Project

SPATIAL PLAN PROJECT

At its meeting on 29 June 2021 Mackenzie District Council adopted a Spatial Plan for Fairlie, Tekapo and Twizel, as well as Albury, Kimbell and Burkes Pass. The adoption of these plans has allowed the project team to work towards completing the final Spatial Plan document and supporting business case.

The final Spatial Plan document is nearing completion and will be presented to Council for adoption once completed. The document presents a comprehensive summary of the project and will be an outward facing document for the entire community to view.

Significant progress has been made towards completing the business case. The business case will provide staff with a key piece of evidence to support drafting as part of the District Plan Review. The business case will provide a comprehensive summary of technical work that has been undertaken in support of the Spatial Plan Project.

Importantly, the Spatial Plan Project has been completed prior to commencing detailed work on the District Plan Review. The completion of the Spatial Plan Project is considered to be critical in the successful commencement of the District Plan Review, due its status as a key document to inform the District Plan Review.

CONCLUSION

This report has been prepared to provide an update to the Strategy Committee on the Spatial Plan Project.

5.3 RMA REFORM UPDATE

Author: Aaron Hakkaart, Manager - Planning
Authoriser: Tim Harty, General Manager - Operations
Attachments: Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the information be noted.

BACKGROUND

The Government plans to repeal the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and replace it with three new pieces of legislation. This report provides a summary of the proposal.

REASON FOR REFORM

It has been identified that the RMA has not delivered on its desired environmental or development outcomes, not have the RMA decisions consistently given effect to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi/ the Treaty of Waitangi (Te Tiriti).

It has also been identified that current processes take too long, cost too much, and will not address the many new challenges facing our environment and our communities.

PROPOSED REFORM APPROACH

In February 2021, the Government announced it would repeal the RMA and enact new legislation based on recommendations of the Resource Management Review Panel. The three proposed act are:

- Natural and Built Environment Act (NBA), as the main replacement for the RMA, to protect and restore the environment while better enabling development.
- Strategic Planning Act (SPA), requiring the development of long-term regional spatial strategies to help coordinate and integrate decisions made under the relevant legislation.
- Climate Adaption Act (CAA), to address complex issues associated with managed retreat.

Together the suite of legislation is intended to:

- Protect and restore the environment and its capacity to provide for the wellbeing of present and future generation.
- Better enable development within natural environmental limits.
- Give proper recognition to the principles of Te Tiriti and provide greater recognition of ta ao Māori including mātauranga Māori.
- Better prepare for adapting to climate change and risks from natural hazards, and better mitigate emissions contributing to climate change.
- Improve system efficiency and effectiveness, and reduce complexity with retaining appropriate local democratic input.

THE NATIONAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT ACT EXPOSURE DRAFT

The proposed NBA is the primary piece of legislation in the reform package and is initially being progressed through an exposure draft. The exposure draft of the NBA has been released and Mackenzie District Council adopted a submission to the Select Committee on this exposure draft.

The exposure draft is now being considered by a Select Committee (the latter half of 2021).

The Select Committee will report its findings to Parliament and any changes will be made before the full Bill is formally introduced. Other components of the future bill that were not developed in time for the exposure draft will be decided by Cabinet before being included in the full Bill.

The NBA and SPA will be formally introduced to Parliament in early 2022. A standard legislative and select committee process will follow with the aim of the NBA and SPA being passed into law this parliamentary term. The CAA will also be progressed in this time too.

IMPACT ON MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

As with any legislation changes there will be impacts on Mackenzie District Council. Through participating in the Exposure Draft Select Committee Process, Mackenzie District Council has insured our voice has been heard in a productive manner.

Staff will continue to provide the Strategy Committee updates on the progress of the RMA Reform process and will present information as it becomes available. This will allow for a better understanding of the impacts of the RMA Reform on Mackenzie District Council and its ratepayers.

CONCLUSION

The RMA Reform process has commenced, and Mackenzie District Council has taken the opportunity to participate. Staff will keep the Committee up to date with additional opportunities to participate in this reform process.

5.4 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW UPDATE

Author: Aaron Hakkaart, Manager - Planning
Authoriser: Tim Harty, General Manager - Operations
Attachments: Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the information be noted.

BACKGROUND

The Mackenzie District Plan (District Plan) is in parts 17 years old and needs to be reviewed. Any review needs to focus on updating the District Plan to bring it into line with the effects of growth, National Planning Standards, give effect to the newly created Mackenzie Spatial Plans and have regard to Te Manahuna ki uta, and all other relevant Council strategies and policies.

The effects of growth and development are being felt across the Mackenzie District, both positive and negative. The current planning rules are outdated and have not kept pace with growth. This is leading to outcomes that were not anticipated in the drafting of the operative District Plan and are affecting the communities of the Mackenzie. At the same time, MDC need to ensure its District Plan meets the requirement of the National Planning Standards and a range of National Policy Statements which outline the direction set by Central Government.

Partnering with mana whenua and the community, the District Plan Review will look to raise the bar for the future of the Mackenzie District. It will ensure MDC can manage the effects of growth whilst planning for the future. It will also ensure the environmental, social, and economic needs of each community are protected and provided for.

CURRENT STATUS

With the Spatial Plan Project nearing full completion staff have turned their attention to resourcing the wider District Plan Review. Staff, with support from external consultants have draft a procurement strategy, to ensure that the correct resources are available to successfully complete the District Plan Review.

The procurement approach recognises the need to engage fit for purpose consultants who can support Mackenzie District Council in creating a District Plan that provides for the entire community. The procurement plan has been based on budgets proposed through the Long-Term Plan Process.

Staff are also finalising a detailed project plan which all ensure efficiency in the District Plan Review workstreams. The Project Plan will also lead to the finalisation of drafting guidelines and templates to ensure consistency throughout the entire plan.

Council will also be going to market shortly to fill a role who will act as a technical specialist and project lead within the District Plan Review project.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue to work towards finalising key documents to support the District Plan Review. Once funding is approved through the Long-Term Plan, procurement will occur allowing the project to gain further momentum.

Once the entire project team is established (following procurement) key areas of engagement will be identified, and this will occur next year alongside the drafting of new provisions. It is expected that a Draft District Plan will be completed by late 2022.

CONCLUSION

The District Plan Review is continuing to occur with the current stage of planning and procurement being critical to the success of the entire project.

5.5 THREE WATERS REFORM PROCESS - UPDATE

Author: Tim Harty, General Manager - Operations
Authoriser: Angela Oosthuizen, Acting Chief Executive
Attachments: Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the information be noted.

BACKGROUND

Staff have been progressing an assessment of the Three Waters reform data to enable Council to better understand and communicate with the community, the impacts of the proposed reform process.

Council has until the end of September 2021 to pose questions on the reform process to Government.

Staff will present an update on the project at the meeting.

CONCLUSION

The internal review of the Three Waters reform project is progressing and staff will present an update to the Committee on progress to date.

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