



Mackenzie

DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

Date: Tuesday, 16 November 2021
Time: Following Planning and Regulations
Location: Council Chambers
Fairlie

AGENDA

Strategy Committee Meeting

16 November 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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5.1 MINUTES OF STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING - 17 AUGUST 2021

Author: Arlene Goss, Governance Advisor

Authoriser:

Attachments: 1. Minutes of Strategy Committee Meeting - 17 August 2021

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Minutes of the Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17 August 2021 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.



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Unconfirmed MINUTES

Strategy Committee Meeting

17 August 2021

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE
ON TUESDAY, 17 AUGUST 2021 AT 3PM**

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: Angela Oosthuizen (Acting Chief Executive), Paul Numan (GM Corporate Services), Tim Harty (GM Operations), Aaron Hakkaart (Planning Manager), Dave Adamson (Engineering Manager), Chris Clarke (Communications Advisor), Arlene Goss (Governance Advisor), one member of the media

1 OPENING

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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 - 20 APRIL 2021

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION STR/2021/32

Moved: Cr Anne Munro

Seconded: Mayor Graham Smith

1. That the Minutes of the Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 20 April 2021, including those matters taken in public excluded, be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

5.2 UPDATE ON SPATIAL PLAN PROJECT

The Planning Manager updated the committee on the spatial plan project. The Mayor congratulated him on the project and the engagement it received from the community.

The chairman asked about how Twizel Area School was included in the spatial plan. This had been left out for now pending news of a site for the re-build. The proposed site may require a zone change, but this would depend on the designation of the land.

5.3 RMA REFORM UPDATE

The Planning Manager said staff were keeping a close watching brief on RMA reform to keep the committee informed as the process happened. There were no questions from the committee.

5.4 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW UPDATE

Staff were ready to launch the District Plan Review once the Long Term Plan was finished. They were going out to market to get technical and expert support. A final project plan would be drawn up and this would start next year, all going to plan.

The timeframe could be impacted by the changes to the RMA. But Mr Hakkaart said he was aware of the need to keep momentum going. There was a need to keep things alive following the community engagement on the Spatial Plan.

The Communications Manager would be asked to update the public on this work. Add this to the action list.

5.5 THREE WATERS REFORM PROCESS - UPDATE

Engineering manager Dave Adamson gave a presentation named "Three Waters Reform" A copy of this presentation is available as an attachment to these minutes.

He said the major decision would not be made by Council until December. Communication with the community would begin and further work was being done to understand the information behind the proposal. A cabinet decision document was due in November, along with information about the regulatory environment. Transition to the new entities would start in July next year if they went ahead.

Cr Munro noted there were more questions and answers. Are the timeframes too short? They are challenging but it's important to make ourselves as informed as we possibly can so we can make a decision with our eyes open.

Cr Cox asked about the rural water supplies. It would be cheaper to treat the whole supply than treat each point in the supply. The cost of water treatment technology was coming down.

Regulations would change before the new entity came in. The requirement to upgrade the current system would be there, but the new bill would reinforce this. The water services bill would make it mandatory for disinfection.

Cr Leslie asked about the fourth “bottom line” for Council that was suggested by Mr Adamson in his presentation. Would this also apply to rural water schemes? It would apply anywhere people wanted to have drinking water, but not to stock water.

Would the loss of assets have an effect on borrowing? Yes but less impact than was thought.

Three consultation events with the community were planned on September 1,2 and 8, to follow the community board meetings.

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION STR/2021/33

Moved: Cr Anne Munro

Seconded: Deputy Mayor James Leslie

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
6.1 - Minutes of Public Excluded Strategy Committee Meeting - 20 April 2021	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	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

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION STR/2021/34

Moved: Deputy Mayor James Leslie

Seconded: Mayor Graham Smith

That the committee moves out of closed meeting into open meeting.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 3.52pm.

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

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CHAIRPERSON

5.2 RMA REFORM UPDATE

Author: Aaron Hakkaart, Manager - Planning
Authoriser: David Adamson, General Manager Operations - Acting
Attachments: Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the information on the RMA reform be noted.

BACKGROUND

The Government plans to repeal the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act) and replace it with three new pieces of legislation. This report provides an update on this reform process.

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 Acts 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 Select Committee has released their report on the exposure draft:

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/business-before-committees/document/INQ_111944/inquiry-on-the-natural-and-built-environments-bill-parliamentary

Written submissions and departmental advice are also published via the above link.

There will be a one-hour special debate in the House on the report. It is scheduled for Thursday 18 November 2021. You can watch this debate on Parliament TV, or via the livestream on the Parliament website www.parliament.nz.

The report makes several changes and includes additional information and discussion that was not released as part of the exposure draft.

NEXT STEPS

The NBA and SPA will be formally introduced to Parliament in early 2022. A standard legislative and select committee process will follow with 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.

It is essential that Mackenzie District Council make well informed and strategic decisions around future decisions at it relates to key documents such as the District Plan. The changing legislative landscapes means all Council work should be future proofed as much as possible, whilst being completed in a manner that makes it adaptable to change.

CONCLUSION

The RMA Reform process continues. Mackenzie District Council continues to monitor its progress, using the information available to make well informed strategic decisions around key projects such as the District Plan Review.