

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning & Strategy Committee held on Thursday 22 October 2024 beginning at 10.00am in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown.**

**Present**

Councillor Cocks (Chair), Councillor Bartlett, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Smith and Councillor Wong

**In Attendance**

Mr David Wallace (General Manager Planning & Development), Ms Emily Irwin (Strategic Planner), Ms Alyson Hutton (Planning Policy Manger), Ms Fiona Blight (Resource Consents Manager), Ms Alice Milne (Senior Legal Counsel), Mrs Mary Davenport (Associate Counsel, RMA and Regulatory), Ms Gabrielle Marsh (Spatial Plan Project Manager), Ms Michelle Morss (General Manager, Strategy and Policy), Mr Daniel Hadfield (Senior Policy Planner) and Mr Jon Winterbottom (Democracy Services Team Leader); no members of the public and no members of the media.

**Apologies**

Councillor White was an apology.

**On the motion of Chair Cocks and Councillor Bartlett it was agreed that the apology be accepted.**

**Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

**Public Forum**

There were no public forum presentations.

**Matters Lying on the Table**

There were no matters lying on the table.

**Confirmation of Agenda**

**On the motion of Councillor Bartlett and Councillor Bruce it was agreed that the agenda be confirmed without alteration.**



## Confirmation of Public Minutes

**On the motion of Councillor Wong and Councillor Bartlett it was agreed that the public minutes of the meeting on 5 September 2024 be confirmed without alteration.**

### **1. Update on the implementation of the Queenstown Spatial Plan**

The report author was Ms Anita Vanstone (Strategic Growth Manager). The report provided an update on the latest Grow Well Whaiora Spatial Plan Monitoring Report and the implementation of the Joint Housing Action Plan and Te Tapuae Southern Corridor Structure Plan.

Ms Vanstone, Ms Marsh, Ms Irwin and Ms Morss presented the report and responded to questions on whether there is current funding for A2 and A7, whether the traffic light system accurately reflects the current risk level, whether Council has undertaken a risk assessment on infrastructure in case the fast-tracked projects are approved, provisions for local generation of power, and whether the Queenstown Chamber of Commerce is involved in the implementation of the Spatial Plan.

Mr Vanstone noted that the project plan was in draft form and that there would be an update at a subsequent meeting.

**On the motion of Chair Cocks and Councillor Bartlett it was resolved that the Planning & Strategy Committee:**

- 1. Note the contents of this report.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **2. Renotification of the Upper Clutha Landscape Schedules Variation**

The purpose of this report was to seek approval from the Planning & Strategy Committee to renotify the Upper Clutha Landscape Schedules Variation (**Variation**) to the Proposed District Plan (PDP).

The report author, Mr Daniel Hadfield (Senior Policy Planner) presented the report. Mr Hadfield and Ms Alyson Hutton (Planning Policy Manager) responded to questions on whether there is assurance that there are no further errors in this version.

**On the motion of Councillor Wong and Councillor Bartlett it was resolved that the Planning & Strategy Committee:**



1. Note the contents of the report.
2. Authorise the Manager of Planning Policy to make any minor edits and changes to the Proposal, section 32 report (and its appendices) prior notification to improve clarity and correct any errors.
3. Approve pursuant to clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, the re-notification of the Upper Clutha Landscape Schedules Variation to the Proposed District Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

### 3. Proposed District Plan Updates and Other Key Projects

The report author Ms Alyson Hutton (Planning Policy Manager) presented the report. The purpose of this report was to update the Planning & Strategy Committee on key projects being progressed by the Planning Policy Team (the Team).

Ms Hutton responded to questions on the Aurthur's Point mediation and Ladies Mile.

**On the motion of Councillor Bruce and Councillor Bartlett it was resolved that the Planning & Strategy Committee:**

1. Note the contents of the report;
2. Note the updates on timing and progress on projects undertaken by the Planning Policy team.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**On the motion of Chair Cocks and Councillor Bartlett the Planning & Strategy Committee resolved that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of the meeting:**

**It was recommended that the public be excluded from the following parts of the meeting:**

**The general subject of each matter to be considered whilst the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under**




**Section 48(1) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:**

General subject to be considered:	Reason for passing this resolution:	Grounds under Section 7:
Draft 5 September 2024 Planning & Strategy Committee minutes	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• maintain legal professional privilege</li> <li>• enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</li> </ul>	<p>Section 7(2)(g)  Section 7(2)(i)</p>

**Public Excluded Agenda Items:**

- Item 4: Update on Proposed District Plan Appeals
- Item 5: Update on Resource Consent Appeals
- Item 6: Delegation for Environment Court – Priority Area Landscape Schedules Variation
- Item 7: Otago Regional Policy Statement Review Update and (non-Freshwater Instrument) Delegation Request

Item 4: Update on Proposed District Plan Appeals	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to maintain legal professional privilege</li> </ul> <p><i>Reason for recommendation</i></p> <p>To allow discussion on appeals, process, mediation outcomes and Court outcomes which may prejudice the Council if the information was in the public forum.</p>	Section 7(2)(g)
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<p>Item 5: Update on Resource Consent Appeals</p>	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• maintain legal professional privilege</li> </ul> <p><i>Reason for this recommendation:</i></p> <p>To enable Council to discuss in private its strategy (legal and planning) for resolving resource consent appeals to various Courts, and for receiving updates on appeal resolution throughout the process.</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(g)</p>
<p>Item 6: Delegation for Environment Court – Priority Area Landscape Schedules Variation</p>	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to maintain legal professional privilege</li> </ul> <p><i>Reason for recommendation</i></p> <p>The subject matter is a live matter before the Environment Court and sets out strategic options for the management of the Council’s legal approach.</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(g)</p>



<p>Item 7: Otago Regional Policy Statement Review Update and (non-Freshwater Instrument) Delegation Request</p>	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to maintain legal professional privilege</li> </ul> <p><i>Reason for recommendation</i>                  The subject matter is a live matter before the Environment Court and sets out strategic options for the management of the Council's legal approach.</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(g)</p>
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This recommendation was made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above with respect to each item.

*The meeting went into public excluded at 10.37am*

Confirmed as a true and correct record:



Chair

3 December 2024

Date